

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 25, 2024  
9:00 AM VIA ZOOM WEBINAR**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Notice of this meeting in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, C. "231" was posted at Borough Hall and two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News, were notified on June 21, 2024.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Carlos Rendo asked for roll call. Council members Brodsky, Gadaleta, Margolis, Marsh, Pollack and Stern were present. John Schettino, Borough Attorney, Tomas Padilla, Borough Administrator and Debbie Dakin, Borough Clerk were present as well.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ORDINANCE**

Introduction Ordinance No. 24-11

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TITLE AND SECTIONS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 AND 11 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 23-08) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS DUE TO DAMAGE FROM TROPICAL STORM IDA IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED ON JUNE 12, 2023

MOTION to introduce Ordinance No. 24-11 was made by Councilwoman Margolis, second by Councilwoman Marsh and approved by Councilwoman Brodsky, Councilwoman Gadaleta, Councilwoman Margolis, Councilwoman Marsh, Councilman Stern and Council President Pollack.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

MOTION to open to the public was made by Councilwoman Gadaleta, second by Councilwoman Margolis and unanimously approved.

No comments.

MOTION to close to the public was made by Councilwoman Margolis, second by Council President Pollack and unanimously approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilwoman Margolis, second by Council President Pollack and unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Brodsky, second by Councilwoman Gadaleta and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR  
Borough Clerk

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The title of Ordinance No. 23-08 originally entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS DUE TO DAMAGE FROM TROPICAL STORM IDA IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS"

adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") on June 12, 2023 (the "Prior Ordinance") is hereby amended to increase the amount appropriated by the ordinance from \$3,000,000 to \$5,700,000 (an increase of \$2,700,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS DUE TO DAMAGE FROM TROPICAL STORM IDA IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,700,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

Section 2. Section 4 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to (A)(i) increase the appropriation and estimated cost in Section 4.B. from \$2,246,000 to \$4,946,000 (an increase of \$2,700,000); (ii) increase the down payment appropriated in Section 4.B. from \$107,000 to \$236,000 (an increase of \$129,000); and (iii) increase the bonds and notes authorized in Section 4.B. from \$2,139,000 to \$4,710,000 (an increase of \$2,571,000); and (B)(i) increase the aggregate appropriation and estimated cost for Section 4 from \$3,000,000 to \$5,700,000 (an increase of \$2,700,000); (ii) increase the aggregate down payment appropriated for Section 4 from \$143,000 to \$272,000 (an increase of \$129,000); and (iii) increase the aggregate amount of bonds and notes authorized in Section 4 from \$2,857,000 to \$5,428,000 (an increase of \$2,571,000); and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and

Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of the following infrastructure improvements due to damage from Tropical Storm Ida: (i) reconstruction of various stormwater outfalls; and (ii) various sidewalk, guide rail, embankment, fencing, stormwater pipe, spillway and riprap wall improvements in the vicinity of the Old Mill Complex entranceway.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 754,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 36,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 718,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Replacement of the Werimus Lane Sanitary Sewer Pump Station due to damage from Tropical Storm Ida, including site improvements and related sanitary sewer improvements.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$4,946,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 236,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$4,710,000
Period of Usefulness	40 years

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Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$5,700,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 272,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes	
Authorized	\$5,428,000."

Section 3. Section 5 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the estimated amount of statutorily permitted expenses included in the amount appropriated from \$790,000 to \$990,000 (an increase of \$200,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$990,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses

and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law")."

Section 4. Section 6 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the down payment appropriated from \$143,000 to \$272,000 (an increase of \$129,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that monies exceeding \$272,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$272,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes."

Section 5. Section 7 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of bonds authorized from \$2,857,000 to \$5,428,000 (an increase of \$2,571,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,428,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted."

Section 6. Section 8 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of bond anticipation notes authorized from \$2,857,000 to \$5,428,000 (an increase of \$2,571,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,428,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amounts of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding."

Section 7. Section 10 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the average period of usefulness of the purposes authorized from 32.46 years to 36.03 years (an increase of 3.57 years), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 36.03 years computed from the date of said bonds."

Section 8. Section 11 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of gross debt of the Borough shown on the Supplemental Debt Statement filed for the ordinance, as amended, from \$2,857,000 to \$5,428,000 (an increase of \$2,571,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$5,428,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law."

Section 9. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this amendatory bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 10. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.



# BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE

188 PASCACK ROAD, WOODCLIFF LAKE, NEW JERSEY 07677

Carlos Rendo, Mayor  
Tomas J. Padilla, Borough Administrator

201-391-4977  
Fax 201-391-8830

Council Member	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brodsky			X			
Gadaleta			X			
Margolis	X		X			
Marsh			X			
Stern			X			
Pollack		X	X			
Mayor Rendo						

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE PASCACK JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT TO THE LAW OFFICES OF GEOFFREY D. MUELLER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-162  
JUNE 25, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Joint Municipal Court has a need to contract with a licensed attorney or firm to serve as the Municipal Prosecutor pursuant to N.J.S.A 28:24-1, et seq. for the period July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, and until his or her successor is appointed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pascack Joint Municipal Court Committee agreed to acquire these services through a fair and open process pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

**WHEREAS**, after public notice and advertisement, five (5) qualification statements were received by the Borough of Montvale on behalf of the Pascack Joint Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS**, after review by the three participating municipalities, it is the desire of the Pascack Joint Municipal Court Committee to appoint the Law Offices of Geoffrey D. Mueller as Municipal Prosecutor, with Geoffrey D. Mueller, Esq. as the primary Municipal Prosecutor; and

**WHEREAS**, the compensation of the Municipal Prosecutor shall be \$40,000 per year, prorated from July 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, said compensation shall be included as part of the Operational Costs for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court as per the agreement between the participating municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of this contract shall commence as of July 1, 2024, and shall continue through December 31, 2024, and until a successor is appointed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that notice of the adoption of the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for professional services must be published, and the resulting contract must be available for public inspection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale as follows:

1. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law, because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
2. The Contract, including the terms of compensation for each professional, shall be placed on file with this resolution.
3. Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough.

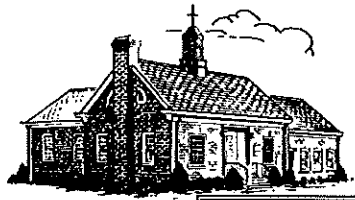
**CERTIFICATION**

I, Deborah Dakin, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake in the County of Bergen, and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of the original resolution duly passed and adopted by the Governing Body at the meeting of June 25, 2024.



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**DEBORAH DAKIN, RMC, CMR  
BOROUGH CLERK**



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Margolis	X		X			
Marsh			X			
Stern			X			
Pollack		X	X			
Mayor Rendo						

## RESOLUTION APPROVING VANGUARD CHARITABLE GRANT

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-163**

**JUNE 25, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Vanguard Charitable is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that administers donor-advised funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is in receipt of a letter from Vanguard Charitable, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, for the following two grants from the Charles and Marilyn Clark Charitable Fund: (a) grant in the amount of \$2,250.00; and (b) grant in the amount of \$30,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review, the Borough desires to deposit the two grants into the Shade Tree account to be used for the Shade Tree Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator and Shade Tree Committee have reviewed this matter and recommend that the two grants be deposited into the Shade Tree Account.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey that the two grants from the Charles and Marilyn Clark Charitable Fund in the amount of \$2,250.00 and \$30,000.00 to be deposited into the Shade Tree account be and is hereby approved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Marilyn J. Clark and the Shade Tree

Committee upon its passage.

CERTIFICATION

I, Deborah Dakin, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of the original resolution duly passed and adopted by the Governing Body at the meeting of June 25, 2024.



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DEBORAH DAKIN, RMC, CMR  
BOROUGH CLERK