



**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SINE DIE MEETING
January 7, 2019
7:30 PM**

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, have been notified.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Carlos Rendo asked for roll call. Council members Belgiovine, Gadaleta, Gross, Hayes, Herrington, and Singleton were present. Borough Attorney Brian Eyerman, Borough Administrator Tomas Padilla and Borough Clerk Debbie Dakin were present as well.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2018 (Open) was made by Councilwoman Herrington, second by Councilwoman Gross and approved by Council members Belgiovine, Gadaleta, Gross, Hayes, Herrington, and Singleton.

MOTION to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2018 (Closed) was made by Councilwoman Gross, second by Councilwoman Herrington and approved by Council members Belgiovine, Gadaleta, Gross, Hayes, Herrington, and Singleton.

MAYOR'S STATE OF MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS

Mayor Rendo gave his fourth State of Municipality Address. Mayor Rendo stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve our Borough. We have accomplished so much in the past 4 years but today we will note the accomplishments over the last year and our challenges in the upcoming year. Mayor Rendo stated that he wishes to recognize a valuable and dedicated member of the Council. Councilwoman Kristy Herrington served as our Council with honor and distinction for the last 3 years. Her initiatives such as the tree farm, reservoir walkway, green initiatives and her work on our Police Committee and improving our Employee will be missed. Mayor Rendo stated that he wishes to personally thank Kristy for her service and to say that the Woodcliff Lake Community also thanks you and appreciates you for being a dedicated public servant. As we bid farewell to Kristy, we welcome the new 2019 Council. Mayor Rendo stated that he has worked with Councilwoman Gadaleta for over 5 years. She is a dedicated public servant beyond none. One that has a passion for serving the community and he looks forward to continuing working with Councilwoman Gadaleta. The Mayor is confident that they will make a great team together. Mayor Rendo welcomed Ian Spelling and is looking forward to getting to know him and work with him in the upcoming year for the betterment of all our citizens.

Mayor Rendo stated that our financials remain strong. With zero state funding, continued increase in mandates, and the increase in costs, we have managed to keep our tax levy under the State mandated 2% cap. Our municipal levy this year was essentially a flat rate of \$58.00 per household. We are looking to refinance our short-term debt to save our citizens more tax money. Our Council will continue to look for ways to control our cost and increase our revenue in the upcoming year.

Over the last year we have been focusing on improving our infrastructure. Lockwood Field received a much-needed resurfacing and new lights have been approved for the fields at Dorchester. Our road work started with PSE&G replacing old gas pipes. Over 60% of our municipality has been upgraded. We also continue to pave our roads. Last year we paved Cambridge, Centennial and Stonewall. We look forward to continuing our paving program in 2019. The County has stated that they will continue paving County roads this year.

Our summer camp program continues to strive. In 2015 our summer camp reported a total revenue of \$37,590. Last year our summer camp brought in a total of \$147,760 in total revenue. We continue to serve a total of 167 campers with new improved programs such as field trips, arts and crafts and sports options. This year we are looking to replace the old pool shell that is in much needed repair. We will also continue to provide our residents with new and exciting pool programs such as Drool in the Pool, yoga, water aerobics and early openings for disabled and handicapped citizens. As part of our Park and Recreation initiative, we also look forward to having a grand opening of our new park at Galaxy Gardens. Hopefully, we can also begin work at the Lydecker House.

The most exciting initiative is an initiative that the Mayor spearheaded with Kristy Herrington and Angela Hayes 4 years ago. Recently, we received approval from the Department of

Environmental Protection for the walkway trails around our reservoir. The final step in the approval process is for the Watershed Commission to approve our application. As we speak today our application is before the Watershed Commission for final approval. The Mayor is anticipating a ribbon cutting of this walkway in the fall. Mayor Rendo thanked Councilwoman Herrington and Councilwoman Hayes for being on top of this.

Mayor Rendo stated that our 2 festivals were a smashing success. In the spring, we had our first Annual Pear Blossom Festival. The Festival raised awareness of gun violence and promoted the project to make our schools safe. In the fall we had our Oktoberfest. It is our most popular festival and attracted over 1500 people to enjoy beer, music and food.

We were successful with our Affordable Housing litigation. Mayor Rendo thanked the Affordable Housing Committee on bringing that to end. We also won a case against Woodcliff Lake Builders for over \$300,000.00. The Supreme Court recently ruled that Woodcliff Lake Builders must pay Woodcliff Lake \$300,000 towards their affordable housing fund.

We will continue to address the Chabad litigation. We are looking forward to bringing finality that litigation.

We also settled the Aptiva litigation which was brought by an outside group to allow for solicitations past the 6:00 PM hour until 9:00 PM. Mayor Rendo thanked the litigation team for working on those projects.

Finally, Woodcliff Lake was awarded the opportunity to pursue the Fair Funding Formula with our residents. Expect some time later this year to have a Referendum on the School Funding Formula.

We do have challenges coming up. The Chabad is a big challenge and we will be working on the funding formula. We will continue to fight over over-development. Together with your help, this Mayor and Council will continue to tackle these challenges and will continue to move Woodcliff Lake forward.

Mayor Rendo also welcomed the new Police Chief, John Burns. Mayor Rendo thanked Anthony Jannicelli for his 40 years of service to this community.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilwoman Gadaleta stated that our fire department was extremely busy in 2018. They conducted 33 drills, totaling more than 1,300 manhours. They handled more than 300 events during the day and night, spanning from fires to accidents. That totaled more than 1,700 manhours. They were also involved in parades and community events which totaled more than 500 hours. Thank you to our fire department for their service and bravery. Tri-Boro Ambulance is a group of outstanding volunteers. In Woodcliff Lake alone, they had 34 calls, 436 miles driven and they put in 33.22 hours or crew hours of 96.32 just for the month of December. We cannot

express our gratitude enough for Tri-Boro. Councilwoman Gadaleta stated that she was informed the DEP is mailing us a check for 2016 because they are a bit behind. The grant is for \$15,714.64. Our DPW always makes the extra effort on behalf of our residents.

Councilwoman Gadaleta thanked Councilwoman Kristy Herrington for all she has done for this town, as a resident, as a Council person, and for her family. Councilwoman Herrington's legacy will live many years going forward. We may not have always agreed, but we always had that mutual respect and we made it work.

Councilwoman Gross thanked Councilwoman Herrington for her dedication and all the work she has done for the Borough.

Councilman Singleton stated that Councilwoman Herrington now has a better gig. She is the travel basketball coach and that is huge.

Mayor Rendo presented Councilwoman Herrington with a plaque for her dedication to the Borough.

OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Councilwoman Herrington thanked the residents of Woodcliff Lake for instilling their trust to her to make decisions that they thought best for the entire community regardless of political party affiliation. This has been a very interested experience for her. She learned a lot along the way. She learned that good ideas could come from all places including residents no matter how old or how young that they may be and that all ideas of our residents deserved to be heard, sometimes more than 5 minutes. Councilwoman Herrington stated that she found it very rewarding to have been involved in the police department. Our police department is made up of a lot of respectful men and women who do everything they can to keep our town safe. Previous Chief Jannicelli did an excellent and obviously our new Chief Burns will do a wonderful job. Councilwoman Herrington thanked all the volunteers that go to work every day to keep our town safe. She had the luxury of working with professionals up here and working with professionals behind the scenes including people from Suez and she appreciates the time and effort that they have put in to the projects that have been beneficial to our entire community. It is a team effort, including partnership with other communities such as Park Ridge and Hillsdale and has been a great opportunity to partner with them. DPW is a wonderful organization within our town. They do a wonderful job in keeping our streets clean, they were instrumental to help execute the community garden program which idea was brought to us by a 15- year old resident. Thank you to all those people involved in making that successful. Regardless of party affiliation, republican, democrat or independent, Woodcliff Lake is a small town and we need to work together to make our town great and continue to keep it great. One of the things that is interesting about Woodcliff Lake is if you look around the see the volunteers, many times it is the same volunteers that raise their hand for every single thing and they do a lot work for lots of residents at large and yet many residents reap those benefits but don't raise their hand to volunteer. Certainly, there is room for every other person in the community to raise their hand for 5 minutes, 10

minutes, 30 minutes or whatever it takes to keep our town going. For those residents and for those people who have the time to complain, Councilwoman Herrington challenges you to say rather than complain, be part of the change. Many people up here are here because they want to make a change and they want to make a difference. Any volunteer and any volunteer organization does just that.

Councilwoman Herrington stated that she appreciates the opportunity that she was given to be part of this Council. It has been a wonderful learning experience and she is not going anywhere. Her hand is still raised to volunteer. Thank you for all the help and support that the people in the community have given her.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION to open to the public was made by Councilwoman Gross, second by Councilman Singleton and unanimously approved.

Josephine Higgins, Woodcliff Lake, thanked Councilwoman Herrington for all her work and dedication. She has put in many hours and unless you served, people have no idea how hard it is. Councilwoman Herrington stated that Josephine led the way for women getting involved.

Donna Abene, Woodcliff Lake, stated that she appreciated how much Councilwoman Herrington has put into this town. Public service is a noble and generous endeavor and she has served the town beautifully and honorably and she is thanked.

Holly Schepisi, Assemblywoman, thanked Councilwoman Herrington for her service. As a fellow mom, not only juggling your children and the sacrifices that are made and it is not easy, but you gave everything that you had to this town and you are thanked for everything that you have done.

Joseph LaPaglia, Woodcliff Lake, thanked Kristy for her services and stated that she has been an exemplary council person. Mr. LaPaglia stated that he is going to miss her. Good luck to you and hopefully you will run again in the future.

Alex Couto, Woodcliff Lake, thanked Councilwoman Herrington for all that she has done.

MOTION to close to the public was made by Councilwoman Herrington, seconded by Council President Belgiovine and unanimously approved.

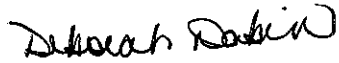
CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Council President Belgiovine, second by Councilman Singleton and unanimously approved.

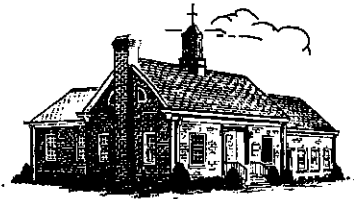
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 7:55 PM was made by Councilwoman Herrington, second by Council President Belgiovine and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Dakin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk



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Council Member	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Gadaleta			X			
Gross			X			
Hayes			X			
Herrington			X			
Singleton		X	X			
Belgiovine	X		X			
Mayor Rendo						

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYROLL & PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

**RESOLUTION NO. SD19-01
JANUARY 7, 2019**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Payroll Disbursements made by the Treasurer since the last meeting are proper and hereby ratified and approved:

Payroll Released 12/31/2018 \$197,275.49

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following current claims against the Borough for materials and services have been considered and are proper and hereby are approved for payment:

Current Fund: \$25,134.05
Capital: \$19,910.00

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Harold Laufeld, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, hereby duly certify that fund(s) are available for Payroll Disbursements and Payment of Claims.

Harold Laufeld
Chief Financial Officer

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 Mayor and Council at the meeting of January 7, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Dakin", written over a horizontal line.

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