

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TICE SENIOR CENTER – 411 CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD  
MARCH 5, 2019  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Notice of this meeting, in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, C. "231", has been posted at the Borough Hall and two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News, have been notified.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Rendo asked for a roll call. Council members Belgiovine, Gadaleta, Gross, and Spelling were present. Also present were Borough Administrator Tomas Padilla and Borough Clerk Debbie Dakin. Councilwoman Hayes and Councilman Singleton were absent.

**WOODCLIFF LAKE HONOR GUARD**

**INVOCATION - led by Rabbi Yosef Orenstein**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Collin Burns.

**OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR CARLOS RENDO**

Mayor Rendo stated that he was fortunate of being on the Police Committee and was part of the team that promoted John Burns to Lieutenant. Mayor Rendo stated that he is proud to now be able to promote John Burns as Chief of the Woodcliff Lake police department. The police department was founded in 1954. John will be the 7<sup>th</sup> Chief to serve the department. There are 18 sworn officers in the department. John was sworn in as an officer on January 3, 1989. John was promoted to Sergeant in 2001 and promoted to Lieutenant in 2015. John has received numerous awards from PBA Local 206 including ones for life saving, apprehension, and meritorious service, along with over 60 letters of appreciation from resident and colleagues. John has been involved in the Woodcliff Lake Honor Guard, Bergen County Rapid Deployment Force, Bergen County Traffic Association and Special Olympics Torch Run. John is here today with his wife Bev and children John IV, Collin and Shannon.

**OATH OF OFFICE – CHIEF JOHN BURNS**

**PRESENTATION OF NEW CHIEF OF POLICE – Pinning of Badge by Beverly Burns**

**CHIEF OF POLICE’S ADDRESS – CHIEF JOHN BURNS**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Council President Gadaleta, Councilwoman Gross, Councilman Spelling and Councilman Belgiovine all expressed how proud they are of Chief Burns and that they could all be here tonight to celebrate. Council members are all in agreement that there is no doubt that Chief Burns will do an excellent job and they are looking forward to working with him on projects in the future. Chief Burns is an asset to Woodcliff Lake.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chief Burns asked for a moment of silence for all loved ones who could not be here with us.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND/OR PRESENTATIONS**

MOTION to open to the public was made by Council President Gadaleta, second by Councilman Belgiovine and unanimously approved.

Josephine Higgins, Woodcliff Lake, congratulated Chief Burns on his promotion. Ms. Higgins also stated as a member of the Tri-Boro Ambulance, Chief Burns is one of the most empathetic and sympathetic people that she knows.

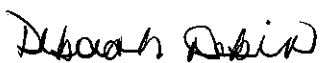
MOTION to close to the public was made by Council President Gadaleta, second by Councilwoman Gross and unanimously approved.

**CLOSING PRAYER – led by FATHER SEAN MANSON**

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn was made by Councilman Belgiovine, second by Council President Gadaleta and unanimously approved by voice call vote. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR  
Borough Clerk