

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SINE DIE MEETING
January 6, 2021
6:00 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 Falanga, Gadaleta, Gross, Hayes, Marson and Singleton were present as well as Councilwoman Elect Higgins and Councilman Elect Schnoll. Borough Attorney John Schettino, 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 21, 2020 (Open) was made by Councilman Marson, second by Councilwoman Gross and approved by Council members Falanga, Gadaleta, Gross, Marson and Singleton. Council member Hayes abstained.

MOTION to approve the Minutes of December 21, 2020 (Closed) was made by Councilwoman Gross, second by Councilman Falanga and approved by Council members Falanga, Gadaleta, Gross, Marson and Singleton. Council member Hayes abstained.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rendo thanked Councilman Brian Singleton and Councilwoman Nancy Gross for the job they had done for the last 3 years representing this Borough. They worked very hard for the residents of Woodcliff Lake and deserve this honor. For those that don't know, Brian Singleton's expertise in on finance. Mr. Singleton stepped up to the plate and said to everybody that the Mayor and Council should waive their salaries and give the benefit of our salaries to our taxpayers. That is leadership and that is what we want in our Council President and that is what we had in Brian Singleton and the many Committees he served on such as the police committee. He served with dignity and professionalism. Councilwoman Gross, even as of yesterday, was still working for the Borough non-stop, sending Administrator Padilla and himself suggestions or even information as to where to find money to increase our revenue for our Borough. Councilwoman Gross was a non-stop worker, you always found her at Borough Hall, always willing to learn and always willing to listen which is important in politics. Mayor Rendo thanked Council President Singleton and Councilwoman Gross for their services and wished them the best. He stated that he hopes they are not strangers and they are still around. Mayor Rendo stated that he is open if he wants to serve on any Committee in the future. He understands that they want to take a break now, but his door is always open.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilwoman Gadaleta stated that she has been on the Council for 9 years and have worked with wonderful people. Councilwoman Gadaleta stated that Council President Singleton and Councilwoman Gross must be the example for others. They have worked diligently, always worked with common sense, listened to others even if they didn't always agree with you and your devotion to the people of Woodcliff Lake will never be forgotten. What Council President Singleton did with the budget was outstanding and he lost many hours of sleep. Councilwoman Gadaleta stated that Council President Singleton brought harmony and competence to the employees in Borough Hall by making sure that the right people were hired and put in the right places and she thanks him for all of that. Councilwoman Gadaleta stated to Councilwoman Gross that all that she has done regarding the police and making sure that our park and recreation was beyond what we could have expected, again the people of Woodcliff Lake thank her and she thanks her and wishes them both the best and success in the future. Please don't be strangers.

Councilwoman Falanga stated that he served one year with Council President Singleton and Councilwoman Gross. It was a pleasure and he had the opportunity to work close with both in different committees. Council President Singleton was with finance and Councilwoman Gross was with parks and recreation. Councilman Falanga stated that he goes way back with Council President Singleton because of their work and Councilwoman Gross is a neighbor. He has known them personally, but to work with them professionally has been an absolute joy and he echoes the Mayor's comments and Councilwoman Gadaleta's comments about their professionalism and care for the town. We didn't always agree on things, but we came to decisions collectively and ultimately for the better of the town. He will miss them and wishes them well and will see them around town.

Councilwoman Hayes thanked both Councilwoman Gross and Councilman Singleton. She has been on the Council with them for 3 years. Councilwoman Hayes and Councilwoman Gross worked well together on the Broadway Corridor Ordinance and she worked with Councilman Singleton on the budget last year. Councilwoman Hayes thanked them for all their hard work because they both are hard workers. She thanked them for their time and Woodcliff Lake should be appreciated to have had you as Council members.

OUTGOING MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council President Singleton thanked everyone, especially his family. There have been many nights or weekends where he has been at Borough Hall or working with Councilwoman Gross and the Mayor. He gave up a lot of his time, but it was well worth it. We live in a great town and he is looking forward to the new Council. With Mayor Jo coming on, she has been around and doing it for a long time, so everyone is in good hands. Council President Singleton thanked Councilwoman Gross. They started this journey about 4 years ago. They started it together and they are going to end it together which is a perfect start. Again, he wishes Woodcliff Lake the best. He is not going anywhere and loves this town. Hopefully, the residents feel that when they started to when they ended, they left the town in better shape.

Councilwoman Gross thanked everyone on Council, our employees and our professionals. It has been a real pleasure working with everyone. She has gotten to know a lot of people a lot better than she had before and learned a lot about our town that she didn't know. She really appreciates all of it. As Council President Singleton stated that we started as strangers and happy that we are leaving as friends. It has been a pleasure and Mr. Singleton has been someone that she leaned into a lot during this process as she has with so many on Council. It really has been a pleasure and as some of you had said even when we haven't agreed it has been an honor to work in service with you and to hear your opinions, whether they were the same or we differed. It was all growth from there and it was all better for our community for that. She is looking forward to seeing what comes down the pike. Congratulations to those coming onboard and good to everyone. As Brian had said, a big thanks to her family for all the time that she did spend away. She appreciates it and was happy for the time and it was an honor to serve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Veronica Appelle, Woodcliff Lake, stated that she is very impressed and a thank you to Councilman Singleton and Councilwoman Gross because she was not aware of how much time, effort and work it takes and losing some family time to really serve the people of Woodcliff Lake. She really appreciates your dedication and commitment to the community. Welcome to the new Council and thank you to the Mayor and current Council for postponing the vote on the Master Plan until the new Council members are sworn in.

Edward Grimes, stated that he is part of a 501c, and he advocates for disabled rights and canvas patients in New Jersey. There is an Ordinance in Woodcliff Lake that bans medical cannabis. He would like to know if we are going to revisit that Ordinance. It seems like 2/3 of your constituents want adult use cannabis, but he is specifically talking about medical cannabis. People that are suffering, dying, disabled, people that need this as a medicine and Woodcliff Lake has denied them. Mr. Grimes stated that he knows that there are some Christians on the Board, and as a Christian we must put people in wheelchairs and disabled people first in line, not last in line and not hurt them. Be helpful to them. We have a constitutional right as a patient to grow cannabis.

Jeffrey King, Eatontown, stated that he would like to address the issue of medical cannabis. The need for patients is great. People suffer under a very diverse kind of condition. You could say that your ordinance calls for concerns of a safe environment for all of our citizens and he knows that there must be citizens of Woodcliff Lake that have conditions like PTSD, cancer or MS or just need a better quality of sleep or have digestive disorders and cannot eat. He believes it would be good to show compassion and show leadership in being progressive learning. It would be fitting and proper to advocate for home-growing rights for patients.

Jamie Van Cyber, Paulsboro, asked that the Borough visit medical cannabis. Ms. Van Cyber stated that we are stigmatizing our residents from this. She also asked the Mayor why when the public are speaking, they don't have a face. She would like to have a face when she is speaking.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Falanga, second by Councilman Marson and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 6:30 PM was made by Council President Singleton, second by Councilwoman Gross and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk



BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE

188 PASCACK ROAD, WOODCLIFF LAKE, NEW JERSEY 07677

Carlos Rendo, Mayor
Tomas J. Padilla, Borough Administrator

Council Member	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Falanga	X		X			
Gadaleta			X			
Gross			X			
Hayes			X			
Marson		X	X			
Singleton			X			
Mayor Rendo						

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYROLL

RESOLUTION NO. SD21-01
JANUARY 6, 2021

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 12/31/2020

\$248,813.87

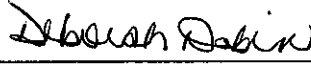
CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

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 6, 2021.



DEBORAH DAKIN, RMC, CMR
BOROUGH CLERK



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Council Member Administrator	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Falanga	X		X			
Gadaleta			X			
Gross			X			
Hayes			X			
Marson		X	X			
Singleton			X			
Mayor Rendo						

2019 BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR JANUARY 6, 2021 MEETING

RESOLUTION NO. SD21-02 JANUARY 6, 2021

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Revenue Administration- Salaries and Wages	0-01-20-145-010	4,000.00	
Administration – Other Expenses	0-01-20-100-020		4,000.00
Solid Waste – Salaries and Wages	0-01-26-305-010	6,000.00	
Buildings and Grounds – Salaries and Wages	0-01-26-310-010		6,000.00
Solid Waste – Salaries and Wages	0-01-26-305-010	20,000.00	
Vehicle Maintenance – Other Expenses	0-01-26-315-020		20,000.00
TOTAL		30,000.00	30,000.00

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DEBORAH DAKIN, RMC, CMR
BOROUGH CLERK