

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

A Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Woodland Park was held in the Mayor's Conference Room in the Municipal Building, 5 Brophy Lane, on February 24, 2014 and was called to order by Mayor Keith Kazmark at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Council President Spinelli, Councilman DeCesare, Councilwoman Gatti, Councilman Holloway, Councilwoman Kallert, Councilwoman Pascrell and Mayor Kazmark

Absent: None

Kevin Galland, Administrator, Courtney Fitzpatrick, Deputy Municipal Clerk, Steve Wielkotz, Auditor, Ann Purzycki, Treasurer, George Galbraith, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and Jim DeBlock, Water Consultant were present.

Mayor Kazmark stated that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law P.L. 1975 c.231, notice requirements for this meeting were set forth detailing the time and place, with notice given to the public by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and transmitting copies to the Mayor, members of the Council, Officers and to The Herald News of Woodland Park where it was advertised on February 10, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Kazmark opened the meeting to the public and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

There being no one wishing to be heard, the Public Hearing was closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Wielkotz, Borough Auditor and Ann Purzycki, Borough Treasurer presented the 2014 proposed municipal budget to the Mayor and Council, which is scheduled to be introduced on March 19, 2014. Ms. Purzycki articulated how the budget was created and Mr. Wielkotz provided his analysis on the impact on the taxpayers; description of the significant increases and decreases; and projections for the 2014 budget.

Steve Wielkotz, Borough Auditor spoke about a proposed 2014 Municipal Bond Ordinance and a 2014 Water Utility Bond Ordinance. Both Bond Ordinances need to be introduced on March 19, 2014 with consideration for approval at the April 2, 2014 meeting.

Included in the 2014 Municipal Bond Ordinance would be the road resurfacing program; sanitary sewer expansion; and Fire Department equipment.

Included in the 2014 Water Utility Bond Ordinance would be the expansion of water service; water tank maintenance and painting; pump station roof; water meter replacement; and water leak detection analysis.

The Mayor, Council and Professionals discussed the 2014 Municipal Budget, 2014 Municipal Bond Ordinance and 2014 Water Utility Bond Ordinance.

The 2014 Water Rate Increase Ordinance would increase the water meter rates, the utility usage rates and usage amounts by fifteen percent (15%) in 2014 and fifteen percent (15%) in 2015. Thereafter, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer shall annually review the increase in appropriations of the Woodland Park Water Utility and adjust, if necessary, the rates shown in the listed sections to recover those incremental costs by increasing the rates then currently in effect.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon Motion by Council President Spinelli, seconded by Councilwoman Gatti and unanimously passed on roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin V. Galland
Municipal Clerk

Keith Kazmark
Mayor