

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
HELD ON, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Woodland Park was held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 5 Brophy Lane, on September 3, 2014 and was called to order by Mayor Keith Kazmark at 7:00 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 and Albert Buglione, Municipal Attorney, were present.

The Mayor stated in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law P.L. 1975 c.231, notice requirements for this meeting were set forth in the resolution adopted by the Municipal Council at the Reorganization Meeting of January 8, 2014 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.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Kazmark and Councilwoman Rita Pascrell awarded James Pacelli of the Department of Public Works with the Mayor's award for his heroic efforts in removing the children off of the camp bus on July 16, 2014 which later became engulfed in flames.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

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

MINUTES:

Upon Motion by Councilman DeCesare, seconded by Councilwoman Kallert, and passed on roll call vote, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2014, were approved as submitted.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance – Councilwoman Gatti stated that a meeting will be held on September 8, 2014. Mayor Kazmark has asked the Councilwoman, to collaborate with Mr. Galland and Mr. Henderson to prepare and compile literature regarding tax assessments to be distributed in various formats.

Public Works – Councilman Spinelli stated the sewage project in Paterson is on schedule and will be completed October of this year. The Police Department Memorial in front of the Municipal Building is coming along as well as the Morris Canal, which the DPW workers are doing a fine job on both. The walk way around Memorial School has been completed. Mayor Kazmark interjected stating, a letter is going out to the resident of Overmount Avenue Phase II project explaining to them the times table of work that is being done to Overmount Avenue.

Public Safety – Councilman DeCesare wants to remind everyone on September 26, 2014 the West Paterson Fire Department will be holding a Tricky Tray at Clifton Boy's and

Girls Club. The doors will open at 6 P.M. and the entry fee is \$15.00. Also, school will be starting soon so everyone please obey the safety signs and watch your speed. Congratulations to the West Paterson Fire Department for winning first place in the Fairway Cook Off. Mayor Kazmark added, on September 10, 2014, Fairway of Woodland Park will donating 25% percentage of their gross sales which will be donated to the St. Barnabas Hospital Burn Unit.

Health & Senior Services – Councilwoman Kallert reported on September 15, 2014 at 6:15 P.M. a Board of Health meeting will be held. The Councilwoman’s understanding, with school starting is the concern about the letting out of Memorial School and the Senior Center at the same time. Mayor Kazmark suggested for Councilman DeCesare to reach out to Chief Galietti and perhaps he can coordinate this with Officer Gilhooley.

Recreation & Community Relations – Councilwoman Pascrell wants to remind everyone of the 911 Ceremony that is being held at 7 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Also, please drive careful, school in back in session.

Laws & Ordinances – Councilman President Holloway announced the adoption this evening of Ordinance 14-14, regarding Certificate of Occupancy. Laws & Ordinances community will meet on September 15th. Councilman Holloway questioned if there was any new information from Mr. Esposito regarding the homes on Bergen Blvd. The Mayor then had asked Mr. Galland to look into this matter. Mr. Buglione informed Mayor and Council that notices have gone out to mortgage holders as well as homeowners and this is an ongoing process.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

On the first day of school Mayor Kazmark drove past Beatrice Gilmore School as well as Charles Olbon School. He noticed some confusion with the dropping off of children and is concerned however, he does believe this will be addressed and resolved.

On the 15th of September there will be a joint meeting with the Council and the Board of Education. The purpose of the joint meeting is the discussion of shared services opportunities and Municipal and School operations.

In regards to the replacing of the reservoirs with concrete tanks, a public meeting will be held by the Passaic Valley Water Commission on Sept. 10, 2014 at 7 P.M. located at the International High School, 200 Grand St., Paterson. Also, on September 15, 2014 the New Jersey Community Development Corporation will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM at the Paterson Museum, 2 Market St., Paterson. The Mayor strongly urges the public to attend these meetings and voice their opinion. The New Jersey Association of Realtors will be disturbing lawn signs and they will be available at the Municipal Building for anyone wishing to post them.

On September 4, 2014 the Recreation Department will be sponsoring an ice cream social for the kindergarten class at Charles Olbon School. The library will be will be sponsoring an ice cream night for the kindergarten class and the library will be reading to the children.

From 12 P.M. – 2 P.M. this Saturday, September 6, 2014 the Library will be holding an End of Summer Party.

The Panthers will be playing this Saturday, September 6, 2014 against Butler/Bloomingle, the Mayor wishes them well this season.

Monday, September 8, 2014 there will be a Town Hall meeting introducing Dr. Michele Pillari, our new Superintendent of Schools. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

The 2015 Community Calendar Photo Contest is now underway. Any resident can submit photos of Woodland Park landmarks and the winning photos will be displayed in our upcoming 2015 calendar.

The next meeting will be on September 10, 2014 at 6: 00 PM.

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Numerous projects and contacts are still being worked on. An ex employee of the Borough wants to change his status with the Department of Pensions and Benefits to disability and Mr. Buglione has meet with the Attorney General Office. Documents will be presented to the State within two (2) weeks.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Council and will be enacted by one resolution. The items listed herein will be acted upon after having been read. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by the request of any member of the Mayor and Council, and if so removed, will be acted upon as a separate matter.

- A. **Resolution R14-233, a resolution authorizing the Tax Collector of the Borough of Woodland Park to refund taxes paid for the second and third quarters of 2014 in the amount of \$270.92 to the property owner of 55 Meriline Avenue in Block 108 on Lot 21.01 for a property tax exemption as a disabled veteran.**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAX REFUND TO JAMES V. ALESSIO FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 55 MERELINE AVENUE IN BLOCK 108 ON LOT 21.01

WHEREAS, James V. Alessio is the owner of the property located at 55 Mereline Avenue in Block 108 on Lot 21.01 as set forth on the official tax map of the Borough of Woodland Park, and who had filed an application for a Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption which was approved by the Tax Assessor on July 22, 2014 effective as of April 17, 2014 which is the date the property was purchased.

WHEREAS, Mr. Alessio was deemed to be 100% permanently and totally disabled as the result of his wartime injuries on December 7, 2010, so by statute he is entitled to the tax exemption on the date the property was purchased; and

WHEREAS, since the Tax Assessor has approved the tax exemption as of April 17, 2014 and Mr. Alessio had paid the 2014 2nd and 3rd quarter payments, as per the calculations of the Tax Collector he is due the balance of his refund in the amount of \$270.92.

WHEREAS, the governing body must authorize the Tax Collector to refund Mr. Alessio taxes in the amount of \$270.92 which is the balance due of the overpayment in taxes from April 17, 2014 forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodland Park in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Mr. Alessio shall be given a tax refund in the amount of \$270.92 as the property was made tax exempt effective as of April 17, 2014.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately or as otherwise provided by law.

- B. Resolution R14-234, a resolution authorizing FN Brown School & Community Association, to conduct one (1) Trick Tray and one (1) Off Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held on March 18, 2015 at the West Mount Country Club, 728 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.**

RAFFLE APPLICATION

WHEREAS, FN Brown School & Community Association, is seeking approval to conduct one (1) Trick Tray and one (1) Off Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held on March 18, 2015 at the West Mount Country Club, 728 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey between the hours of 6:00 and 11:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has filed application with Legalized Games of Chance under the state of New Jersey; Regulations (N.J.A.C.13:47-6.4) as well as the Municipal Clerk's office of the Borough of Woodland Park; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey does hereby give authorization to Melissa A. Centrella Scholarship Fund, Inc., is seeking approval to conduct one (1) Trick Tray and one (1) Off Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held on March 18, 2015 at the West Mount Country Club, 728 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey between the hours of 6:00 and 11:00 p.m..

- C. Resolution R14-235, a resolution authorizing approval to submit a Grant application and execute a Grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Phase I of the McBride Avenue Streetscape Project.**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PHASE I OF THE MCBRIDE AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT FISCAL YEAR 2015

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation makes funds available to municipalities and counties for road improvement projects through the municipal aid portion of the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund;

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended that the Borough's Mayor and Council apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funds that are available under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act, Fiscal Year 2015 Municipal Aid Program for the purpose of constructing Phase I of the McBride Avenue Streetscape Project;

WHEREAS, the Borough's Mayor and Council has considered this recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2015-Woodland Park Borough-00018 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Woodland Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Woodland Park and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

- D. Resolution R14-236, a resolution approving participation with the State of New Jersey Federal Grant Program administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety.**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

WHEREAS, the **Borough of Woodland Park** wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$60,000 with a match of \$563,334.10 for an approximate project total cost of \$623,334.10 for a project under the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the **Borough of Woodland Park** has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and,

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Borough of Woodland Park for the purpose described in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **Borough Council of the Borough of Woodland Park** that:

1. As a matter of public policy the **Borough of Woodland Park** wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety.
2. The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
3. The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
4. The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

- E. Resolution R14-237, a resolution to approve the actions noted in the Consent Agenda, items A. through D., be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, that the actions noted in the Consent Agenda, items A. through D be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take the necessary actions on same.

Upon Motion made by Council President Spinelli, and seconded by Councilwoman Pascrell, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted on roll call vote.

COLLECTOR/TREASURER REPORT:

CFO, Frederick J. Tompkins recommends authorization for payment:

Upon Motion made by Councilwoman Gatti, seconded by Councilman Holloway and unanimously passed on roll call vote, the Council confirmed the payment of the 09/15/2014 regular and miscellaneous payroll estimated at \$270,000.00.

Upon Motion made by Councilman DeCesare, seconded by Councilman Holloway and unanimously passed on roll call vote, the Council confirmed the payment of bills from voucher list of 08/29/14 totaling \$175,633.99.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Board of Adjustment Minutes for July 28, 2014.
2. Board of Adjustment Docket No. 14-06.
3. Summary Budget Status Report for August 29, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Public Hearing on Resolution 14-232, Borough Ordinance No. 14-14

Upon a motion made by Councilman DeCesare, seconded by Councilwoman Pascrell and passed on roll call vote, a public hearing was opened on Resolution R14-232, Ordinance No. 14-14.

With no one wishing to be heard, upon a motion made by Councilwoman Gatti seconded by Councilwoman Pascrell and passed on roll call vote, the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-14

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY ORDINANCE, FOR RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK, AND REQUIRED ADJUSTMENT(S) FOR WATER METERS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, desires to adopt an ordinance entitled **CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY ORDINANCE, FOR RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK, AND REQUIRED ADJUSTMENT(S) FOR WATER METERS**; and

WHEREAS, notice of introduction and passage on first reading was published in The Herald News dated August 25, 2014 setting the date of September 3, 2014 for the public hearing and consideration for final passage; and

WHEREAS, copies of the ordinance were posted on the Borough's official bulletin board and copies made available to all those desiring same; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with State Statute, a public hearing on the above referenced ordinance was conducted on September 3, 2014 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ordinance entitled **CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY ORDINANCE, FOR RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK, AND REQUIRED ADJUSTMENT(S) FOR WATER METERS**

Upon motion made by Councilman Holloway, seconded by Councilwoman Kallert, and unanimously passed on roll call vote, Resolution R 14-232, Ordinance No. 14-14 was adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon Motion by Council President Spinelli, seconded by Councilman Holloway and unanimously passed on roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin V. Galland
Municipal Clerk

Keith Kazmark
Mayor