

**WOODLAND PARK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 17, 2024**

1. In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L.1975, chapter 231, notice requirements for this meeting have been set forth in the resolution adopted by the Municipal Council at its Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2024 detailing the time and place, with notice given to the public by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, transmitting copies to the Herald News and The Record of Woodland Park.
2. **Flag salute and Prayer**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Presentation**
 - **Proclamation in recognition of Colon Cancer Awareness**
 - **Recognition of Gastroenterology Associates of New Jersey's 15th year headquartered in here in Woodland Park:**
 - **Dr. George Pavlou, President and CEO**
 - **Steven Puchik, COO**
5. **Public Hearing:**

OPEN: Motion to open the public session. Motion to open the public session by _____ Seconded by _____.

- **ROLL CALL:**

CLOSE: Motion to close the public session. Motion to close the public session by _____ Seconded by _____.

- **ROLL CALL:**
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. Administration & Finance – Councilwoman Gatti
 - B. Public Works – Councilman Chaabane
 - C. Public Safety – Council President DeCesare
 - D. Health and Senior Services– Councilman Ron Arnau
 - E. Recreation & Community Relations & Veterans Affairs – Councilwoman Tiseo
 - F. Laws & Ordinances – Councilman Sica
7. **Mayor's Report:**
8. **Municipal Attorney's Report:**
9. **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 this Governing Body, and if so removed, will be acted upon as a separate matter.

- A. **Resolution R24-107, a resolution to approve a declaration of emergency made by the Department of Public Works Supervisor and approves payment in an amount not to exceed of \$25,389.33 to Montana Construction, 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, NJ 07644 for the repair and rehab of the McBride Avenue sewer force main.**
- B. **Resolution R24-108, a resolution to approve a declaration of emergency made by the Department of Public Works Supervisor and approves payment in an amount not to exceed of \$25,585.66 to Montana Construction, 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, NJ 07644 for the repair and rehab of the McBride Avenue sewer force main.**

- C. Resolution R24-109, a resolution to constitute the 2024 Temporary Capital Budget of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey.
- D. Resolution R24-110, a resolution to approve on the recommendation of its Chief of Police John Uzzalino to adopt an Anti-Nepotism policy with regard to hiring police officers in the Woodland Park Police Department.
- E. Resolution R24-111, a resolution to approve the actions noted in the Consent Agenda, items A. through E., be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

MOTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by _____, seconded by_____.

- ROLL CALL:

10. Collector/Treasurer Report:

CFO, Heather Barkenbush authorization for payment:

Authorize payment of the 04/30/2024 regular and miscellaneous payroll estimated at \$401,000.00.

MOTION: Motion to approve payroll by _____, seconded by_____.

- ROLL CALL:

Payment of bills from voucher list of 04/11/2024 totaling \$2,696,644.62.

MOTION: Motion to approve payment of bills by _____, seconded by_____.

- ROLL CALL:

12. Department Reports:

- 1. Court Report for March 2024
- 2. Summary Budget Status Report of April 15, 2024

MOTION: Motion to approve Departmental Reports by _____, seconded by_____.

- ALL IN FAVOR

13. Old Business:

14. New Business:

- A. Resolution R24-112, a resolution to authorized at the advice and recommendation of Police Chief John Uzzalino to appoint David Garcia as a full time Police Officer in the Borough of Woodland Park.

MOTION: Motion to approve the aforgoing resolution by _____, seconded by_____.

- ROLL CALL:

Swearing in of David Garcia as a Police Officer for the Woodland Park Police Department.

- B. Resolution R24-113, a resolution to authorized at the advice and recommendation of Police Chief John Uzzalino to hire Justin Elhin as a Borough of Woodland Park police officer.

MOTION: Motion to approve the aforgoing resolution by _____, seconded by_____.

- ROLL CALL:

Swearing in of Justin Elhin as Police Officer for the Woodland Park Police Department.

C. Introduction to Capital Bond Ordinance 24-07

D. Resolution R24-114, a resolution to introduce Bond Ordinance 24-07 a BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW POLICE VEHICLES, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$125,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Woodland Park that Ordinance 24-07, heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law.

MOTION: Motion to introduce Bond Ordinance 24-07 by _____, seconded by_____.

- **ROLL CALL:**

15. Executive Session:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., it is necessary to convene an executive session to discuss items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b), specifically:

- **Tax Appeal – MLF Associates, LP**
- **Personnel**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is anticipated that the deliberation conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination by the Mayor and Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality and if not then legally privileged.

MOTION: Motion to move into executive session by _____, seconded by_____.

- **ROLL CALL:**

16. Resolution R24-115, a resolution to authorize the settlement of a tax appeal filed by MLF Associates, LP regarding Block 122, Lot 13.01.

MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution R24-115 by _____, seconded by_____.

- **ROLL CALL:**

17. Adjournment:

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by _____, Seconded by_____.

- **ROLL CALL:**

**Sandra Olivola
Municipal Clerk**

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R24-107**

**MOTIONED BY:
SECONDED BY:**

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
EMERGENCY PURCHASE – AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR
MCBRIDE AVENUE SEWER FORCE MAIN REPAIR**

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2024 a memo was received from John Pietrowski Department of Public Works Supervisor advising the Borough of damage to the sewer force main on McBride Avenue that runs into Paterson to Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission and in need for an emergency repair of the sewer force main; and

WHEREAS, as a result of deterioration of the sewer force main at McBride Avenue the main was damaged and an emergency repair and rehab of the sewer main is necessary; and

WHEREAS, a quote was received by Montana Construction, 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, NJ 07644 in an amount of \$25,389.33 to make the repair to the McBride Avenue sewer force main;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby confirms the declaration of emergency made by the Department of Public Works Supervisor and approves payment in an amount not to exceed of \$25,389.33 to Montana Construction, 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, NJ 07644 for the repair and rehab of the McBride Avenue sewer force main.

Record of Mayor and Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Arnau					Sica				
Chaabane					Tiseo				
DeCesare					Mayor Kallert				
Gatti									

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 17th day of April, 2024. Signed and sealed before me.

April 17, 2024

Sandra Olivola, Municipal Clerk Dated

I, Heather Barkenbush, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Woodland Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this purchase under line item 4-01-26-300-301-026.

April 17, 2024

Heather Barkenbush, CMFO Dated

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R24-108**

MOTIONED BY:
SECONDED BY:

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
EMERGENCY PURCHASE – AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR
MCBRIDE AVENUE SEWER FORCE MAIN REPAIR**

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2024 a memo was received from John Pietrowski Department of Public Works Supervisor advising the Borough of damage to the sewer force main at McBride Avenue that runs into Paterson to Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission and in need for an emergency repair of the sewer force main; and

WHEREAS, as a result of deterioration of the sewer force main at McBride Avenue the main was damaged and an emergency repair and rehab of the sewer main is necessary; and

WHEREAS, a quote was received by Montana Construction, 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, NJ 07644 in an amount of \$25,585.66 to make the repair to the McBride Avenue sewer force main;

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Record of Mayor and Council Vote on Passage

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**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R24-109**

MOTIONED BY:
SECONDED BY:

2024 TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park desires to establish the 2024 Temporary Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting therein the following project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park as follows:

Section 1. The 2024 Temporary Capital Budget of the Borough of Woodland Park is hereby established by the adoption of the schedule to read as follows:

Temporary Capital Budget of the

Borough of Woodland Park

County of Passaic, New Jersey

Projects Schedule for 2024

Method of Financing

Project	Est. Costs	Grants	Budget Appr. Fund	Capital Imp. Fund	Bonds	Self-Liquidating Bonds
Acquisition of Police Vehicles	\$125,000			6,000	\$119,000	0

Section 2. The Municipal Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services Department of Community affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of this project for 2024 Temporary Capital Budget, to be included in the 2024 Permanent Capital Budget as adopted.

Record of Mayor and Council Vote on Passage

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Sandra Olivola, Municipal Clerk

April 17, 2024

Dated

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R24-110**

MOTIONED BY:
SECONDED BY:

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A POLICY TO PROHIBIT NEPOTISM
IN THE WOODLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, in order to maintain public confidence in the Police Department of the Borough of Woodland Park, it is imperative that residents can be assured that employment of police officers is free from nepotism, patronage, and favoritism, which requires the establishment of this policy, pursuant to the law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that employment as a police officer be based on merit so that residents are assured that Borough police officers will be providing the highest quality service to the Borough's deserving residents, as required by the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council recognize a need to have an anti-Nepotism Policy in the Woodland Park Police Department, which is consistent with the State of New Jersey's policies, procedures and laws; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2021, P.L. 2021, c. 7 (N.J.S.A. 1 1A:4-1 .3), was enacted which requires the Civil Service Commission to exempt from the requirement to take an examination for an entry-level law enforcement position for a person who has successfully completed a full Basic Course for Police Officers training at a school approved by the New Jersey Police Training Commission; and

WHEREAS, a municipal police department may hire a person exempt from the requirement to take an examination for an entry-level law enforcement position pursuant to P.L. 2021, c. 7 (N.J.S.A. 1 1A:4-1.3), upon the adoption of an ordinance or resolution by the governing body authorizing such hiring by the police department and the adoption of a conflict of interest and nepotism policy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodland Park desires to have the option to hire entry-level law enforcement officers in accordance with P.C. 2021, c. 7 (N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3), and a determination has been made that the municipal code concerning the Police Department needs to be amended.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodland Park, on the recommendation of its Chief of Police, adopts this anti-Nepotism policy with regard to hiring police officers in the Woodland Park Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, the as follows:

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park hereby adopts this anti-Nepotism Policy:

1. Qualifications.

No person shall be appointed to the Police Department who is not qualified as provided in the New Jersey statutes. The Appropriate Authority may also require that an applicant for appointment to the Police department shall successfully complete a physical, mental and psychological examination (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-122 and 40A:14-127). In accordance with P.L. 2021. G.7 {N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3} and in the sole discretion of the Appropriate Authority, a person may also be appointed without taking a competitive examination if they have successfully completed a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training Commission.

2. Conflict of Interest and Nepotism Policy.

The governing body of the Borough of Woodland Park declares that a conflict of interest and nepotism policy should be enacted for the Woodland Park Police Department. This conflict of interest and nepotism policy is not for the purpose of depriving any citizen of an equal chance for a job as a police officer, but solely to eliminate the potential for preferential treatment of the relatives of government personnel or elected officials.

3. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Family Member or Relative:

Spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, step-father, step-mother, step-sibling, half-brother, half-sister, nephew, niece, first cousin, aunt, uncle, foster child, or domestic partner.

Elected Official:

Person holding the position of Mayor or Council member of the Borough of Woodland Park.

4. Hiring and Supervision of Police Officers.

A. No person who is a relative or family member of any elected official of the Borough of Woodland Park shall be considered for employment as a police officer of the Borough. This shall not restrict nor prohibit the continued employment of an individual as a police officer with the Borough where a family member or relative of an elected official was hired before the effective date of this ordinance.

B. No elected official can serve as Council liaison to the police department that employs any family member or relative of that elected official as a police officer with the Borough.

5. Open Competitive Process Exemption.

The Borough of Woodland Park is a Civil Service Jurisdiction for the hiring, firing, promotion and discipline of police officers and is governed by the Civil Service Act and Regulations. This section shall not prohibit an individual who is a family member or relative as defined herein and who is otherwise eligible to be hired or promoted through the open competitive process from being hired or promoted as a police officer.

6. Promotion of Existing Police Officers.

No elected official, the Borough Administrator or superior officer within the Police Department may participate in the promotion process or any other personnel matter of a police officer who is a family member or relative of such elected official, the Borough Administrator or superior officer within the Police Department.

7. Enforceability.

The prohibitions set forth in this chapter are enforceable only to the extent that they are not in violation of applicable civil service statutes or any other applicable state laws.

This Policy shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Record of Mayor and Council Vote on Passage

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DeCesare					Mayor Kallert				
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April 17, 2024

Sandra Olivola, Municipal Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R24-111**

MOTIONED BY:
SECONDED BY:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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 E., be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

Record of Mayor and Council Vote on Passage

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April 17, 2024

Sandra Olivola, Municipal Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R24-112**

MOTIONED BY:
SECONDED BY:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING
DAVID GARCIA AS A POLICE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodland Park Police Department requires qualified personnel to ensure the safety and security of the community; and

WHEREAS, David Garcia has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to public service through his dedication as a Class II-Special Police Officer. His performance demonstrates his ability to continue serving the Borough with distinction as a full-time officer; and

WHEREAS, David Garcia is scheduled to be sworn in as a full-time Police Officer of the Borough of Woodland Park on April 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodland Park Police Department acknowledges David Garcia has already successfully completed his training at the Passaic County Police Academy and has completed the proper police training required by the department for a Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of Chief of Police John Uzzalino, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park wish to appoint David Garcia as a Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, said officer will be hired as pursuant the terms and conditions outlined in the collective bargaining agreement between the Borough of Woodland Park and the Woodland Park PBA Local 173, which details salaries, hours of work, benefits, and other conditions of employment;

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

1. David Garcia is hereby appointed as a Police Officer of the Borough of Woodland Park Police Department; Borough of Woodland Park and the Police Department acknowledges his successful completion of the Passaic County Police Academy Program and satisfaction of all other departmental training requirements.
2. David Garcia will be officially sworn in as a Patrolman on April 17, 2024.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Record of Mayor and Council Vote on Passage

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April 17, 2024

Sandra Olivola, Municipal Clerk Dated

I, Heather Barkenbush, Certified Municipal Finance Officer for the Borough of Woodland Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available in 4-01-25-240-240-011 to fund this appointment.

April 17, 2024

Heather Barkenbush, CMFO Dated

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R24-113**

MOTIONED BY:
SECONDED BY:

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE
JUSTIN EHLIN AS A POLICE OFFICER - CONDITIONAL**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodland Park Police Department requires qualified personnel to ensure the safety and security of the community; and

WHEREAS, Justin Ehlin has expressed a strong interest in serving the community as a police officer and possesses the qualifications necessary for the appointment; and

WHEREAS, Justin Ehlin is scheduled to be sworn in as a Police Officer of the Borough of Woodland Park on April 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said officer will enter the Passaic County Police Academy as a sworn officer, with official duties commencing upon successful completion of the academy program; and

WHEREAS, the Passaic County Police Academy offers a comprehensive training program that equips police officer recruits with the skills and knowledge necessary to perform their duties effectively; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of Chief of Police John Uzzalino, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park wish to appoint Justin Ehlin as a Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, said officer will be hired as pursuant the terms and conditions outlined in the collective bargaining agreement between the Borough of Woodland Park and the Woodland Park PBA Local 173, which details salaries, hours of work, benefits, and other conditions of employment;

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

1. Justin Ehlin is hereby appointed as a Police Officer of the Borough of Woodland Park Police Department, contingent upon successful completion of the Passaic County Police Academy program.
2. Justin Ehlin will be officially sworn in on April 17, 2024. Following successful completion of the academy program and satisfaction of all other departmental requirements, he will officially begin his police officer duties.
3. This appointment is subject to a probationary period as determined by departmental policy and performance evaluation.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Record of Mayor and Council Vote on Passage

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April 17, 2024

Sandra Olivola, Municipal Clerk Dated

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April 17, 2024

Heather Barkenbush, CMFO Dated

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R24-114**

**MOTIONED BY:
SECONDED BY:**

INTRODUCTION TO ORDINANCE 24-07

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW POLICE VEHICLES, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$125,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 1st day of May, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Municipal Council and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Record of Mayor and Council Vote on Passage

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April 17, 2024

Sandra Olivola, Municipal Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE 24-07**

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW POLICE VEHICLES, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$125,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Woodland Park, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to acquire new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of SUVs for the use of the Police Department in, by and for said Borough. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$125,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Borough, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Borough pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the total estimated cost of said purpose is \$125,000, and (4) \$6,000 of said sum appropriated by this ordinance is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes authorized by this ordinance necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$119,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$4,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$6,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$6,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$119,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$119,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Municipal Clerk or Deputy Municipal Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner

provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of five years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$119,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Municipal Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 12. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Attest:

Approved:

Sandra Olivola, Municipal Clerk

Tracy Kallert, Mayor

Introduced:

Adopted:

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION RE24-01**

MOTIONED BY:
SECONDED BY:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., it is necessary to convene an executive session to discuss items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b), specifically:

- **Tax Appeal –MLF Associates, LP**
- **Personnel**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is anticipated that the deliberation conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination by the Mayor and Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentially and if not then legally privileged.

Record of Mayor and Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Arnau					Sica				
Chaabane					Tiseo				
DeCesare					Mayor Kallert				
Gatti									

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 17th day of April, 2024. Signed and sealed before me.

Sandra Olivola, Municipal Clerk
April 17, 2024
Dated

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R24-115**

**MOTIONED BY:
SECONDED BY:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF TAX
APPEALS FILED BY MLF ASSOCIATES, LP REGARDING BLOCK 122 LOT 13.01
AS SET FORTH ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGHOF WOODLAND PARK**

WHEREAS, MLF Associates, LP is the owner of the property located on Browertown Road, in Block 122, Lot 13.01 as set forth on the official tax map of the Borough of Woodland Park, and who has filed appeals with the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey bearing Docket Nos. 001283-2021, 004623-2022 and 002459-2023 from the assessed values of said property for tax years 2021 through 2023; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed that the 2021 and 2022 assessments will be reduced to a total of \$2,684,000; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed that the 2023 assessments will be affirmed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Tax Assessor, Borough Appraiser and Tax Counsel have agreed to the reductions in value on the property for the 2021 and 2022 tax years in accordance with the settlement; and

WHEREAS, the settlement results in an approximate total tax refund in the amount of \$48,997.50, of which \$21,957.94 will be applied as a credit to the 2nd quarter tax payment and the remaining \$27,039.56 will be paid as a refund upon issuance of the judgments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council for the Borough of Woodland Park has determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough to adjust the assessments on the aforesaid property for tax years 2021 and 2022 in accordance with the settlement.

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. The tax assessments on the property located at Browertown Road designated as Block 122, Lot 13.01 on the official tax map of the Borough of Woodland Park shall be shall be reduced to a total of \$2,684,000 for 2021 and 2022 and be affirmed for 2023.
2. The Borough Tax Collector is hereby authorized to credit \$21,957.94 of the refund to the 2nd quarter tax payment, and refund the remainder to McCarter & English, LLP as attorneys for Plaintiff, and forwarded to Frank E. Ferruggia, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, Four Gateway Center, 100 Mulberry Street, P.O. Box 652, Newark, NJ 07101-0652 upon issuance of the judgments.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately or as otherwise provided by law.

Record of Mayor and Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Arnau					Sica				
Chaabane					Tiseo				
DeCesare					Mayor Kallert				
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April 17, 2024

Sandra Olivola, Municipal Clerk Dated

I, Heather Barkenbush, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Woodland Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this purchase.

April 17, 2024

Heather Barkenbush, Chief Financial Officer Dated