

**MINUTES**  
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
Wednesday, June 14, 2017  
8:30 P.M.

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –**

Council President Papaleo called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

**FLAG SALUTE –**

Council President Papaleo lead the salute to the flag.

**STATEMENT –**

Council President Papaleo read the statement under the Sunshine Law and asked the Clerk to put it into the minutes. “Adequate Notice of this meeting has been provided by posting on the bulletin board in Borough Hall, and fax and by email to the Ridgewood News, the Record and by submission to all persons entitled to same as provided by law of a schedule including the date and time of this meeting”.

**ROLL CALL** – Councilman Bartelloni was present via telephone, Councilwoman Busted, Councilman Chinigo and Councilman Papaleo, were present; Councilman Acquafredda, Councilwoman Davis and Mayor Mignone were absent.

**RESOLUTIONS - By Consent**

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve resolution #17-225 was unanimously approved.

#17-225 Release of Data on the Closed Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 states that the public may be excluded from a portion of a meeting held by a public body when it discusses those matters as defined as an exception by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 states that the closed session information may be discussed if the public body shall first adopt a resolution, at a meeting to which the public shall be admitted; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13(a) states that the resolution shall contain a statement as to the general nature of the subject to be discussed including as precisely as possible, the time when the circumstances under which the discussion was conducted in closed session of the public body can be disclosed to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have considered the release of the data and information of the below listed items at a special meeting dated June 14, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the below listed items be hereby made available to the public.

<u>Closed Session</u> <u>Docket #1</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Meeting</u>
16-12/5-4	Personnel – Table of Organization - Police Department	November 7, 2016

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Council President Papaleo-stated that now that we have moved the motion, he asked if there is any debate on whether we should release the closed session minutes?

Councilwoman Busted-made a general comment regarding minutes and said that she knows that they are supposed to reflect the substance of a meeting, not verbatim. She feels that after reviewing the minutes, she’s going to do a better job of reviewing the minutes before approving them to make sure that they are clear for the public.

Council President Papaleo-said that normally that would be true but as explained to him by counsel that's not the case with closed session minutes. He asked Mr. Sarlo to provide an explanation. Thomas Sarlo, Esq.- explained that minutes of a meeting are transcribed, they're audio and you're able to cure any deficiencies on them. When it's a closed session, there is no audio or recording of the meeting. The Clerk takes notes of the meeting and does a quick summary of what was done. The Mayor and Council never approve closed session minutes, they stay tucked away until the matter is resolved and then you agree to release them. His suggestion would be if there is a closed session matter, after the Clerk transcribed her notes, Council could review the notes to make sure they're accurate. If they feel there is an inconsistency, they would have to address it at that point. He feels that this would be way for them to address their concerns. He again stated that closed session minutes are a quick synopsis prepared by the Borough Clerk.

Council President Papaleo-stated that the minutes that are being released were not presented to the Council by the Clerk and they did not have time to review them. He feels that these minutes are extemporaneous minutes that the Council had no input in, nor did the Council have any right to alter or correct any errors in them. He said that they have one questions before them which is "will we release these minutes to the public". He asked for a motion to release the minutes to the public.

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to approve the release of the minutes to the public was unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT – 8:35 P.M.**

On motion by Councilman Chinigo, seconded by Councilwoman Busted to adjourn the special meeting at 8:35 p.m. was unanimously approved.

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Edward J. Mignone, Mayor

Attest:

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Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: