

**Borough of Garwood Workshop Meeting of
The Mayor and Council
WORKSHOP
MINUTES
November 29, 2016**

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader, and UC Local Source, advertised on January 7, 2016, notification was sent to the Star Ledger and prominently posted on the municipal public bulletin board and filed in the office of the municipal clerk informing the Public of the time and place according to the Provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

Barbara Tweedle made a presentation concerning Municipal Alliance.

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello - **NO REPORT**

Councilman Petruzzelli asked about the South and Center Street project. Mr. Guarriello said they are making progress and work is being done.

Ms. Ariemma read:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-302.1

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A PERSONNEL MATTER, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH AVENUE PROJECT, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A VACANT LAND ANALYSIS AND MATTERS OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE RELATING TO THE ABOVE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A., 10:4-12, Closed session, Meetings open to public; exclusion of public; subject of matter.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood to conduct an executive session closed to the public in order to discuss the above listed matters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby move to go into executive session in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq., for the purpose of discussing the subjects stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in and minutes of the closed session shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion by: Councilman Sarno, Second by: Councilwoman Todisco

TIME: 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Cuccaro	AYE	Councilman Sarno	AYE
Councilman Martin	AYE	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman Mathieu	AYE	Council President Petruzzelli	AYE

At 8:40 p.m. Workshop Session resumed.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud - **NO REPORT**

Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma - Mentioned the 2017 Professional Services interviews. The positions to interview were discussed. Ms. Ariemma noted that she didn't have many submissions however the deadline is Thursday, December 1, 2016. Councilwoman Cuccaro mentioned that it is not necessary to interview persons that are not new applicants. Discussion followed and it was concluded that interviews for all positions be conducted at a Special Meeting on December 20, 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Lombardo - I am in receipt of an email on behalf of "The Friends of Colin", signed by Ryan McGann, Executive Director, thanking the Borough for its support for a cure for pediatric cancer. In particular, they would like to thank and commend Chief Underhill and the Garwood Police Department for ensuring the safety of the runners and walkers who participated in the Friends of Colin Turkey Trot through the streets of Garwood, on November 25th. This year about 300 runners participated raising \$8,300 for research.

I have sent an email to the food editor of *Inside Jersey Magazine* for their article about "Five Great Places to Grab Chow on the Road for under \$15," which appeared in the October/November issue. I personally thanked the author for his great article on mentioning the fine eateries in Garwood, with an open invitation for them to come back to sample more of Garwood's fine establishments. A copy of the magazine is on the table in front of the dais is anyone would like to see it.

During our regular meeting, under New Business, I will be appointing three new members to the Garwood Historical Committee, which will double their membership. That major increase is needed due to hard work that the current three members and Council liaison have done this year in celebrating Garwood's rich history. I greatly appreciate and applaud their past successes and look forward to the coming year's events. Thank you.

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Councilwoman Cuccaro - I want to thank Chief Underhill and the Garwood Police department for placing the little slow down and stop signs thru out Garwood. I have spoken to quite a few people that have called me saying it was really working to slow traffic down on our side roads which needed monitoring very badly. The chief mentioned that he is going to try and get some more placed because it was slowing traffic down by 5-7%. Maybe another one in front of the school, as they were still zipping down there when I was walking my daisy last night, they were not even slowing down while I was trying cross in the cross walk. I of course was very vocal trying to get them to stop as we were crossing, we were already half way across when they were zipping from north down walnut. As I understand this was a very inexpensive way to slow the traffic down.

Councilman Martin - **NO REPORT**

Councilman Mathieu - **NO REPORT**

Councilman Sarno - **NO REPORT**

Councilwoman Todisco - **NO REPORT**

Council President Petruzzelli mentioned the blue line matter to acknowledge the police and the notice received from Dan Swayze. Discussion followed. Councilwoman Todisco suggested Ms. Ariemma send a letter to thank them and that council is considering their options. Councilman Petruzzelli suggested a letter be sent to Kathy Villaggio as well. All agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

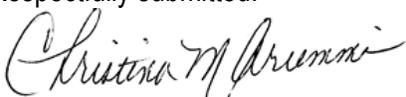
Is there anyone in the audience that wishes to address the mayor and council please step to the microphone, state your full name and address. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

Rich McCormick, 101 Fourth Avenue commented on the blue line matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn by: Councilwoman Cuccaro, Second by: Councilman Martin
Time: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood