

BOROUGH of GARWOOD
MINUTES of the
REORGANIZATION MEETING of the
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
for 2015
January 2, 2015

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council for 2015 was held on January 2, 2015, in Council Chambers and called to order at 7:15 p.m., by Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma. She asked all present to participate in a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag.

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Cranford Chronicle, advertised on December 26, 2014, 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).

This meeting is called pursuant to the State Statutes for the purpose of organizing the Governing Body for the year 2015, to make appointments and to transact any business pertinent thereto.

ROLL CALL:

Municipal Clerk Christina Ariemma administered Roll Call. The Members Present were:

Councilman Martin-excused

Councilman Nierstedt-present

Councilman Mathieu-present

Councilman Tarantino-present

Also present Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina Ariemma.

Ms. Ariemma announced:

The first order of business is to administer the Oath of Office to:

Mayor Elect – Charles Lombardo – for a four year term

Councilwoman Sara Todisco – for a three-year term

Councilman Lou Petruzzelli – for a three-year term

Ms. Ariemma requested that Mayor Elect Lombardo be escorted to the rostrum.

The Oath of Office was administered by Ms. Ariemma. Carol Lombardo and children held the Bible. Mayor Lombardo took his seat on the dais.

Ms. Ariemma requested that Councilwoman Sara Todisco be escorted to the rostrum.

The Oath of Office was administered by Ms. Ariemma. Therese Todisco held the Bible. Councilwoman Todisco took her seat on the dais.

Ms. Ariemma requested that Councilman Lou Petruzzelli be escorted to the rostrum.

The Oath of Office was administered by Ms. Ariemma. Jackie Petruzzelli and children held the Bible. Councilman Petruzzelli took his seat on the dais.

Mayor Lombardo requested ROLL CALL:

Councilman Martin-Excused

Councilman Petruzzelli-Present

Councilman Mathieu-Present

Councilwoman Tarantino-Present

Councilman Nierstedt-Present

Councilwoman Todisco-Present

Ms. Ariemma introduced County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi.

County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi presented Mayor Lombardo, Councilwoman Todisco and Councilman Petruzzelli with a certificate and wished everyone a happy new year.

Mayor Lombardo announced that anyone in the audience wishing to make a presentation may do so now.

Paul Nieves and Carol Lombardo made presentations to Mayor Lombardo, Councilman Petruzzelli and Councilwoman Todisco.

Mayor Lombardo asked the Borough Council to nominate and elect a Council President.

Councilwoman Tarantino, seconded by Councilwoman Todisco nominated Councilman Nierstedt for Council President.

Mayor Lombardo requested a Roll Call for Councilman Nierstedt as Council President, Councilman Martin–Absent, Councilman Mathieu-Aye, Councilman Nierstedt-Aye, Councilman Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilwoman Tarantino-Aye, Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. 1-Absent, 5-Ayes. Councilman Nierstedt was elected Council President for 2015.

Mayor Lombardo made the following nominations for the year 2015 with Council Confirmation.

The following appointments require confirmation from Council:		<u>ONE-YEAR TERM</u>
Borough Attorney:	Robert Renaud	1/1/15 - 12/31/15
Bonding Attorney:	Steven L. Rogut	1/1/15 - 12/31/15
Prosecutor Municipal Court:	Steven H. Merman	1/1/15 - 12/31/15
Public Defender Municipal Court:	Scott M. Marinelli	1/1/15 - 12/31/15
Fire Chief:	Michael Tharaldsen	1/1/15 - 12/31/15
Assistant Fire Chief:	Leonard Spina	1/1/15 - 12/31/15
Superintendent of Fire Apparatus:	Leonard Spina	1/1/15 - 12/31/15
Fire Official:	Albert W. Toth	1/1/15 – 12/31/15

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE THREE-YEAR TERM 1/1/15 – 12/31/17

Gary Bundy, Esq.

PLANNING BOARD CLASS III ONE-YEAR TERM: 1/1/15 – 12/31/15

William Nierstedt

Mayor Lombardo requested a motion to approve the nominations as listed. Motion was made by Councilwoman Tarantino, seconded by Council President Nierstedt, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Council President Nierstedt-Aye, Councilman Martin–Absent, Councilman Mathieu-Aye, Councilman Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilwoman Tarantino-Aye and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. 1-Absent, 5-Ayes. Appointments were unanimously approved.

The following are Mayors Appointments, no CONFIRMATION required:

BOARD OF HEALTH THREE YEAR TERM 1/1/15 - 12/31/17

Lauren Montagne	Eileen Kufra	Ellen Shelley
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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FIVE YEAR TERM 1/1/15- 12/31/19

Christine DiGiacomo

GARWOOD MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

Barbara Tweedle	Theresa Janasee	Sam Rocco
Margaret Briggs	John McGuire	Mary Emmons
Ron Ferria	Virginia Marienelli	Devon Araujo
Kaitlin McGuire	Ryan Palmer	Joanne Tharaldsen

CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Thomas Englese	Chris Taylor	Michelle Abbaticola	Anne Leonard
Kathleen Villaggio	Kim Brown	Michele Tortorici	
Carolyn Dunning	Susan Groning	Rosemary Snow	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL for 2015

Deputy Coordinator:	Doug Stoffer
Police Chief:	Bruce D. Underhill
Fire Chief:	Michael Tharaldsen
Superintendent DPW:	Frederick W. Corbitt
Doctor:	-----
First Aid:	Jimmy Willix
Engineer:	Donald R. Guarriello
Public Information Officer:	-----
Shelter Coordinator:	Thomas Spera

Radiological Officer: Thomas Spera
 Tech/Advisor : -----
 Business Representative: Joseph Ragonese
Representatives from Service Organizations:
 Knights of Columbus Michael O'Donnell
 Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Donna Bober
 Health Eileen Kufta
 Law Bruce D. Underhill
 First Aid Jimmy Willix

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE ONE YEAR TERM 1/1/15 - 12/31/15

Linda Koenig Patricia Koenig Anne Leonard
 Bruce Paterson Paul Tarantino Carol Lombardo
 Sara Todisco Council Liaison

RECREATION COMMISSION

Jack Sullivan – Five year term 01/01/2015 to 12/31/2019
 Paul Nieves - Unexpired term 01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015

PLANNING BOARD

TITLE	NAME	TERM
CLASS I - 1YR	Charles Lombardo, Mayor	1/1/15 – 12/31/15
CLASS II - 1YR	Bruce Paterson	1/1/15 – 12/31/15
CLASS IV – 4YR	Paul Tarantino	1/1/15 – 12/31/18
CLASS IV – 4YR	Gene Jannotti	1/1/15 – 12/31/18
CLASS IV – 4YR	Michael Vena	1/1/15 – 12/31/18
ALT. I – 2YR	Craig McCarrick	1/1/15 – 12/31/16
ALT. II - 2YR un-exp. term	Patricia Quattrocchi	1/1/15 – 12/31/15
ALT. III- 2YR	Steve Napolitano	1/1/15 – 12/31/16
ALT. IV- 2YR un-exp. term	Tim Hak	1/1/15 – 12/31/15

CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR Christina M Ariemma

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY DEV. REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE

Charles Lombardo William Nierstedt ALTERNATE: Ann Tarantino

UNION COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL Fred Corbitt

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA (Adoption upon Roll Call)

RESOLUTION NO. 15-100

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Rules governing the proceedings of the Mayor and Council, Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey for the year 2015 shall be and they are hereby adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-101

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that they hereby approve the following meeting schedule for 2015.

Regular Meeting: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each Month – 7:15 p.m.

Workshop Session: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each Month – 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-102

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Cranford Chronicle, The Star-Ledger, and The Westfield Leader be and the same are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Borough of Garwood for the year 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-103

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that: Investors Savings Bank, Garwood Office shall be the depository for all Law Enforcement Trust, Current Account, Capital Account, Dog Tax Account, Payroll Deductions Account, Payroll Deductions Employee Contribution Account, Trust Account, Bond and Interest Account, Public Assistance Account, Unemployment Account, Payroll Account, Assessment Trust, Block Grant Trust of the Borough of Garwood, and the custodian shall be Sandra Bruns, CFO/Treasurer. All disbursements shall be made by check signed by Charles Lombardo, Mayor and Christina Ariemma, Municipal Clerk and Sandra Bruns, CFO/Treasurer.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-104

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Bank of America shall be the depository for the Developers Escrow Account. All disbursements, upon approval of the Planning Board Chairman, shall be paid by check, signed by Charles Lombardo, Mayor and Sandra Bruns, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Christina M. Ariemma, Borough Administrator/Clerk.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-105](#)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that: Investors Savings Bank, Garwood Office, shall be the depository for the Municipal Court Funds. All disbursements shall be made by checks signed by Judge Gary Bundy, and Martha Marino or Catherine Frank.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-106](#)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Depository for Savings Accounts or Investment Savings Accounts, be and hereby designate State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Christina M. Ariemma Borough Administrator/ Municipal Clerk and Sandra Bruns, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer be and are hereby authorized and empowered to deposit, invest and transfer funds in any of the above depositories.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-107](#)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the mileage reimbursement for attendance at meetings, approved and in correlation with the duties of a position up to the current IRS allowed rate.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-108](#)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to conduct a Tax Sale pursuant to Chapter 99, P.L. 1997.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-109](#)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency, and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of the said first \$1,500.00 shall be charged and collected on all delinquent taxes and assessments, and for sewer user charges from and after their due date until paid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the same shall become payable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any installment received after the expiration of ten (10) days grace period shall bear interest from the due date, and if the 10th day shall fall on a Saturday or a Sunday, the final day of the grace period shall be the next business day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Municipal Clerk to the Borough Tax Collector.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-110](#)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood has heretofore by Resolution No. 93-107 provided for interest to be charged with respect to delinquent taxes and assessments; and

WHEREAS, by L. 1991, c. 75, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 was amended to permit the governing body of a municipality to fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year, which penalty may not exceed six percent of the amount of the delinquency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that a penalty in the sum of six percent of any "delinquency" shall be charged to any taxpayer with a delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year. "Delinquency" shall be defined to mean the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters of years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Municipal Clerk to the Borough Tax Collector.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-111](#)

WHEREAS, P.L. 1990.c90 was amended and signed into law that allows municipalities to issue duplicate tax sale certificates at a fee not to exceed \$100.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on this 1st day of January 2015 that a fee of \$100.00 be instituted for the issuance of a duplicate tax sale certificate

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-112](#)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that
ADP Payroll Services, 1 ADP Blvd., Roseland, N.J. 07068
is the payroll service company for year 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood that Sandra Bruns, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, be and she is hereby appointed the approval officer and person responsible for authorizing and supervising the activities of the payroll service and shall further be charged with the reconciliation and analysis of all general ledger accounts affected by the activities of the disbursing organization.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-113](#)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Robert Renaud, Esq., of the firm of Palumbo & Renaud, Attorneys-At-Law, with offices located at 190 North Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016, be and is hereby appointed Legal Counsel for the Borough of Garwood for the year 2015.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-114](#)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Professional Municipal Attorney Services to provide Legal Counsel and other legal services to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law on December 4, 2014, and received proposals on December 17, 2014, under a fair and open process in accordance with P.L. 2004, c.19, as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood:

That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Palumbo & Renaud, Esq., 190 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016, for the provision of professional municipal attorney services for the Borough of Garwood; and

That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2015 Legal Fees in accordance with the 2015

Municipal Budget in accordance with the proposal dated December 5, 2014; and
That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and
That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-115

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Professional Engineering Services to provide engineering and other related services to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law on December 4, 2014, and received proposals on December 17, 2014, under a fair and open process in accordance with P.L. 2004, c.19, as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood:

1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Guarriello & Dec Assoc. LLC, 131 North Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 208, Kenilworth, NJ 07033, for the provision of professional engineering services for the Borough of Garwood; and
2. That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2015 Engineering Fees in accordance with the 2015 Municipal Budget and 2015 Capital Budget and other related appropriations, in accordance with the proposal dated December 9, 2014; and
3. That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and
4. That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-116

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Donald R. Guarriello, Professional Engineer, is hereby appointed to the position of Collection System Operator pursuant to his License No. 16648. Effective: January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-117

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood has determined that there exists a need for professional legal services in connection with the preparation and management of municipal bonds in the Borough of Garwood; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood:

1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Steven L. Rogut of Rogut McCarthy Troy LLC, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ 07016-2106, for the provision of professional legal bond counsel.
2. That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed \$17,500.00; and
3. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as professional services pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and
4. That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and
5. That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-118

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Councilman Nierstedt Planning Board Liaison, Class III, effective January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-119

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoints:

NAME: Gary Bundy, Esq.
105 E. Roselle Avenue
Roselle Park, NJ 07204
AS: Municipal Court Judge
3-Year Term
Effective January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 15-120

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Steven H. Merman, Esq., as Municipal Court Prosecutor for the Garwood Municipal Court effective January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-121

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Scott M. Marinelli, as Municipal Public Defender for a term of one year effective January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-122

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint:

Michael Tharaldsen
661 Willow Avenue
Garwood, NJ 07027

As Fire Chief of the Garwood Fire Department in the Borough of Garwood for the year 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 15-123

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint:

Leonard Spina
213 Locust Avenue

Garwood, NJ 07027

As Assistant Fire Chief of the Garwood Fire Department in the Borough of Garwood for the year 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 15-124

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint:

Leonard Spina
 213 Locust Avenue
 Garwood, NJ 07027

As Superintendent of Fire Apparatus for the Borough of Garwood for the year 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 15-125

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint:

Albert W. Toth, Jr.
 431 Spruce Avenue
 Garwood, NJ 07027

As Fire Official for the Borough of Garwood for the year 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 15-126

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the following are hereby appointed as Special Police Officers, Class "B" School Crossing Guards for the year 2015.

Matilda Froat	Doug Knierim	Laura Rigano	Kevin O'Brien
Lauren Montagne	Jessica Knierim	Linda Temple	
Katie Knierim	Wayne Maggs	Rosemary Snow	

RESOLUTION NO. 15-127

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the following are hereby appointed as Special Police Officers, Class "B" Alternate School Crossing Guards for the year 2015 at the rate of \$17.00 per hour

Fred Davey	Diane Petraccora
Frederick Meier	Karen Wyckoff

RESOLUTION NO. 15-128

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Jean McComb, Diane Petraccoro, Cassandra Crooks and Susana Dos Santos as a Special Police Officer, Matrons - Class "C", for the year 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-129

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council that Christina Ariemma, Municipal Clerk, be appointed as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-130

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that the governing body may, and if any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the Budget, shall, by resolution adopted prior to January 31, of the fiscal year, make appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the adoption of the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached list of temporary appropriations be made for the year 2015:

Councilman Mathieu stated he will abstain because he did not review these resolutions prior to the meeting. Let the record be duly noted council approved council confirmation appointments when nominated by Mayor Lombardo at the beginning of the meeting at which time no objection was made. A motion to adopt Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Petruzzelli, seconded by Councilwoman Tarantino, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Council President Nierstedt-Aye, Councilman Martin-Absent, Councilman Mathieu-Abstain, Councilman Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilwoman Tarantino-Aye and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. 1-Absent, 1, Abstain, 4-Ayes Consent Agenda adopted.

RESOLUTIONS – DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA (Adoption upon Roll Call) - NONE

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	2015
Police, Public Health & Safety	Councilwoman Tarantino, Chair
	Councilman Petruzzelli
	Councilman Martin
COMMITTEE	
Board of Health Liaison	Councilman Mathieu
COMMITTEE	
Streets, Roads and Ecology	Councilwoman Todisco, Chair
	Councilman Nierstedt
	Councilman Petruzzelli
COMMITTEE	
Fire	Councilman Nierstedt, Chair
	Councilman Mathieu
	Councilwoman Todisco

COMMITTEE	
Finance	Councilman Petruzzelli, Chair
	Councilman Martin
	Councilwoman Todisco
COMMITTEE	
Buildings and Grounds	Councilman Mathieu, Chair
	Councilman Petruzzelli
	Councilwoman Tarantino
COMMITTEE	
Laws and License	Councilman Martin, Chair
	Councilwoman Tarantino
	Councilwoman Todisco
<u>OTHER or SPECIAL Committees of the Mayor</u>	
Recreation	Councilwoman Todisco
Committee on Aging	Councilwoman Tarantino
Library, Mayor's Representative	Councilman Petruzzelli
School Board Liaison	Councilman Mathieu
Celebrations of Public Events & Holidays Liaison	Councilman Nierstedt
UC Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board Representative	Councilman Mathieu
UC Transportation of Advisory Representative	Robert Ehrenbeck 425 Fourth Avenue, Garwood
Parking Committee	Councilwoman Tarantino, Chair Councilman Petruzzelli Sg. Jeff Kleinsorgen Kathy Villaggio Robert Ehrenbeck
Police Negotiation Committee	Councilwoman Tarantino, Chair Councilman Martin Councilman Petruzzelli Christina M Ariemma
Administrative Review Committee A new committee of the Mayor to review administrative matters and procedures.	Mayor Lombardo Councilwoman Tarantino Councilwoman Todisco Christina M Ariemma Sandra Bruns

COUNCIL MEMBERS ADDRESS THE GOVERNING BODY AND GUESTS:

Councilwoman Todisco read: Before I read the little speech that I prepared for tonight, I want to be honest that I looked back at what I said at the reorganization meeting 3 years ago to make sure I didn't just repeat the same thing here tonight. Good thing I did, too, because I probably would have said a very similar speech. That was my first reaction anyway, but then I thought about it. It is actually nice to reflect and realize that I still feel how I did 3 years ago despite the fact that being a public figure is not so easy. To make a comparison to a line from one of my favorite movies, A League of Their Own, it is not simply about coming out of the dugout and waving your little hat and then going back inside the dugout. Not if you want to be a good councilperson anyway. It is time consuming, you constantly have to face the reality that you cannot please everyone, as much as I try to resist that idea, and most people will tell you that they do not envy your position. Fortunately for me, I absolutely love this job and still feel the same as I did when I wrote my first reorg speech 3 years ago. First and foremost, as I said 3 years ago and I will say tonight, I am truly honored to serve the residents of Garwood because as most people know or quickly learn about me, I am a very proud resident of Garwood. Whenever I get the chance, I love to tell people where I am from and talk about the issues we are facing as a borough today, as so many other towns in New Jersey are facing the same, and learn about what it is like in other towns. I may only be 26, but I love talking about Garwood's history and repeating the stories my grandfather, my uncle, and my mother have told me over the years about growing up in Garwood as if they are my own. I want to thank all those that supported me in my campaign and voted for me. I am grateful that you put your trust in me to be your representative. But just as I said 3 years ago, I will continue to work hard and keep an open mind and an open door for all the residents, those that voted for me and those that did not. Please call or email me. I appreciate hearing from you. The more we as elected officials hear, the better we will be able to do our jobs in representing you. To close, I want to welcome Mayor Lombardo back to the dais. I know it has been a few years, but I'm sure it's like riding a bike. I look forward to working with you, Mayor. I am also happy to be back up here with my two-time running mate and friend, Lou Petruzzelli. I look forward to working with the Council to work together to keep Garwood a strong, independent borough and help move it forward. Thank you.

Councilman Petruzzelli thanked his family, the Democratic Committee, Councilwoman Todisco and Mayor Lombardo. He is honored and humbled to serve his third term on council. He looks forward to another 3 years to getting things done.

Councilman Mathieu welcomed Councilwoman Todisco and Councilman Petruzzelli back and welcomed Mayor Lombardo. He said he is looking forward to working with Mayor Lombardo. He stated he loves being a councilman. He mentioned he sees firsthand how difficult it is to recruit candidates. He reminded council that a policeman is retiring and that the position should be filled soon.

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

NONE.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS:

Mayor Lombardo read the following statement:

Good evening. I would like to welcome honored guests, family, friends and neighbors to Garwood's 2015 Reorganization Meeting. I sit here before you, humbled, as the 30th mayor of Garwood. This is one of the greatest honors and privileges that have been bestowed upon me. As your mayor, I pledge to work hard every day and serve the interests of the people of Garwood, as my oath of office demands -- to the best of my ability.

To the voters of Garwood, thank you for putting your faith in my experience and knowledge and for giving me one of the greatest privileges and opportunities of my career, to serve as your Mayor. I want you all to know, that I will never take your support for granted. I understand that your trust and confidence is not guaranteed, but a precious commodity that must be earned every day.

I cannot sit here today without expressing my deepest gratitude to my running mates, Councilwoman Todisco and Councilman Petruzzelli. As in the past, and into the future, they will bring their unique styles of leadership, dignity, and honor to the Council. I am looking forward to working with all members of the council to meet the challenges and opportunities with unmatched enthusiasm - which will be fueled by my pledge to do my best to make Garwood an even better place to live and raise a family. I also look forward to the challenges that are before us, knowing that we will all emerge stronger, wiser and more united as a community. The question we must all ask is not what makes a great community, but WHO will help me make our community even greater. I am confident that with greater community involvement, Garwood will be a town that will set the standard in Union County.

Also, I would be remiss if I did not thank my wife and family for their complete support in this journey. I would not be here in this chair, if it were not for their encouragement and belief in me.

I want to personally acknowledge Mayor Pat Quattrocchi for her collective work which has formed a foundation for me. I would also like to thank all those who have served as candidates in the most recent election. Thank you for caring enough about the Borough, to put your names forward on the November ballot.

My sincere thanks also goes to the Borough Clerk and her staff for all the work they do overseeing the day to day workings of the Borough. Our great Police Department also deserves recognition for their efforts in keeping Garwood and its residents safe and secure. They are an invaluable resource, ready to help at any time. In addition, our Department of Public Works, who works so hard to keep our town clean, neat, and beautified must also be recognized and are deserving of our gratitude.

This speech would not be complete without expressing my tremendous gratitude to all of our volunteers, starting with the fire department, first aid squad and all the various boards and committees, as these are the people who make our Borough great. With their very busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer, but somehow they manage to find the time to give back to Garwood. The benefits of volunteering are invaluable to our community since it brings families together and creates a sense of pride in our community. As your new Mayor, I would encourage as much community participation as possible. No matter how trivial you might think it to be, every little bit helps.

My record clearly demonstrates that I am a committed public servant of our great town, having lived here for almost 40 years, and having previously served as councilman for 21 years, under both Republican and Democratic mayors, with bipartisan councils. I hold a bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Business, and a Masters Degree from Kean University in Public Administration. I am currently employed as Safety Coordinator for the County of Union, Department of Public Works, for the past 12 years.

I am confident that my experience, education, and commitment to community has given me the tools to face our town's current and future challenges. I have the insight that comes with serving on this community's many board and commissions, and have served as Chair or a member of all of the Borough's major committees.

To continue to encourage the residents to come out and meet the governing body informally, I will continue to hold the monthly Mayor's Saturday with a new twist. I will be asking one of the council members to join me each month on a published, rotating basis. I feel it is important for our residents not only to talk with me, but to meet the Chairmen of the various commissions and ask questions directly of the Councilpersons, rather than through a third party. As we have said during our election campaign, our phone numbers and emails will always be available to all of our residents. We encourage you, in fact, we expect you, to take advantage of this opportunity to speak with us about your concerns and comments. With today's technology, there is much happening in the social media world that cannot be verified and may be misinterpreted. We want you to get straight answers and accurate information directly from the Mayor and Council, without relying on hearsay or rumor. If you can't attend our council meetings, the next best thing is to call or email.

When Garwood separated itself from Cranford and Westfield in 1903, it was mostly blue collar and the industrial hub of Union County. Although Garwood has changed with the times, we must remember to honor its history while moving forward. I am committed to serve not only our multi-generational families, but also the newcomers who moved here because they were attracted to our small town charm and strong sense of community. It's all this wonderful diversity that makes Garwood "a small town with a big heart".

One facet that will bring families, neighbors, and friends together is our new Recreation and Sports Complex. This past December 14th was one of the many historical days in the 111 year history of Garwood. This day represented the opening of the Garwood Recreation and Sports Center, a dream that started approximately 12 years ago with Mayor Michael Crincoli. His

dream has evolved over the years, but it is now a great reality. I must recognize Mayor Dennis McCarthy for continuing this dream, and Mayor Pat for seeing it to completion. This new facility is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and have something of its own to be proud of, to be used by senior citizens, adults, teens and children, who will all enjoy the use of this complex.

Some highlights for 2015 will be:

"Garwood Rocks" will be held again this spring, on Saturday, June 7th, following a very successful turn out for last year's event.

This year, the bulk waste program will begin on Monday, June 15th and again on Monday October 19 and also in conjunction with the town wide yard to be held on Saturday, June 13th.

A new appointment will be created for a liaison to our Historical Committee. Who better than our own Councilwoman Todisco, a social studies/civics teacher, and fourth generation Garwoodian.

I will be encouraging residents to submit names of other Garwood residents who have done a commendable act or deed, whether in Garwood or outside the community, so that they can be recognized for their selfless act.

I plan to re-institute the Employee Recognition Night for those borough employees who have given many years of their time to the Borough.

Also as anew committee, I have created an Administrative Review Committee which will review and study current and future policies.

A sampling of the major issues that the Mayor and Council will be addressing in 2015 include:

1) parking 2) redevelopment and 3)tax impact. All areas will be reviewed on their individual merit and concerns.

Parking: currently the Parking Committee and the Garwood Police Department have diligently prepared a report that deals with some solutions and creative ideas and will be reviewed by the Council. I would support any reasonable solution to the parking issues including parking permits or any other viable suggestions.

Redevelopment: As your Mayor and a member of the Planning Board, I will support responsible redevelopment, the key word being "responsible". Redevelopment is a great tool to revitalize neighborhoods, and is a primary driver for attracting investments, bringing business to our community that would have been overlooked, and is a tool to keep local taxes under control.

Tax impact and services: The current priority of this administration will be the best services possible for the least possible tax impact. I will continue to support shared services that we currently enjoy with the Board of Education, Cranford, and Union County, and will look into more. We will pursue more purchasing power through County Cooperative Purchasing Groups with Morris, Somerset and Union County. We will also continue to use State Contracts for better purchasing power. As mayor, I cannot guarantee to make taxes lower - no Mayor can do that. What I will do is promise to be fiscally responsible, to ensure that that tax monies are spent wisely, that services are not forsaken, and that the residents of Garwood are safe and secure. I will not support cutting services or taking services out of the budget just to show a tax cut on paper. Taxes need to be under control without limiting or eliminating the services that Garwood residents deserve.

The job of being Garwood's Mayor is a part-time position but I know it requires a full-time commitment. I am ready for that. These economic times are difficult for everyone. Fiscal responsibility will be foremost in my mind as your mayor, and challenging times often require difficult decisions. I will not be afraid to make them. As your mayor, with your help, I will work to find solutions to our problems, not just identify them. Our borough will continue and enhance its transparent leadership and work for our residents. I would encourage you to call or email me, or my colleagues, with your concerns and questions. I will get answers for you. Armed with the education and experience that my running mates and I have built over the years, we are ready to meet any and all challenges. We are ready to get down to the business of making Garwood an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

As your Mayor I just took an oath to serve you to the best of my ability. I take that oath very seriously. I will work tirelessly for the betterment of our town. The residents of Garwood deserve no less.

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish you all the best for a very happy and healthy new year.

Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, in Council Chambers, at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

Happy New Year....

At 7:55 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Council President Nierstedt, seconded by Councilwoman Todisco. All Ayes.

CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood