

BOROUGH of GARWOOD
MINUTES of the
REORGANIZATION MEETING of the
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
for 2016
January 4, 2016

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council for 2016 was held on January 4, 2016, in Council Chambers and called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Lombardo. He 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 Westfield Leader, advertised on December 17, 2015, and December 24, 2015, 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).

This meeting is called pursuant to the State Statutes for the purpose of organizing the Governing Body for the year 2016, to make appointments and to transact any business pertinent thereto.

ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Lombardo-present

Councilman Martin-present

Councilman Mathieu-present

Councilman Petruzzelli-present

Councilwoman Todisco-present

Also present Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina Ariemma and Attorney Robert Renaud.

Mayor Lombardo thanked Congressman Leonard Lance, Senator Thomas Kean, Councilman Glenn W. Mortimer of Mountainside Borough and Councilman Ziad Andrew Shehady of The Township of Springfield for attending today's meeting. He further acknowledged that Former Mayor McCarthy is present along with Former Council Members Carol Kearny, Ann Tarantino and Bill Nierstedt.

Mayor Lombardo announced:

The first order of business is to administer the oath of office to:

Councilwoman Elect Ileen Cuccaro – for a three-year term

Councilman Elect Joseph Sarno – for a three-year term

Mayor Lombardo requested that Councilwoman Elect Cuccaro be escorted to the rostrum.

The Oath of Office was administered by Senator Thomas Kean. Councilwoman Cuccaro took her seat on the dais.

Mayor Lombardo requested that Councilman Elect Sarno be escorted to the rostrum.

The Oath of Office was administered by Senator Leonard Lance. Councilman Sarno took his seat on the dais.

Mayor Lombardo requested ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Cuccaro	present	Councilman Petruzzelli	present
Councilman Martin	present	Councilman Sarno	present
Councilman Mathieu	present	Councilwoman Todisco	present

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

Liz Mathieu made a presentation to Councilwoman Cuccaro and Councilman Sarno.

Mayor Lombardo presented former Councilwoman Carol Kearny and former Councilman William Nierstedt with resolutions acknowledging their time on council.

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

Councilman Sarno, seconded by Councilwoman Cuccaro nominated Councilman Mathieu for Council President.

Councilwoman Todisco, seconded by Councilman Martin nominated Councilman Petruzzelli.

Mayor Lombardo requested a Roll Call for Councilman Mathieu or Councilman Petruzzelli as Council President, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Martin-Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilman Mathieu-Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli-Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilman Sarno-Councilman Mathieu, Councilwoman Todisco-Councilman Petruzzelli. 3- Councilman Mathieu, 3- Councilman Petruzzelli. **TIE VOTE**
Mayor Lombardo voted on the tie for Councilman Petruzzelli.

Councilman Petruzzelli was elected Council President for 2016.

Mayor Lombardo made the following nominations for the year 2016.

		<u>ONE-YEAR TERM</u>
Borough Attorney:	Robert Renaud	1/1/16 - 12/31/16
Bonding Attorney:	Steven L. Rogut	1/1/16 - 12/31/16
Prosecutor Municipal Court:	Steven H. Merman	1/1/16 - 12/31/16
Public Defender Municipal Court:	Michael S. Simitz	1/1/16 - 12/31/16
Fire Chief:	Leonard Spina	1/1/16 - 12/31/16
Assistant Fire Chief:	Allan Tweedle	1/1/16 - 12/31/16
Superintendent of Fire Apparatus:	Leonard Spina	1/1/16 - 12/31/16
Fire Official:	Albert W. Toth	1/1/16 – 12/31/16

<u>MUNICIPAL ENGINEER</u>	<u>THREE YEAR TERM:</u>	<u>1/1/16 – 12/31/18</u>
Donald R. Guarriello		

<u>PLANNING BOARD CLASS III</u>	<u>ONE YEAR TERM:</u>	<u>1/1/16 – 12/31/16</u>
James Mathieu		

<u>FIRE POLICE</u>	<u>FIVE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>1/1/16 – 12/31/20</u>
Pat DiFabio	Rodney VanNatta	Art Schweitzer

Mayor Lombardo requested a motion to approve the nominations as listed. Motion to accept nominations with the exception of Borough Attorney and Municipal Prosecutor was made by Councilwoman Todisco, seconded by Council President Petruzzelli, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Abstain, Councilman Martin-Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Aye, Council President Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Aye and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. 1-Abstain, 5-Ayes. Appointments with the exception of Attorney and Prosecutor were unanimously approved.

At this time Mayor Lombardo swore in Leonard Spina as Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief Allan Tweedle.

The following are Mayors Appointments, no CONFIRMATION required:

<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>	<u>THREE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>1/1/16 - 12/31/18</u>
Joan VanNatta	Jane Tenore	Megan Trusdell

<u>LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u>	<u>FIVE YEAR TERM</u>	<u>1/1/16- 12/31/20</u>
John Nolan		

GARWOOD MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

Barbara Tweedle	Steve Kaelbltin	Sam Rocco
John McGuire	Mary Emmons	Chuck Tombs
Virginia Marienelli	Allan Tweedle	Ryan Palmer
Ralph Bernardo	Caitlin Tweedle	

CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Thomas Englese	Chris Taylor	Michelle Abbaticola	Anne Leonard
Kathleen Villaggio	Kim Brown	Michele Tortorici	Deborah Acosta
Carolyn Dunning	Susan Groning	Rozano Acosta	Michelle Stoffer

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL for 2016

Deputy Coordinator:	Captain Doug Stoffer
Police Chief:	Bruce D. Underhill
Fire Chief:	Len Spina
Superintendent DPW:	Clint Dickson
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 Kufra
 Law Bruce D. Underhill
 First Aid Jimmy Willix

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE		ONE YEAR TERM	1/1/16 - 12/31/16
Linda Koenig	Patricia Koenig	Anne Leonard	Pat DiFabio
Bruce Paterson	Paul Tarantino	Carol Lombardo	

RECREATION COMMISSION		FIVE YEAR TERM	1/1/16 – 12/31/2020
Ann Tarantino	Kristen Froden	Paul Nieves	
TWO YEAR TERM ALTERNATE I – David Legg			1/1/16 – 12/31/2017

PLANNING BOARD

TITLE	NAME	TERM
CLASS I – 1-YR	Charles Lombardo, Mayor	1/1/16 – 12/31/16
CLASS II – 1-YR	William Nierstedt	1/1/16 – 12/31/16
CLASS IV – 4-YR	Steve Greet	1/1/16 – 12/31/19
ALT. II – 2 -YR	Paul Nieves	1/1/16 – 12/31/17
ALT. IV- 2 -YR	John Malcolm	1/1/16 – 12/31/17

CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR

Kathleen J. Wierzbinski

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY DEV. REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE

Charles Lombardo William Nierstedt ALTERNATE: Ileen Cuccaro

UNION COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Clint Dickson

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA (Adoption upon Roll Call)

RESOLUTION NO. 16-100

BE IT RESOLVED by the 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 2016 shall be and they are hereby adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-101

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that they hereby approve the following meeting schedule for 2016.

Regular Meeting: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each Month – 7:15 p.m.
 Except November 2016 (3rd & 5th Tuesday 11/15 & 29/2016)
 Workshop Session: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each Month – 7:00 p.m.
 Except November 2016 (3rd & 5th Tuesday 11/15 & 29/2016)

RESOLUTION NO. 16-102

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Union County LocalSource, the Westfield Leader and the Star-Ledger be and the same are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Borough of Garwood for the year 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-107

BE IT RESOLVED by the 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. 16-108

BE IT RESOLVED by the 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. 16-109

BE IT RESOLVED by the 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. 16-110

WHEREAS, the 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 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. 16-111

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 Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on this 1st day of January 2016 that a fee of \$100.00 be instituted for the issuance of a duplicate tax sale certificate

RESOLUTION NO. 16-112

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1 empowers authorized municipal employees to the processing and cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood further finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Borough of Garwood for the Municipal Tax Collector to be authorized to process the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD:

That the Municipal Tax Collector of the Borough of Garwood is hereby authorized to process the cancellation of tax refunds or delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) during the calendar year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-113

BE IT RESOLVED by the 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 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the 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. 16-115

WHEREAS, the 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 Council of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law on November 9, 2015, and received proposals on December 1, 2015, 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 2016 Legal Fees in accordance with the 2016 Municipal Budget in accordance with the proposal dated November 12, 2015; 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. 16-116

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Donald R. Guarriello, Professional Engineer, with an office located at 131 North Michigan Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ 07033, be and is hereby appointed the Engineer for the Borough of Garwood for a three year term, January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-117

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, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-118

WHEREAS, the 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 Council of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law on November 9, 2015, and received proposals on December 1, 2015, 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 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

That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2016 Engineering Fees in accordance with the 2016 Municipal Budget and 2016 Capital Budget and other related appropriations, in accordance with the proposal dated November 20, 2015; 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. 16-119

WHEREAS, the 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:

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.

That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as professional services pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; 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. 16-120

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Councilman James Mathieu as Planning Board Liaison, Class III, for January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-121

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Jeffrey Atkinson as DPW Foreman in accordance with Teamsters Local 117 contract effective 01/01/2016, currently under negotiations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foreman be compensated \$3.00 per hour for said position in addition to compensation provided to laborers or as provided.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-122

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoints Sandra Bruns, Treasurer for the Borough of Garwood, effective January 1, 2016, for a term of one year.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-124

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, appoint Sandra D. Bruns as Tax Search Officer for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-126

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Professional Services to provide Municipal Court Public Defender and other related services to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law on November 9, 2015, and received proposals on December 1, 2015, 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 Michael S. Simitz, Esq., 500 N. Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036, for the provision of professional services as Municipal Public Defender for the Borough of Garwood; and

That said Contractor shall receive fees as follows:

\$225.00 for Court per session/appearance and there are no further costs, fees or charges in accordance with the proposal dated November 30, 2015; 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. 16-127

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Christina Ariemma as Assessment Search Officer for a term effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-128

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. 16-129

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Kathleen J. Wierzbinski, Clean Communities Coordinator for the Borough effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-130

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 Fire Chief of the Garwood Fire Department in the Borough of Garwood for the year 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-131

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

Allan Tweedle
329 Willow Avenue
Garwood, NJ 07027

As Assistant Fire Chief of the Garwood Fire Department in the Borough of Garwood for the year 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-132

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 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-133

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 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-134

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 2016.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 16-135

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 2016.

Fred Davey	Diane Petraccora
Frederick Meier	Karen Wyckoff

RESOLUTION NO. 16-136

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Jean McComb, Diane Petraccora, Cassandra Crooks and Susana Dos Santos as a Special Police Officer, Matrons - Class "C", for the year 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-139

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 list of temporary appropriations be made for the year 2016.

A motion to adopt Consent Agenda as amended was made by Council President Petruzzelli, seconded by Councilwoman Todisco, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Aye, Councilman Martin-Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Aye, Council President Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Aye and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. All Ayes Consent Agenda adopted.

RESOLUTIONS – DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA (Adoption upon Roll Call)

RESOLUTION NO. 16-103

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

Investors Savings Bank, Cranford 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.

A motion to adopt Resolution 16-103 was made by Councilman Sarno, seconded by Councilwoman Todisco, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Aye, Councilman Martin-Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Abstain, Council President Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Aye and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. 1-Abstain, 5-Ayes Resolution 16-103 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-104

BE IT RESOLVED by the 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.

A motion to adopt Resolution 16-104 was made by Council President Petruzzelli, seconded by Councilman Sarno, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Abstain, Councilman Martin-Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Abstain, Council President Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Aye and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. 2-Abstain, 4-Ayes Resolution 16-104 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-105

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that: Investors Savings Bank, Cranford 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.

A motion to adopt Resolution 16-105 was made by Councilwoman Todisco, seconded by Council President Petruzzelli, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Aye, Councilman Martin-Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Abstain, Council President Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Aye and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. 1-Abstain, 5-Ayes Resolution 16-105 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-106

BE IT RESOLVED by the 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.

A motion to adopt Resolution 16-106 was made by Council President Petruzzelli, seconded by Councilman Sarno, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Aye, Councilman Martin-Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Abstain, Council President Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Aye and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. 1-Abstain, 5-Ayes Resolution 16-106 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-114

BE IT RESOLVED by the 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 2016.

A motion to adopt Resolution 16-114 was made by Council President Petruzzelli, seconded by Councilwoman Todisco, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Abstain, Councilman Martin-Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Nay, Council President Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Nay and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. 1-Abstain, 2-Nays, 3-Ayes Resolution 16-114 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-123

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

NAME: Sandra D. Bruns
154 Hillcrest Avenue
Cranford, NJ 07016
AS: Tax Collector
4 Year Term
Effective: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019
Salary for 2016 \$17,000

A motion to amend Resolution 16-114 to adjust the salary from \$18,000 to \$17,000 was made by Councilwoman Todisco and Seconded by Councilman Martin, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-No, Councilman Martin-Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Aye, Council President Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Aye and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. 1-Nay, 5-Ayes Resolution 16-114 was amended.

A motion to adopt Resolution 16-114 as amended was made by Councilwoman Todisco and Seconded by Councilman Martin, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Aye, Councilman Martin-Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Nay, Council President Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Nay and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. 2-Nay, 4-Ayes Resolution 16-114 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-125

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Professional Services to provide Municipal Court Prosecutor and other related services to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law on November 9, 2015, and received proposals on December 1, 2015, 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 Steven H. Merman, Esq., Attorney at Law, 19 Doering Way, Cranford, NJ 07016, for the provision of professional services as Municipal Prosecutor for the Borough of Garwood; and

That said Contractor shall receive fees as follows:

Fixed compensation for the position of municipal prosecutor, based upon a per Court session compensation of \$400.00 for two (2) court sessions per month or \$9,600.00 annually, in accordance with the proposal dated November 25, 2015; 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.

A motion to adopt Resolution 16-125 was made by Council President Petruzzelli, seconded by Councilwoman Todisco, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Nay, Councilman Martin–Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Nay, Council President Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Nay and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. 3-Nays, 3-Ayes.

Mayor Lombardo voted to break the tie. Mayor Lombardo-Aye. Resolution 16-125 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-137

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

Matthew Moore
 114 Anchor Place
 Garwood, NJ 07027

As a Full Time Laborer in the Department of Public Works, effective January 5, 2016, probationary salary subject to the terms and conditions of the contract effective 1/1/2016 currently under negotiation, and to include the salary guide of that contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he will be on probation for a period of one year.

Councilwoman Todisco explained that the hire is bringing the department back to 7 full time employees.

A motion to adopt Resolution 16-137 was made by Councilwoman Todisco, seconded by Council President Petruzzelli, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Aye, Councilman Martin–Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Aye, Council President Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Aye and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. All-Ayes Resolution 16-137 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-138

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

Jonathan J. Pridy
 251 Randolph Avenue
 East Rutherford, NJ 07073

As a Step 3 Probationary Patrolman in the Garwood Police Department, effective January 11, 2016, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract effective 1/1/2015, at an annual salary of \$53,000, and to include the salary guide of that contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he will be on probation for a period of one year.

Councilman Sarno mentioned that hiring Mr. Pridy replaces an officer that resigned in December.

A motion to adopt Resolution 16-138 was made by Councilman Sarno, seconded by Councilwoman Todisco, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Aye, Councilman Martin–Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Aye, Council President Petruzzelli-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Aye and Councilwoman Todisco-Aye. All-Ayes Resolution 16-138 was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	2016
Police, Public Health & Safety	Councilman Sarno Chair Councilman Petruzzelli Councilman Martin
COMMITTEE	
Board of Health Liaison	Councilwoman Cuccaro
COMMITTEE	
Streets, Roads and Ecology	Councilman Petruzzelli, Chair Councilwoman Todisco Councilman Sarno
COMMITTEE	
Fire	Councilwoman Cuccaro, Chair Councilman Mathieu Councilman Petruzzelli
COMMITTEE	
Finance	Councilwoman Todisco, Chair Councilman Petruzzelli Councilman Sarno
COMMITTEE	
Buildings and Grounds	Councilman Mathieu, Chair Councilman Martin Councilwoman Cuccaro
COMMITTEE	
Laws and License	Councilman Martin, Chair Councilman Sarno Councilwoman Todisco
<u>OTHER or SPECIAL Committees of the Mayor</u>	
Recreation	Councilman Martin
Committee on Aging	Councilwoman Cuccaro
Library, Mayor’s Representative	Councilman Petruzzelli

School Board Liaison	Councilman Sarno
Celebrations of Public Events & Holidays Liaison	Councilwoman Todisco
UC Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board Representative	Councilman Mathieu
UC Transportation of Advisory Representative	Robert Ehrenbeck
Transit Village Study	Kathleen Villaggio
Business and Industry/Chamber of Commerce	Carol Kearney
Administrative Review Committee	Mayor Lombardo Councilman Martin Councilwoman Todisco Christina M Ariemma Sandra Bruns

COUNCIL MEMBERS ADDRESS THE GOVERNING BODY AND GUESTS:

Councilwoman Todisco welcomed new council members and thanked everyone. She said she looks forward to working together.

Councilwoman Cuccaro read the following statement:

I would like to once again thank the residents and taxpayers who came out in full force to support us. I cannot say it enough; we could not have accomplished this victory without you!

I plan to be a taxpayer advocate and representative of the forgotten citizens of Garwood. I would like to personally thank Mayor Lombardo for thinking so highly of me in appointing me to committees that he feels I can best be utilized in having their voices heard. I will certainly use my enthusiasm, passion and life experience in my service on each committee I am assigned, so as not to dismiss the voice and trust the taxpayers placed with all of us. It has not been fully heard in the past, but it certainly will be heard now that I have been sworn in.

As much as some would have you believe that we are elected to make the decisions for you, I believe that we are elected to consult with you and to do your bidding.

I am excited and optimistic as we begin 2016, knowing we are all in this together. I look forward to working with my fellow council people to carry out the wishes of the people as our number one priority.

I will make you one promise for my New Year's resolution:

I will vote each and every time as if I were you. It is not about what the people up here think is best for you, but what the taxpayers of Garwood know is best for them.

Garwood is nothing more than a reflection of the people who live here.

I will stand beside you united and committed to be your voice, one voice for the residents of our town

You voted for me, now I shall vote for you.

Councilman Sarno read the following statement:

First and foremost, thank you to the residents of Garwood, for it is such an honor to have been elected by you!

I'd like to send a special thank you Congressman Lance, Senator Kean, and Assemblyman Bramnick, for being here tonight.

Thank you to Councilman Jim Mathieu for all your support and thank you to Sal Piarulli as your campaign last year paved the way for us this past year.

Ileen, what can I say? We learned so much together and now we're here representing this great borough. It's an honor to be here with you on the dais and I look forward to serving Garwood each and every day with you.

For me, this has been a truly humbling experience and from the beginning I learned that this position is not about me but it is about the people I represent. During the debate in October, I was asked what would be my first action be in cutting the budget upon being elected to office. My response was taking my salary down to a dollar as any budget cut should first start with me and before we cut vital personnel, like our DPW Director last year, we should all look in the mirror. My salary will be a dollar for every year that I am here, and I urge the rest of council and the mayor to join me in forgoing their salaries. Together, we can save the borough almost \$11,000 in this year alone and over \$32,000 over three years. In a small town like ours, these small changes to our budget do add up and this is one change that I believe we all can get behind.

Furthermore, transparency in government was a major part of our campaign. We found too many citizens who aren't as informed as they would like to be, and I want to be the reason why this changes for the better. By increasing transparency in Garwood, we will be holding ourselves to an even higher standard and will be held more accountable than ever. How we increase transparency in Garwood is by informing them well in advance of what issues will be decided and voted upon. One channel this can be achieved is through social media. I'm in favor of bringing back a Borough Facebook page. However, only after a public and thorough investigation shows who was responsible for sending invitations to a political party fundraiser from the borough Facebook page, and then instituting a policy that regulates the use of it going forward.

As many of you know, we will have decisions and discussions that will determine the future generations of this borough. Redevelopment is at the center of it all, and the only ways in my mind to properly vet the process is by going above and beyond our normal means of communication to ensure all citizens are aware of the proceedings and have their say prior to voting upon any issue or plan. The last thing we want to do as a council is move forward with a vote without properly informing residents of a crucial decision, let alone voting against the will of the people.

In closing, I would like to thank the many volunteers, police officers, fire fighters, and borough employees who make this borough a great place to live, work, and play. And lastly I would like to thank my family and girlfriend Melissa for their never-ending support, as I could not do this without you.

Councilman Mathieu thanked the Legislators for attending, thanked the new council members, and spoke of their energy and skill.

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Congressman Leonard Lance thanked everyone for the honor to represent Garwood. He welcomed new council members as well as the old and the public. He talked about the security of our nation.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS:

Mayor Lombardo read the following statement:

Good evening everyone, and welcome to a new year! My first year as Mayor has gone by very quickly, and I look forward to the next. I would not have gotten through it with any success if it were not for our professionals who were of a great assistance to me.

The administrative staff - Ms. Ariemma, our business administrator, and her staff, is the hub of the wheel called Garwood, conducting the affairs of government, structuring meetings, special programs and management of our government on a daily basis.

Police - Chief Underhill and his officers maintain the public peace and order, at a high level of professionalism, enforce our laws and ensure the prevention and detection of crime in our borough. Many times they are our first responders, and we rely on their assistance.

Fire - Chief Tharaldsen and his firefighters provide emergency fire fighting and rescue services for our town at a very high level of performance, not only here but in mutual aid to surrounding communities.

DPW - Clint Dickson, our DPW superintendent and his department of dedicated workers provide multi-task operations such as garbage pick-up, street cleaning, line striping, tree pruning, leaf pick-up, snow removal and sewer work at a high level of efficiency.

First Aid - Captain Jim Willix and his staff provide the emergency medical services to our residents and business when in need, offering support and transportation to local hospitals.

Last but not least - all of our volunteers who serve on the borough's committees and organizations. They are the true backbone of our community life. Their untiring dedication and commitment deserves our thanks. These are the people who work behind the scenes, getting our programs and celebrations accomplished, while making it all look so easy.

Garwood has always had a wonderful compliment of volunteers, but there's always room for more. If anyone would like to volunteer for a committee, please reach out to me or any council member and we'll welcome your assistance.

To start 2015, on a personal note, I performed four weddings, adding to the revenue of the borough budget. On April 21st, I spoke on behalf of the Garwood 7th grade "Highway to health team" at the 6th annual Westfield Y Health Bee co-sponsored by United HealthCare. On June 25th, the mayor and council members participated in the Village of Garwood ribbon cutting, a senior facility that covers the needs of the growing elderly population in America.

The Mayor and council participated in four other ribbon cutting ceremonies for new business ventures in Garwood, who also joined the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. There has been a major membership drive in Garwood on the part of the Chamber and there are currently 40 businesses registered with the Chamber, which also includes four surrounding communities.

The second annual "Garwood Rocks", sponsored by the chamber and other local businesses was a great success, bringing Garwood's residents together, along with our neighboring towns, for a day of fun, food, and friendship.

We also welcomed the Union County Child Safety Seat Inspection program, held at our local Garwood First Aid Squad building.

While the County of Union has been the subject of criticism at many of our Council meetings in 2015, the County assisted the Borough by providing 30K worth digitized tax maps. Garwood also received 30K from the County in an Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant. From Union County we received a \$2,500 grant for the purpose of "Greening Union County", purchasing shade trees. On a side note, we also received \$5,000 from the Village of Garwood construction firm that accidentally took down a large evergreen tree on the corner of the property. This money will be used to supplement our borough tree planting program.

Garwood also received from the State a \$8,900.00 grant for the Clean Communities Program and approximately 200K from the Department of Transportation's Municipal Aid Program for roadways.

At the last council meeting the council authorized the balance of payment to cover all change orders and the final payment for the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex. The bond ordinance initially issued for this project did not have to be increased because the entire project came in under budget by about \$98,000.

The Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex has received two awards: one as the recipient of the 2015 New Jersey Planning Officials Achievement in Planning award. The athletic field house was a recipient of the 2015 Design Competition Merit Award, given by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

A new Office of Emergency Management Director was hired and he has developed an updated Garwood Emergency Management plan that has been accepted by the New Jersey State Police.

The 2015 Council had an active year passing a combination of 253 ordinances and resolutions including residential parking permits and a leased parking space service agreement, various improvement bonds, the creation of a junior firefighter program and a community block grant from the County for 18.5 K. Also, in addition, they authorized 2014 LOSAP for the firemen and first aid squad, the complete rules and regulations for the Sports Complex, a new police contract, an inter-local service janitorial agreement with the Garwood Board of Ed, and obtained law enforcement emergency equipment to support the Garwood Police from the Government Surplus Program, purchased new dispatch and communication system, replacing an original system that was in place since the 1980s.

The Council also authorized the planning board to undertake preliminary investigation of areas on North and South Avenues in order to declare them as areas in need of redevelopment and to commence redevelopment plans.

As we bid farewell to our colleagues, Bill Nierstedt and Carol Kearney, I wish them well in their future endeavors, which I am sure, will include many activities in Garwood. I would like to congratulate and welcome new council members Joe Sarno and Ileen Cuccaro to the council. During 2016, I will continue to invite council members, on a monthly basis, to join me for Mayor's Saturday, to meet with any residents who wish to stop by to express their concerns and comments. We meet the third Saturday of each month at 11:00 AM, here in the council chambers.

In 2016, one major change will be in the area of recycling. Our new pick up schedules have been mailed to all residents, but just as a reminder, I will tell you that recycling will now be picked up on Wednesdays, alternating every other week on the North side and South side. Recycling will start on Wednesday, January 6th on the North side of town, followed by Wednesday, January 13th on the South side.

Bulk pick up is scheduled for the weeks of June 27th and October 17th. Please contact borough hall for further details as the date gets closer.

As a member of the planning board, I will continue to monitor and review the process of the redevelopment of North and South Avenues. I promise to make information available and give ample opportunity for the residents to voice their opinions and suggestions. Transparency is still of utmost concern.

I will continue to keep open communication with NJ Transit about increasing ridership and securing more stops in Garwood. The first visible presence of this communication is the new, larger shelter recently installed on the New York bound side of the Garwood Train Station.

Our annual "Garwood Rocks" event will once again explode in the center of town on Sunday, June 5th, from 10 Am to 5 PM.

I will continue to monitor and support our shared services agreement with Fanwood to keep the best interests of Garwood at the forefront of any discussions.

I give my support to a recent article entitled "NJ Mayors can lead the change in the fight to renew the transportation trust fund". We must think how a bankrupt transportation fund will affect everyone. No one likes tax toll, or fare increases. However, without paying into a transportation trust fund, the renewal of grant monies to municipalities will disappear. As roadways deteriorate, motorists face increasingly expensive out-of-pocket costs for vehicle repairs. This is not a republican or democratic issue - or urban vs. rural issue. This is a State issue affecting all of New Jersey.

In conclusion, I want to confirm that my primary goal is still to protect the interests and quality of life of our residents and preserve the heritage and flavor of our town. I remind all council members that it is the obligation of the council to work together for the betterment of Garwood, according to the by-laws of the council. Each council person is required to chair at least one major committee and be a member on the various other committees, working with each other within a committee structure, sharing ideas and goals, with open communication and professionalism. This is imperative for the future of our great borough.

I will continue to embrace positive change when necessary while working within the guidelines of the unavoidable State Mandates.

As I have over the past year, I will continue to make the hard decisions needed to make progress in the Borough, and will welcome input from any concerned residents. My phone number and email address have not changed and I welcome your comments and concerns. I also remind residents that any of the council members can be contacted with regard to issues, suggestions and comments. You have heard the list of committees, their chairs and members. I will make sure that a printed list will be available shortly. Call them if you have a concern about something going on in town. Our council members need to know how you feel and if there is a potential problem. We were elected by you and we are here to work for you.

I will continue to clearly demonstrate my commitment and dedication to Garwood as I have in the past. During the last year, I have visited the homes of some residents to discuss their concerns and have spent countless hours on the phone and emails, answering their questions, or passing them on to the people who have the answers. I plan to do the same again this year. On behalf of myself and my family, I wish everyone a very healthy and prosperous new year. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, in Council Chambers, at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:02 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Todisco, seconded by Councilman Sarno. All Ayes.