

**Borough of Garwood**  
**Meeting of the Mayor and Council**  
January 12, 2016

Start Time: 7:52

Moment of Silence, followed by a Salute to the Flag.

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader, advertised on December 31, 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).

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Mayor Lombardo</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Councilwoman Cuccaro</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Councilman Sarno</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Councilman Martin</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Councilwoman Todisco</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Councilman Mathieu</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Council President Petruzzelli</b>	<b>P</b>

Also present: Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma, and Borough Attorney Robert F. Renaud.

**MINUTES:**

Regular, Workshop and Executive Session Minutes of the Mayor and Council held on December 22, 2015

A motion to accept Regular and Executive Minutes was made by Councilwoman Todisco, seconded by Councilman Mathieu, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Abstain, Councilman Martin-Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Abstain, Councilwoman Todisco-Aye and Council President Petruzzelli-Aye. 2-Abstain, 4-Ayes

Re-organization Minutes of the Mayor and Council held on January 4, 2016

A motion to accept Re-organization Meeting Minutes was made by Councilwoman Todisco, seconded by Councilman Sarno, whereupon Mayor Lombardo directed Roll Call, Councilwoman Cuccaro-Aye, Councilman Martin-Aye, Councilman Mathieu-Aye, Councilman Sarno-Aye, Councilwoman Todisco-Aye and Council President Petruzzelli-Aye. All-Ayes

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) **NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –**
  - a. Mayor's Advisory –
    - i. 12/21/15, RE: Weekly Update
    - ii. 12/30/15, RE: Weekly Update
    - iii. 12/30/15, RE: NJLM Weekly Policy Update - December 23, 2015
    - iv. 12/30/15, RE: Daily Update
- 2) **COUNTY OF UNION BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS –** 01/06/16, RE: Ordinance 768-2015.
- 3) **RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY –** 12/23/15, RE: Minutes of the meeting held on November 12, 2015
- 4) **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES –** 12/23/15, RE: Minutes of the meeting held on November 4, 2015.
- 5) **RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY –** 01/07/15, RE: RVSA Meeting Notice

All received and filed.

**ORDINANCES:**

NONE

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:**

**POLICE: Councilman Sarno, Chr.**

Officer Jonathan Pridy (**pronounced Pr-eye-dy**) was sworn in Monday January 11, 2016 as Garwood newest Police Officer. He fills the vacancy left by Officer Horan. He has begun his required agency training and when finished will begin a "coach" program alongside a Garwood Field Training Officer. Officer Pridy comes to Garwood from the Hudson County Sheriff's Dept as A veteran officer with eight (8) years experience. Officer Pridy is single and currently resides in East Rutherford. Chief Underhill welcomes Officer Pridy to Garwood and to the Department as part of the team and wishes him a long and safe career in Garwood!

**PUBLIC HEALTH: Councilwoman Cuccaro no report**

**STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Councilman Petruzzelli, Chr.**

The Department of Public Works completed the following from December 23<sup>rd</sup> January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Perform residential household waste pickup twice weekly on the North and South side(s) of the Borough on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Dispose of all materials at the Covanta Incinerator in Rahway. Fuel all vehicles and equipment at the Union County Public Works complex in Scotch Plains as needed throughout the week. Provide residential white good/appliance pickup at various times weekly throughout the Borough. Setup and take down the tables/chairs for the seniors events at the firehouse on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursday of the month.

**FIRE: Councilwoman Cuccaro, Chr.**

Read the incident report. She recommended amending fees for Fire Prevention. Mr. Renaud was directed to prepare the ordinance to amend fees. Councilwoman Todisco asked about the fees being amended. Councilwoman Cuccaro explained.

**FINANCE: Councilwoman Todisco, Chr. no report**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Mathieu, Chr. no report**

**LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilman Martin, Chr.**

Tonight there are two applications for a Raffle Licenses.

The Laws & License Committee recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 16-140, for the application of one **On-Premise 50/50 raffle license** and one **On-Premise merchandise raffle license** to be drawn on March 23, 2016, at The Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood, NJ, by UNION HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A.

**RECREATION: Councilman Martin Chr. no report**

**COMMITTEE ON AGING: Councilwoman Cuccaro**

1/ 1/7/2016 Joined the senior club and attended their first meeting, it was a lot of fun

2/ they had a few concerns, they wanted ceramics and crafts back on their schedule, it was cancelled due to insurance reasons. I spoke to Paulette and Tina on how to resolve the issue, Tina suggested Scott Kessler may be able to help as he had a ceramics class that was cancelled due to low sign ups. Paulette e-mailed for the name of the person he had and she contacted her and we are still waiting to hear back.

3/ They wanted to have their meeting dates on the letter Paulette sends out and I spoke to Tina and she said it cannot be done as the monies are a grant and then all the other clubs in town would want reciprocal treatment. I understand this concern, so was wondering if their club meetings can be put on the town newsletter????

4/ The club is looking to expand their membership, so anyone that wants to join, it is a great price at only 5\$ per year and there are a lot of activities that are included. I would say there were approx 50 people at the last meeting.

5/ A speaker from the NJ lottery came and made a presentation telling everyone where all that trillions of dollars of lottery money goes, I of course do not believe it for a second 6/ I would like to propose a resolution to modify the name of the "committee on aging" to something a little more appropriate. The general consensus was they do not like it and neither do I. At the next meeting, I will find out what they would find more to their liking.

7/ I did win a new monopoly game in a 5/50 which was fun.

**LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Petruzzelli**

The Garwood Library is pleased to announce the addition of Mr. John Nolan as the newest member of the Garwood Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Nolan was appointed by the Mayor to a five year term as a Trustee.

The New Year begins with three new programs. The first is "**Color Me Calm**". It's an hour of adult coloring to bring out your inner child at 11:30am on Mondays. The next two new programs promote family togetherness and fine motor skills. The "**Parent/Child Knitting Club**" begins on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. The instructor for this program is donating her time and all the supplies as well. Fridays at 3pm in January are "**Puzzle Fridays**". It is a new afterschool program. Kids and parents help each other put together one of the many puzzles we have collected over the years.

Tonight is the very popular (always a waiting list) **Adult Craft Night**. They will be making felt flowers on canvas.

On January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm we will be serving popcorn and showing the movie **Minions** to pajama clad children.

Library would like to remind residents of our many other ongoing programs including: **Adult Knitting Club, Toddler Story Time, Kid's Crafts, Friday Morning Movies, and Lego Club**. All these programs are free. Please visit Garwood Library's Facebook page, or our informative website located at [youseemore.com/Garwood](http://youseemore.com/Garwood). The websites interactive calendar page will provide all

the dates and times of these ongoing programs. The Garwood Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Fridays from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON:** Councilman Sarno

Reported on School Board matters

**CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON:**

Councilwoman Todisco no report

**UNION COUNTY AIR TRAFFIC NOISE ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:**

Councilman Mathieu no report

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Councilwoman Todisco no report

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:** Councilwoman Todisco

Thank you, Mayor. I attended the last meeting of the Historical Committee on January 5<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is continuing to plan a rededication of the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex. Although the Committee originally thought this event may take place on the Anniversary of the Borough in March, it appears more realistic to take place about halfway through this year and preliminary communication has begun with the Garwood Baseball League about possibly joining the League's End of the Season Picnic in June. This gives the Historical Committee more time to contact the families and other individuals involved in the history of the complex in order to ensure this rededication is well advertised and well attended. That's all for my report, Mayor.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Len Di Stefano, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer monthly report for December 2015

A motion to accept Officer's reports was made by Council President Petruzzelli, seconded by Councilman Sarno

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

Paul Nieves 263 Fourth Avenue commended Council President on his report on the DPW.

Rich McCormick 101 Fourth Avenue commented about the DPW report. He commented on the restricted parking and when it will be enforced. Captain Stoffer responded. He asked why his grandson has to go to Clark for baseball. He said he heard that the field is not the right size to play ball. Council President Petruzzelli explained that there is not anything wrong with the field and it's the right size.

Rick King, 412 Hazel Avenue said he is VP of the baseball league. He explained why Garwood plays ball with Clark. He said field is compliant to host a world series and was always compliant.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(Adoption upon Roll Call)

"Consent agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion; any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of funds; any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda; all Consent Agenda items will be reflected in the full minutes."

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-140**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the license to conduct an On Premise 50/50 raffle and an On Premise Merchandise raffle on March 23,, 2016, to be held at the Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood, NJ at 6:00 p.m., is hereby granted to Union High School PTA, pursuant to Application Number RA #1062 and RA #1063.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-141**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Garwood Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Garwood Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Union;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Garwood Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Garwood Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 in the amount of:  
DEDR \$ 14,202  
Cash Match \$ 3,550  
In-Kind \$ 10,652
2. Garwood Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Motion Councilwoman Todisco, Second: Council President Petruzzelli to adopt Consent Agenda as amended.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilwoman Cuccaro</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b>Councilman Sarno</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>
<b>Councilman Martin</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b>Councilwoman Todisco</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>
<b>Councilman Mathieu</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b>Council President Petruzzelli</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>

Consent agenda as amended was adopted.

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-142**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #2006-33-005-007, heretofore issued to Joseph M. Polyak to Quick Copper Holdings Limited Liability; and

**WHEREAS**, the application is for a Person-to-Person transfer for an inactive "pocket" license, that has been inactive since June 6, 2011 and will remain inactive until an application for a Place-to-Place transfer is presented and approved; and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is completed in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, the regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business, and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood that the Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #2006-33-005-007, heretofore issued to Joseph M. Polyak to Quick Copper Holdings Limited Liability be and the same is hereby approved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "The license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Quick Copper Holdings Limited Liability, no trade name and no location, the license is inactive."

Motion; Council President Petruzzelli, Second; Councilwoman Todisco to adopt Resolution No. 16-142

Discussion: Roll Call:

<b>Councilwoman Cuccaro</b>	<b><u>Abstain</u></b>	<b>Councilman Sarno</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>
<b>Councilman Martin</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b>Councilwoman Todisco</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>
<b>Councilman Mathieu</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b>Council President Petruzzelli</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>

Resolution No. 16-142 was adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

APPOINTMENT:

Recreation Commission: David Legg – unexpired 5 year term – 12/31/2017

Transportation Advisory Board: Walter Tucker

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following claims as approved be and the same are hereby ordered paid when properly signed and verified; and the payment of payrolls as listed is hereby confirmed and ratified.

Dog Tax Acct: \$434.00      Trust Acct: \$538.56      Current Acct: \$872,489.23

Motion; Councilman Sarno, Second; Councilwoman Todisco, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilwoman Cuccaro</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b>Councilman Sarno</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>
<b>Councilman Martin</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b>Councilwoman Todisco</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>
<b>Councilman Mathieu</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b>Council President Petruzzelli</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

Motion; Council President Petruzzelli, Second; Councilwoman Todisco, to adjourn  
Time: 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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**CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk**  
Borough of Garwood

