

**Borough of Garwood  
Meeting of the Mayor and Council**

**WORKSHOP**

February 9, 2016

Start Time:       7:00 p.m.

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

**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, Borough Attorney Robert F. Renaud and Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello.

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello reported that the 2014 project is complete except the tree planting which will be done in the Spring. The 2015 project is being for compliance at DOT and will be out for bid soon. Sidewalk program will be bid next soon. Mr. Guarriello mentioned he attended a meeting today with NJ American Water Company concerning the project for Willow Avenue and Center Street. He mentioned the moratorium in certain areas.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud reported the Fire Prevention Fee Code Ordinance is scheduled for introduction this evening.

Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma – no report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Lombardo read the following statement:

The next Mayor's Saturday will be on Saturday, February 20th at 11:00 AM in the Council Chambers. I have invited Councilman Mathieu to join me to meet residents who stop by. We encourage all to come by for a chat or express your concerns.

I attended the Union County Master Plan Steering Committee meeting. They are encouraging all residents to complete their survey at the Union County website (ucnj.org); Transportation Master Plan.

Their draft vision statement: Union County has a safe, reliable, multi-modal transportation system that enhances economic activity and quality of life for all its communities

Key themes:

Move: to provide more transportation choices, improve accessibility, safety, and resiliency while reducing traffic congestion.

Contact: to engage, coordinate, and partner with municipalities and regional state and federal stakeholders.

Growth: to provide needed improvements and expansion to our transportation system to serve a growing population to support our towns and employment centers, and to attract and retain regional business enterprises.

There will be another steering committee meeting and an outreach committee meeting in the next few months. Their final plan is expected to be completed by June 2016.

Finally, at the request of Councilwoman Cuccaro and many members of the Garwood Senior Citizens Club, I am renaming the Committee on Aging to now be the Garwood Seniors Committee.

**Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:**

**Councilwoman Cuccaro – Read the following Statement**

1/ I want to first apologize to the Garwood Fire Department for getting brain freeze at our last council meeting, after all the much deserved accolades I forgot one sentence of my report which was to thank them for the overnight shift they all did from 6AM Saturday through Sunday morning to be on high alert during our most recent blizzard.

2/ On Sunday, February 28th, 2016, from 4:30pm until 8:00pm, the Summit Animal Rescue Association will hold it's annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. The event will take place at The Columbian Club, 37 South Avenue, Garwood, (across the street from the former Pathmark supermarket.) Parking is behind The Columbian Club building on Willow Avenue. The cost per ticket is \$10.00. Seating is limited. Last year, people were unfortunately turned away at the door as the Columbian Club hall was at full capacity. Therefore, advance ticket purchases are highly recommended. Tickets can be purchased from (2) local residents. Julia Melton, (908) 578-4354 or Cheryl Niedermaier, (732) 267-2748.

Please ask Charles if we can leave tickets at boro hall. If so, please announce that as well. I will drop off some tickets for you if anyone wants to purchase tonight after the council meeting. Will drop them off between 11:30am and 12 noon. Will just put them in your mailbox. What a day this is going to be! Thanks!

3/ I am still very much interested in speed bumps in Garwood, starting on 4<sup>th</sup> ave by Westfield Border and in front of the school. I think this would be the perfect spot to start this program as the public welfare and safety of Garwood residents should be our number one priority. I do not feel that there should be any deterrent from getting this done.

Councilman Martin – no report

Councilman Mathieu – mentioned he supports the speed bump matter and it was referred to the Police Department. Chief of Police Bruce Underhill said grants for this have been applied for. He said he didn't necessarily support speed bumps and explained why.

Councilman Sarno – no report

Councilwoman Todisco – commented on the RVSA presentation at the last meeting. She mentioned RVSA is preparing a presentation for residents. She mentioned 2016 Union County Infrastructure Grant. Brief discussion followed. All agrees to prepare grant application for Center Street milling and paving.

Council President Petruzzelli – no report

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue mentioned records management and the need for funding for this purpose.

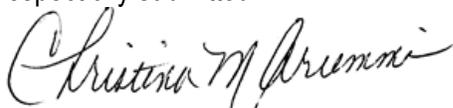
He mentioned the NJ American Water Project. Mr. Guarriello clarified the project and explained how the construction is done.

He mentioned the RVSA matter and the letter he wrote. He handed out a chart he prepared and then explained the contents.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:27 p.m. a motion to adjourn the workshop session was made by Council President Petruzzelli followed by a second from Councilman Sarno.

Respectfully submitted:



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**CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk**  
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