

Borough of Garwood
Meeting of the Mayor and Council
March 8, 2016

Start Time: 7:26 p.m.

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

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:

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

MINUTES:

Regular and Workshop and Minutes of the Mayor and Council held on February 23, 2016

A motion to accept meeting minutes was made by Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Todisco.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –**
 - a. Mayor's Advisory –
 - i. 02/22/16, RE: Daily Update
 - ii. 02/25/16, RE: Daily Update
 - iii. 02/25/16, RE: Daily Update
 - iv. 02/26/16, RE: Weekly Update
- 2) **UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS** – 02/22/16, RE: Ordinance 772-2016
- 3) **RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY** – 02/25/16, RE: Minutes of the meetings held on January 14, 2016 and January 21, 2016
- 4) **GARWOOD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** – 03/03/16, RE: Approved minutes of Library Board of Trustees Meeting January 2016

All received and filed.

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-02 as advertised on February 24, 2016.

ADOPTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 16-02 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 (PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD TO LIMIT ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS AND OTHER

BENEFITS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood:

SECTION 1. §30-1. (Purpose and disclaimers) in Article I, (General Provisions) in Chapter 30 (Personnel Policies) of the Code of the Borough of Garwood is hereby amended by amending subsection G and subsection M to read as follows:

G. Regular part-time employees of the Borough of Garwood include all employees whose regular hours of employment are at least 20 hours per week, during normal business hours, and are generally employed in the office of the Borough Administrator/Clerk or Municipal Court and who are not employed full-time at another municipality. All elected and appointed officials and, as such, do not qualify for health benefits or other employment benefits except statutorily required pension benefits.

M. Any other part-time employee not specified by description in this section are not considered regular part-time employees concerning benefits in this policy for regular part-time employees, however they are required to comply with standards and regulations contained in this policy. All other employees are considered part-time employees. All elected and appointed officials and, as such, do not qualify for health benefits or other employment benefits except statutorily required pension benefits.

SECTION 2. § 30-14. (Group medical insurance) in Article II, (Employee Compensation and Benefits) in Chapter 30 (Personnel Policies) of the Code of the Borough of Garwood is hereby amended by amending subsection B(1) to read as follows:

B(1). The Borough offers medical insurance to regular full-time employees and eligible dependents, provided through the State Health Benefits Program, and dental benefits, in accordance with P.L. 2011, c. 78. Employees are required to contribute towards health care premiums in accordance with P.L. 2011, c. 78, and contribute towards health care as directed by the laws of the State of New Jersey. Employees working less than 30 hours per week and all elected and appointed Borough officials, including but not limited to those elected or appointed prior to May 21, 2010, shall not be eligible for benefits as provided in this section, specifically including, but not limited to, hospital, medical, dental and major medical insurance benefits, and any other benefits not afforded to employees other than full-time employees as set forth in this Chapter as made and provided from time to time.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. If any portion of this ordinance shall be determined to be invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

List correspondence concerning Ordinance 16-02. None.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance 16-02.

Bill Nierstedt, 320 Hickory Avenue expressed why he opposes the adoption of this ordinance

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue expressed his position on the health benefits ordinance and suggested Council President Peturzzelli pay more for his benefits. He suggested passing the ordinance and not enforcing it.

John Bartolik, 231 Hemlock Avenue, stated he feels this is a personal attack and stating reasons why he opposes the passing of this ordinance. He stated he hopes this ends this evening.

John Casoni, 212 Walnut Street, stated he is totally in favor of the ordinance and mentioned why.

Motion Councilman Sarno, Second Councilman Martin to close Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-02.

Motion Councilman Sarno Second Councilwoman Cuccaro to adopt Ordinance 16-02.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Cuccaro read the following statement:

Benefits statement.

I would like to start out by saying that this is absolutely nothing personal toward our councilman.

I have had a very lengthy and informative conversation with (DLGS) Division of local Government services. He told me emphatically that we have every right and totally within the law to pass this current ordinance concerning this issue. To state it quite simply we are simply passing an ordinance that mirrors and runs parallel to the state statute. When Christie passed this in 2010 it was a **state** mandate, towns and cities had every right to pass something similar locally. That has not been formally done in Garwood thus far. What we are doing here today is memorializing it as a part of our ordinance going forward. No more no less. For all the grandstanders making false accusations, that we are breaking the law, going to get sued, and crucifying certain members of council, you have been ill informed.

This ordinance mirrors state statute with all the same caveats exactly as it was written, and for that reason I whole-heartedly support this ordinance.

Councilman Mathieu thanked Councilman Sarno for bringing this forward. He mentioned how difficult it is to make changes. He commented on a compromise.

Councilman Sarno mentioned that he felt this should have been addressed sooner. He mentioned the councilman waiving the benefit.

Councilwoman Todisco mentioned that she doesn't agree with part time elected officials getting benefits however she does not support the ordinance. She asked Councilwoman Cuccaro for the information she received from DLGS on this matter.

Councilman Martin mentioned that he doesn't support the ordinance because it can't be enforced.

Mayor Lombardo mentioned that he doesn't support the ordinance.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Cuccaro	Aye	Councilman Sarno	Aye
Councilman Martin	Nay	Councilwoman Todisco	Nay
Councilman Mathieu	Aye	Council President Petruzzelli	Abstain

Ordinance No. 16-02 was adopted.

Councilman Martin asked what happens now. Ms. Ariemma said she cannot select a false option to remove the Councilman from the system and further explained her position as the certifying officer. Mr. Renaud suggested a letter be sent to State Health Benefits. After brief discussion it was concluded Ms. Ariemma would compose the letter.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

POLICE: Councilman Sarno, Chr.

1. Personnel updates:
 - a. Officer Pridy has completed his Coach program and has been assigned to a permanent Squad in the Patrol division.
 - b. Officer Kleinsorgen's condition has been upgraded and he has returned to work in a "light duty" capacity as of 2-29-16. He returns to the Traffic Division where he can work under his current restrictions.
 - c. Officer Cosgrove has also been released for duty with no restriction. He returns to his Squad in the Patrol Division effective 3-11-16.
2. Chief Underhill attended the last Senior Citizens meeting on March 3rd and spoke to them about how the Police Department "Process an Emergency Medical Call" when received at the Dispatch Center. This was in response to questions concerning some apprehension to dial 911, due to billing concerns for services provided. Chief Underhill explained the process and routing of an emergency call, what could be expected as a response, and how and why some billing takes place from outside agencies. Most billing is completely covered by insurance. Emphasis was placed on "no person ever having to have second thoughts about calling 911 – especially for a medical emergency". The visit was well received with positive feedback. This information will be published in the next news letter to all residents.

3. Chief Underhill & Captain Stoffer attended a presentation in Fanwood, sponsored by the Fanwood Police and presented by Mom's Demand Action, who are non-partisan advocates for Gun Safety Awareness around the home. The program is geared toward those who both DO and DON'T own firearms. Chief Underhill found the program and information informative and worth bringing to Garwood. Arrangements are being made for a Springtime presentation to Garwood residents who may wish to attend. For more information visit BeSmartforKids.org. and [Facebook.com/ MomsDemandAction](https://www.facebook.com/MomsDemandAction).

PUBLIC HEALTH: Councilwoman Cuccaro no report

STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Councilman Petruzzelli, Chr.

The Department of Public Works completed the following from February 24th to March 8th.

Reoccurring Activities

- 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 (1st) and third (3rd) Thursday of the month.
- Check and treat reoccurring problem sewer lines for roots on a weekly basis.
- Perform maintenance on miscellaneous public works vehicle and equipment as needed.
- Remove miscellaneous road side debris along North and South Avenue(s).
- Clean up the litter and debris throughout the grounds at the Sports and Recreation Complex.

Miscellaneous Activities

- Perform deicing on Borough streets, parking lots, school crossings and sidewalks during the small winter event on March 4th.
- Continue clearing the debris from the tops of all stormwater drainage inlets on the North and South side of the Borough.
- Pick up the debris and litter from both sides of the underpass sidewalks on Center Street.
- Cut up and remove broken branches in various locations of the Borough.
- Clean all trucks and equipment within the fleet.
- Cut down small tree within the 200 Block of Myrtle Avenue.
- Perform winter pothole repairs in various locations of the Borough including but not limited to at the intersection of 3rd/Cedar and in the 200 block of Hickory Avenue.
- Transport the stockpiled electronics from the Recycling Center to the Fanwood Recycling Center for disposal.
- Install the defibrillator storage container on the wall at the Sports and Rec Complex.
- Repair the damaged crosswalk sign in the 400 Block of 2nd Avenue.

FIRE: Councilwoman Cuccaro, Chr.

Read the fire report submitted by Chief Spina.

FINANCE: Councilwoman Todisco, Chr.

Thank you, Mayor. The budget has now been presented to the Mayor and Council to review in advance of our special budget meetings. As I stated in my memo last week, I encourage everyone to look over the sheets and come prepared with any questions or suggestions that they may have. The first special budget meeting of the Mayor and Council will be this Thursday, March 10th at 7pm. I'd like us to focus on the budget page by page that night. The next special budget meeting will be next week on Thursday, March 17th at 7pm. Our tax assessor will make a presentation on the matter of revaluation of taxes at that meeting. In addition to discussing the operating budget sheets, I'd like us to discuss the capital items that were requested by the Borough's department heads. The budget is really the heart and sole of the Borough's operations and I strongly encourage the public to attend these meetings.

Additionally, I would like to remind residents that information has been posted on the Borough website at www.garwood.org about the new options to pay their taxes online. As mentioned previously, many other towns offer this option to their residents. I did a little investigation and found our neighboring towns of Cranford and Westfield both use Edmunds for their financial software

and offer this option to their residents with the same fees as the fees are set by Edmunds, not the municipality. That's all for my report, Mayor.

Councilman Mathieu asked how much of a tax of increase are we looking at. She responded the auditors will have this for us at Thursday's budget meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Mathieu, Chr.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee recommends the adoption of Resolution No 16-167 on the Consent Agenda renewing the contract with the Board of Education for janitorial services for municipal properties as well as the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex. This contract runs from April 1, 2016 through April 1, 2019 with an annual 2% increase.

LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilman Martin, Chr.

The Laws and License Committee discussed the Police Chief's recommendation at the prior meeting concerning the borough's property maintenance code as being outdated. The committee unanimously decided to accept the Chief's recommendation to align the code with the international property maintenance code. The BOCA code no longer exists. This will need to be done by ordinance. The council will get a copy once the changes have been made.

RECREATION: Councilman Martin Chr. no report

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIASON: Councilwoman Cuccaro

Senior Meeting

1/ Carol Lombardo spoke for a few minutes for the historical committee making sure no one is throwing anything away that could be of use for them to use for the history of Garwood. A very worthy cause as we continue to chronicle our history.

She also wanted to remind everyone about the rededication at the field on June 12, at 2pm and in case they knew any of the people that were part of the original dedication in 1960 to reach out to them or pass it along.

3/ Chief Underhill gave a very informative and important presentation about 911 calls and first responders and how everything ties together for everyone to understand. He had handouts for everyone and I thought it would be something that was good to get out to the general public or post on the Garwood website. It was unanimous everyone thought he did a great job.

4/ we discussed the tents that would be needed for the senior picnic I was trying to gauge the size and amount that would be needed and everyone said there were 2 big ones used last year. So will try and compare the size that our celebrations committee purchased for us to utilize and take the suggestions from a few weeks ago and call the county.

5/ I also relayed to a resident that was trying to get the sign replaced on the corner of Hickory and Lexington and they were very pleased to know that after no response for a year from anyone, the chief has graciously ordered a new one.

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Petruzzelli

The Library's celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd was a great success. About 50 people attended the event. Most agreed that President Obama did a better job than Justin Bieber reading the Dr. Seuss books. (On YouTube projected on the library screen). All the kids helped blow out the candles on the strawberry filled birthday cake and then devoured it. They enjoyed a "Thing 1 and Thing 2" photo booth. Every child got a little prize for participating in Seuss Bingo or answering Seuss trivia questions. The biggest cost of the event was the cake. All the prizes were donated books or prizes accumulated over the years from the summer reading program. The photo booth was made of recycled cardboard. It was such a success that we will probably make it an annual event. Maybe next year Mayor and Council can read Seuss books on the big screen.

On Friday, March 18th the Library will host a fourth grade, Girl Scout Troop for a sleepover. The girls, and a few leaders, will enjoy pizza, badge work and a movie before (hopefully) settling down for the night.

The Libraries celebration of National Craft Month continues with Easter egg topiary for the adult crafters on Tuesday March 15. The kid crafters will be making a spring flower display featuring eggs and rabbits on the 14th. Each Friday in March at 3:00pm the Library will offer a simple crafts including: origami, flower making and painting to anyone who wants to participate. No registration is required

As always, the library has many other ongoing programs including:

1. The Knitting Club – Monday / Thursday @10:30AM
2. Color Me Calm - Mondays @ 11:30AM
3. Book Clubs
4. Adult Ed - Tuesday/Thursdays @ NOON
5. ESL - Tuesdays @2:00PM

6. Parent Child Knitting - Wednesday @ 6:00PM
7. Toddler Story Time - Wednesdays @10:30AM
8. Friday Morning Movies – Fridays @ 10:00AM
9. Lego Club – 2 Thursdays a month @ 3:00PM

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. The Library will be closed, Friday March 25th and Saturday, March 26th for the Easter holiday.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Sarno no report

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON:

Councilwoman Todisco

Thank you, Mayor. I would like to remind everyone that the annual Egg Hunt will be held at the Garwood Recreation Complex on March 19th. Residents can arrive at 11:45am as the egg hunt will begin at 12:15pm. The ages range from pre-school to 3rd grade and the egg hunts will be separated into age categories as they have in past years. In addition to eggs, children will have an opportunity to win prizes that will be raffled off. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. That's all for my report, Mayor.

UNION COUNTY AIR TRAFFIC NOISE ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Councilman Mathieu no report

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Todisco no report

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Todisco no report

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

John Bartolik, 231 Hemlock Avenue mentioned that he doesn't agree with County government their actions and decisions they make. He said he feels the Mayor and Council are behaving like them.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue said to Mr. Bartolik calling the Council worse than the County is insulting. He asked Ms. Ariemma about the options for removing someone from the system. The Clerk responded. He asked Mr. Renaud about a resolution on the agenda concerning a settlement asking who signs first. Mr. Renaud responded the plaintiff signs first.

Sal Piarulli, 55 Fourth Avenue said he wished the county acted the way the council acted tonight in cutting costs. He went on to talk about the firing of Fred Corbitt.

James Constandi, 653 Myrtle Avenue thanked the council for having a better dialogue than when he attended a meeting over the summer. He expressed his feelings towards Council President Petruzzelli. He asked if a fence could be put back up on the dead end of Myrtle Avenue.

Rich McCormack, 101 Fourth Avenue expressed his feelings of the benefits ordinance. He said it's about tax dollars and not personal towards Council President Petruzzelli.

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. 16-166

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the license to conduct an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle and an Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle on April 9, 2016, to be held at the Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood, NJ at 6:30 p.m., is hereby granted to Wardlaw Hartridge School Parents Association, pursuant to Application Number RA #1071 and RA #1072.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-167

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood currently participate in an Interlocal Shared Services agreement for the provision of Janitorial services with the Garwood Board of Education for the Borough of Garwood properties; and

WHEREAS, Municipal properties in this service include, Borough Hall at 403 South Avenue, Fire Department Building at 415 South Avenue, and Department of Public Works at 10 South Avenue; and

WHEREAS, both parties have agreed to renew the agreement for a period of three years, commencing April 1, 2016, concluding April 1, 2019, in accordance with the following:

04/01/16-04/01/17 \$23,812

04/01/17-04/01/18 \$24,288

04/01/18-04/01/19 \$24,774, billed quarterly; and

WHEREAS, both parties have agreed to include Janitorial services for the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex, located at 140 Myrtle Avenue, as follows:

Janitorial services to the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex for cost of \$25.50 per hour year 1, \$26.00 per hour year 2, and \$26.53 per hour year 3, on an as needed basis.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood that the above is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education shall bill the Borough for the above services at the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex at the conclusion of each month which will reflect the number of cleaning hours utilized per week at the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign the agreement between the Borough of Garwood and the Garwood Board of Education for the above provisions.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-168

WHEREAS, on or by January 31st, participating volunteer fire company and first aid squad submitted certified lists to the Local Plan Administrator of those emergency service workers who have met the requirements of the plan as outlined in Code of the Borough of Garwood; and

WHEREAS, Resolutions No. 16-156 and 16-157, adopted on February 9, 2016 accepted the list of eligible members for the Garwood Fire Department and acknowledged no list was received from the Garwood First Aid Squad and the Administrator directed the list be posted for a period of 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Local Plan Administrator received no appeals from members of the Garwood Fire Department or Garwood First Aid Squad as presented.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby authorizes the treasurer to draw a check for \$25,824.00 for the 2015 LOSAP Benefits contribution.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-169

WHEREAS, the Police Department purchased in 2014, from Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., 4400 US Highway 9 South Side 3500, Freehold, NJ, 07758, P/T POSS Enterprise Scheduling Software Core and other related materials; and

WHEREAS, the full service plan renewal for term 03/01/2016 to 03/01/2017 is \$2,600.00 and includes SaaS Service in accordance with the attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby authorize the Police Department to accept the renewal plan at a cost not to exceed \$2,600.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is subject to the Borough Treasurer executing the appropriate Certification of Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-170

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby approve the CFO/Treasurer to issue check for refund on the following property.

REFUND:

PROPERTY OWNER & ADDRESS	BLK/LOT	AMOUNT
Dawn Materia 445 Myrtle Avenue Garwood NJ 07027	407/2	\$2,637.46

EXPLANTATION: Bank and homeowner both paid first quarter taxes. Refund overpayment to homeowner.

Councilwoman Cuccaro requested to have 16-171 pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Motion Second to adopt Consent Agenda as amended.

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-171

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood has been advised of an tentative settlement of litigation now pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, Special Civil Part, under docket DC-012753-15, entitled Niedermaier v. Borough of Garwood; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood has determined to approve of and implement the proposed settlement; and

WHEREAS, the availability of funds to implement the settlement has been certified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the Borough to resolve the current litigation and hereby authorizes the Borough Attorney and Borough Administrator/Clerk to implement the settlement; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that payment in the sum of \$3,947.00, to the plaintiff, Cheryl Niedermaier, is hereby authorized and directed, to be paid upon execution and delivery of appropriate settlement documents, as determined by the Borough Attorney.

Motion to adopt was made by Councilwoman Todisco, Seconded by Council President Petruzzelli, to adopt Resolution No. 16-171

Discussion:

Mr. Renaud suggested discussion take place in closed session. Vote was deferred until after ex-session.

After ex-session Mr. Renaud read the complaint and explained the settlement.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution No. 16-171 was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION:

National Nutrition Month – March 2016

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.

Motion Councilwoman Todisco, Seconded by Council President Petruzzelli, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

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

At 8:10 p.m., Ms. Ariemma read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-172

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING CASE NO. 15-0448, BOROUGH OF GARWOOD AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 11, AND INVESTIGATION OF NOTICE OF CLAIM REGARDING THE CONSCIENTIOUS EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT AND MATTERS OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE RELATING TO THE ABOVE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A., 10:4-12, Closed session, Meetings open to public; exclusion of public; subject of matter.

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

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

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

Motion Councilman Sarno, Seconded by Councilwoman Todisco to adopt Resolution No. 16-172.

Roll Call:

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

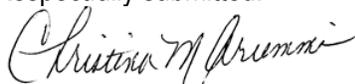
ADJOURNMENT:

There will be Budget Workshop Meetings on Thursday, March 10, 2016 and Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers.

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:38 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Todisco, second Councilman Sarno to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood