

BOROUGH of GARWOOD

Regular MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

March 10, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers and called to order at 8:51 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 Cranford Chronicle, advertised on January 16, 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:

Present: Mayor Lombardo (Not voting), Councilman Martin, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt.

Also Present: Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M. Ariemma and Borough Attorney Robert Renaud.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on February 24, 2015.

Executive Session of the Mayor and Council held on February 24, 2015. (*Deferred*)

Workshop Session of the Mayor and Council held on February 24, 2015.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Councilwoman Todisco, **Seconded by** Councilman Martin

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) **NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –**

a. Mayor's Advisory –

- i. 02/09/15, RE: A. Weekly Policy Update B. Proposed Federal Flood Risk Management Standards C. Upcoming League WEBINAR D. Upcoming League Seminar
- ii. 02/09/15, RE: Division of Local Government Services Newsletter Distributed
- iii. 02/09/15, RE: I. Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Webinars II. Point of Clarification Regarding January 29th Letter on Interstate Oil Pipelines
- iv. 02/11/15, RE: I. Urgent Legislative Alert, Your Action Needed on TTF II. Training to Prevent Financial Exploitation-NJ Adult Protective Services
- v. 02/11/15, RE: I. Complimentary Visit by New Jersey Hall of Fame II. & III. Upcoming Seminars
- vi. 02/13/15, RE: 100th Anniversary & William G. Dressel, Jr. Retirement Banquet
- vii. 02/13/15, RE: Weekly Policy Update
- viii. 02/17/15, RE: Analysis of Presidents FY 2016 Budget Proposal

RECEIVED AND FILED

2) **TOWN OF WESTFIELD – 02/17/15, RE: Ordinance 2037.**

RECEIVED AND FILED

3) **GREATER WESTFIELD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & GALA HAIR SALON –**
02/17/15, RE: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

RECEIVED AND FILED

4) **RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY – 02/17/15, RE: Personnel Committee Meeting**
(PCM) to be held Thursday, February 19, 2015.

RECEIVED AND FILED

ORDINANCES:

Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 15-05 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-05

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A REVISED RATE SCHEDULE FOR 2015 PURSUANT TO §134-16 (RATE SCHEDULE) IN ARTICLE V INDUSTRIAL WASTE & FEES) IN CHAPTER 134 (SEWERS) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, FOR THE INDUSTRIAL USER CHARGE PROVIDED FOR IN §134-15.

Motion: Action: INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 15-05, **Moved by** Councilman Petruzzelli, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Todisco

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6)

Yes: Councilman Martin, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt. Ordinance No. 15-05 was introduced.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

POLICE: Councilwoman Tarantino, Chr.

Thank you Mayor. Chief Underhill is reporting that newly hired Officer Zuena is continuing with his training accompanied by his field training officer. Training is going as scheduled and all is going well.

Members of the Police Department visited with the seniors last month during their meeting at the fire house and spoke with them on several issues including a rise in phone scams that have been taking place as well as scams involving personal encounters in public places. This was to stress and expand on what many of you may have read in the papers over the last several months regarding such encounters.

Additionally, more seniors were solicited to participate in the Silver Alert Program started several years ago by Garwood PBA Local 117 on behalf of the Department. Again, this is a program that Garwood Seniors can voluntarily sign up for where they provide the Police Department with contact information, alternate key holders and any emergency medical conditions they may want to share with us to better assist us providing service to them. That is all for my report Mayor.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Council President Nierstedt

Next meeting is March 18; I expect an update regarding the plan review fee.

STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Councilwoman Todisco, Chr.

Thank you, Mayor. As the Streets and Roads Chairperson, I am happy to say we can start seeing grass again. This has been another rough winter, although not in the quantity of snow compared to last year, so I would again like to thank the DPW for all their long hours and hard work. I was just speaking to a co-worker the other day, who lives in one of our neighboring towns, and she let me know that she notices how well Garwood does in clearing the snow. Stories like that always make me proud to live in Garwood. Also, I know there has been news that many have suffered from low salt supplies, but luckily Garwood did not have any issues getting salt this winter. We get our salt supply from the County.

In other news, the Streets and Roads Committee met last week with Clayton Pierce, who is on the board of the Fanwood Recycling Center. Basically, a non-profit organization runs the recycling center, which has been open for 28 years. This is a very profitable organization that is able to give money back to the town, which saves taxpayer dollars. Clayton also informed us that through his research, he has found Waste Management, which is our current provider of recycling, does not really recycle much of the collected material. They only truly recycle copper piping and paper; the rest is sent to landfills or burned. We recognize this is only the very beginning of exploring changing how we recycle here in Garwood, but after meeting with Clayton, we feel this is something definitely worth looking into in greater detail. This has the potential to be a real win for the taxpayers as well as for the environment and we are looking forward to exploring this further.

That's all for my report, Mayor.

FIRE: Council President Nierstedt, Chr. No Report

FINANCE: Councilman Petruzzelli, Chr.

The Finance Committee along with the Borough Administrator, CFO, and auditors have worked together for many long hours week after week on creating a budget to go before the Council, which you received last Friday. We look forward to discussing the budget and answering questions at the upcoming special meetings.

Please come prepared with questions to our first meeting on March 12th. We will answer as many as we can that night, but will have time in between the two special meeting to find answers to any of your questions and have that information ready to discuss at the meeting on the 19th.

We strongly encourage the public to attend the special meetings, which will be held this Thursday, March 12th at 7pm and next Thursday, March 19th.

In addition, I am pleased to announce the Finance Committee will be meeting with a representative from a property tax rebate card company in 2 weeks to explore the possibility of teaming up with local businesses in order to offer this benefit to taxpayers. This would provide a tax rebate to Garwood residents for shopping local and the processing would be handled by this company, meaning no effect on the tax collection of the Borough.

We have also reached out to, and look forward to hearing from, a couple neighboring communities to see if they would like to team up with us on this as we recognize there would likely be limitations on our ability to

go forward alone with only Garwood businesses interested in signing up and participating in the program. I will keep the Council up to date on our findings and progress. That's all for my Report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Mathieu, Chr.

We are having a meeting of the B&G Committee on Monday, March 23rd, at Boro Hall to discuss the custodial bid forthcoming from the BOE on March 17th, before the regularly scheduled BOE meeting.

LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilman Martin, Chr. No Report

RECREATION: Councilwoman Todisco Chr.

Next meeting March 18th 7pm

COMMITTEE ON AGING: Councilwoman Tarantino No Report

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Petruzzelli

This coming Saturday, March 14th at 11:00 AM, local author Eric Nierstedt will be at the library to discuss his latest novel – Book 2 in the Light Rider Journals. He will have copies of his book on hand for autographing following a lively discussion of his science fiction/fantasy tale of good and evil.

Next week, on Thursday, March 19th, at 7:00 PM, Jamie Novak, de-cluttering expert, will be at the library to talk about spring cleaning and what to get rid of, what to keep, and how to store it – her new book “Keep This – Toss That” is sure to get the audience motivated. Registration is required for this free event.

The staff of the library would like to remind the residents to think of the Library when going through their family photos and memorabilia. The staff can scan the items and give them back to you, or keep them in their history collection for safekeeping. We don't want to trash Garwood's history, no matter how trivial it might seem. Photos of old buildings and houses, events, parades, and residents are of particular interest to us. We will also collect any school yearbooks from Lincoln and Franklin School, or the high schools, David Brearley or ALJ. It's all important and we want to preserve Garwood's history for future generations.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Mathieu No Report

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON: Council President Nierstedt

Celebrations Committee – The committee met on February 18 and I reported on that at our last meeting. Their next meeting is March 18. I remind all residents that their first event is the March 28 Easter Egg Hunt at the new Garwood Recreation and Sports Complex. I ask anyone who is interested in joining the Celebrations Committee to contact the Clerk.

UNION COUNTY AIR TRAFFIC NOISE ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Councilman Mathieu No Report

PARKING COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Tarantino No Report

POLICE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Tarantino

Thank you Mayor. Due to the impasse, on February 25th we filed a petition to initiate interest arbitration with PERC, Public Employees Relations Commission. I was notified today that an arbitrator has been assigned and we will be scheduling mediation sessions. That is all for my report Mayor.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Tarantino

Thank you Mayor. The committee began preliminary discussions on shared services for some departments in the borough. We still have to do some research and get more information. At this point, we are not ready to make any recommendations. That is all for my report Mayor

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Todisco

Thank you, Mayor. The Historical Committee held its first meeting of the year this past Saturday. We discussed a number of ideas we have for recording Garwood's history. However, one of our major discussions focused on what we could do to decorate the new recreation complex. We found many old photos that relate to the history of that complex and sports in Garwood. We selected some that we will be framing and hanging within the next month. Advanced Printing, a local business, will be scanning, enlarging, and printing these photos for us at no charge. In the future, the Historical Committee will be asking residents if they would kindly sponsor frames and the proceeds will go to paying for the frames and preserving Garwood's history. That's all for my report, Mayor.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Municipal Tax Collector Aggie Kurzweil: monthly report for February 2014.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Councilwoman Todisco, **Seconded by** Councilman Martin

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

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. 15-160

RESOLUTION COMBINING SEVERAL AUTHORIZATIONS OF
BONDS INTO A SINGLE ISSUE AND PRESCRIBING
THE DETAILS AND BOND FORM THEREOF FOR
\$2,741,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS
DATED APRIL 1, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 15-161

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF A NOTICE OF SALE AND THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY NOTICE OF SALE AND PRESCRIBING THE FORMS THEREOF FOR \$2,741,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, DATED APRIL 1, 2015, APPROVING THE PREPARATION, DISTRIBUTION AND EXECUTION OF A PRELIMINARY AND A FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR SUCH BONDS, UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION, COVENANTING TO COMPLY WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, DESIGNATING SUCH BONDS AS "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" FOR PURPOSES OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, AND AUTHORIZING VARIOUS MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTRONIC BIDDING FOR THE BONDS

RESOLUTION NO. 15-162

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-5, EXCEPTIONS, Any contract the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold, may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding, therefor and shall be awarded by resolution of the governing body.

The provision or performance of goods or services for support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software, except that this provision shall not be utilized to acquire or upgrade non-proprietary hardware or to acquire or update non-proprietary software **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby awards the following proposal:

COMPANY: EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.
301A TILTON ROAD
NORTHFIELD NJ 08225

DESCRIPTION: SOFTWARE
To Include: Software Applications
Services & other Applications
Conversion Services

PRICE: \$19,667.50

RESOLUTION NO. 15-163

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby awards the following:

COMPANY: CAPITAL FENCE LLC.
2300 E. LINDEN AVENUE
LINDEN, NEW JERSEY 07036

DESCRIPTION: CHAIN LINK FENCE AT THE
GARWOOD SPORTS AND RECREATION COMPLEX

PRICE: \$11,800.00 + \$400.00 + 1150.00
TOTAL: \$13,350

Motion: Action: Adopt consent agenda, **Moved by** Council President Nierstedt **Seconded by** Councilwoman Todisco

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6)

Yes: Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Martin, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt. Consent agenda was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS DELETED OR REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Ms. Ariemma read Resolution No. 15-164:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-164

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Ken Capobianco, 404 Myrtle Avenue, Garwood, N.J., as Office of Emergency Management Director for a three year term effective March 10, 2015.

Motion: Action: Adopt Resolution No. 15-164, **Moved by** Councilman Martin **Seconded by** Councilwoman Todisco

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman Martin, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt. Resolution No. 15-164 was adopted.

Ms. Ariemma read Resolution No. 15-165:

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-165](#)

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood that Christina M. Ariemma, Administrator/Clerk, be and she is hereby authorized and directed to obtain proposals for Recycling Contract Services in the Borough of Garwood for a period of six months, July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

Motion: Action: Adopt Resolution No. 15-165, **Moved by** Councilwoman Todisco **Seconded by** Council President Nierstedt

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman Martin, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt. Resolution No. 15-165 was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Any new business the Mayor and Council may have:

Committee Assignment – Construction Code Services Committee

I hereby appoint the following team to review and make recommendation concerning the shared service contract with Cranford Township for Construction Code Services, set to expire 12/31/2015:

Mayor Lombardo

Council President Nierstedt, Chair

Councilman Mathieu

Christina Ariemma, Administrator

Robert Renaud, Attorney

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.

Trust Acct: \$200.00 Dog Tax Act: \$180.00 Current Acct: \$864,938.99

Motion: Action: Adopt, **Moved by** Councilwoman Todisco, **Seconded by** Councilman Petruzzelli

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6)

Yes: Councilman Martin, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt. Payment of Claims was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

A Budget Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015**, in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

A Budget Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015**, in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON ORDINANCE NO. 15-05 ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015, AT 7:15 P.M. OR SOON THERE AFTER.

Motion: Action: At 9:16 p.m., adjourn, Moved by Council President Nierstedt, Seconded by Councilwoman Todisco.

CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood