

BOROUGH of GARWOOD

Workshop Session MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2014

Workshop session was opened by Mayor Quattrocchi at: 7:00 p.m.

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader, advertised on January 9, 2014, 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 Quattrocchi, Council President Palmer, Councilman Nierstedt, Councilman Martin, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Todisco.

Also Present: Borough Attorney Robert Renaud, Borough Engineer Donald R. Guarriello and Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M. Ariemma.

Executive Session

[RESOLUTION NO. 14-177.1](#)

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING POSSIBLE LITIGATION RELATING TO THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ATHLETIC FIELD COMPLEX PROJECT IN WHICH THE PUBLIC BODY MAY BECOME PARTY, POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY WITH PUBLIC FUNDS, 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 following 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 subjects 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.

At 7:01 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Todisco to adopt Resolution No. 14-177.1 and enter executive session. All agreed.

At 7:45 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Nierstedt, seconded by Councilwoman Todisco to end the Executive session and resume the Workshop session.

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello reported bids will be received on Friday for the 2013 DOT road project. Brief discussion followed on the streets in the project. Councilwoman Todisco asked if Maple Street is finished. Mr. Guarriello responded the area is done however work will need to be performed there in the future.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud reported the sewer industrial ordinance is on for introduction and that he is working on another matter. He mentioned contracts have been executed.

Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina Ariemma asked if she should notify the agencies that submitted proposals for Construction Manager that the borough will not be awarding. All agreed to notify.

Mayor Quattrocchi commended the clerk for the completion of the website and for keeping it up to date. She noted that Ms. Ariemma has done an exceptional job on the site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Quattrocchi mentioned that she is forming a small committee including the administrator, attorney, council president and herself to put forth some procedural matters.

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Council President Palmer mentioned the Cranford Memorial Day Parade participation. Ms. Ariemma was directed to RSVP on behalf of council. All are attending.

Councilman Martin no report.

Councilman Mathieu no report.

Councilman Nierstedt no report.

Councilman Petruzzelli no report.

Councilwoman Todisco commented on attending the Freeholder meeting and the timing of executive sessions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Representative from the NJ Highlands Coalition asked council support for a resolution concerning continuing support for the goals and purposes of the 2004 highlands water protection and planning act. Councilman Nierstedt commended on highlands coalition. Discussion followed.

Anne Leonard 536 Myrtle Avenue mentioned the baiting of the brook and the rat problem. She asked Mr. Guarriello to visit 500 Myrtle Avenue to inspect the gutters.

Bruce Paterson 325 Willow Avenue asked why council keeps having executive sessions early in the meeting. Discussion followed.

Angelo Alimonti commended the street, police and fire departments for the outstanding job this past winter.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:13 p.m., a motion to adjourn the workshop session was made by Councilman Nierstedt, seconded by Councilwoman Todisco.

CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood