

# BOROUGH of GARWOOD

## *Workshop Session MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING*

April 22, 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.**

**Present:** Mayor Quattrocchi (Not voting), Council President Palmer, Councilman Martin, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Nierstedt, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Todisco.

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

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello reported the 2013 DOT award resolution is on this evening's consent agenda.

Councilman Petruzzelli asked Mr. Guarriello to ensure proper paving by the water company at the AFC area.

Councilwoman Todisco mentioned the curbing on South Avenue is in disrepair. Brief discussion followed. It was concluded that Mr. Guarriello sent a letter on behalf of the Mayor's office. Councilman Nierstedt commented that the county should address the matter.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud mentioned the adoption of the rate sewer ordinance, and the **Massage Ordinance and Dumpster Ordinance for discussion this evening.** Mr. Renaud discussed the contents of the proposed ordinances and the purpose of them. It was concluded that the dumpster and massage ordinance be reviewed by Laws and License for further recommendation.

Administrator/Clerk – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS NONE

NEW BUSINESS NONE

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Council President Palmer discussed the parking problems in the borough. She discussed the 2009 revision to the Master Plan concerning parking and other related matters. She read certain areas of the plan. She recommended that council consider methods to address these matters and follow recommendations in the plan. Councilwoman Todisco mentioned she agrees with Council President Palmer. She mentioned a recent attendance at a planning board meeting and that parking is a subject discussed often.

Councilman Martin no report.

Councilman Mathieu no report.

Councilman Nierstedt mentioned today is Earth Day and Friday is Arbor Day in which a tree will be planted. He requested the Highland resolution be on the next agenda. Brief discussion followed. Councilman Mathieu said he is confused because we don't consider other resolutions that don't pertain to Garwood. A discussion followed

concerning bills that affect Garwood vs. not affecting Garwood. Councilman Martin clarified his remarks from the last meeting regarding certain matters before council. Ms. Ariemma was directed to put the resolution on the next agenda for council consideration.

Councilman Petruzzelli no report.

Councilwoman Todisco mentioned that the budget hearing is on this evening and handouts are available for public review. She highlighted the handouts and provided brief information. She provided information on the budget presented by the County of Union. She discussed the contents of the County budget, the levy and other related matters.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The following persons addressed the mayor and council.

Anne Leonard 536 Myrtle Avenue mentioned her curbing. It has been inspected and is in disrepair. Councilman Nierstedt asked about the sidewalk program and road projects. He asked Mr. Guarriello what he recommends to address the matter. Brief discussion followed regarding repairing curbing and other related matters. Mrs. Leonard said the trees planted are causing a big problem.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** 7:42 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilwoman Todisco, **Seconded by** Council President Palmer.

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**CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk**  
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