

**Borough of Garwood Workshop Meeting of
The Mayor and Council**

WORKSHOP

MINUTES

April 26, 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:

Mayor Lombardo	P		
Councilwoman Cuccaro	P	Councilman Sarno	P
Councilman Martin	P	Councilwoman Todisco	P
Councilman Mathieu	P	Council President Petruzzelli	P

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

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello – NO REPORT.

Borough Attorney Robert reported three ordinances are being adopted and one Bond Ordinance is being introduced this evening.

Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma – Reminded council that Students in Government Night is May 11th.

Ms. Ariemma mentioned the recycling contract terminates on 12/31/2016 but has the provision to extend the contract. Brief discussion followed. Ms. Ariemma asked council to provide direction by June so that she has ample time to prepare a specification, bid and award for 2017.

Ms. Ariemma mentioned the notice of two grants received, 2016 Infrastructure Grant - \$65,000.00 and the 2016 DOT Project Road Project for \$180,000. Brief discussion followed and it was concluded to prepare a bond ordinance for both projects totaling \$445,000 for introduction at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Lombardo read:

In response to Councilwoman Cuccaro's request at our last meeting, I am referring one of her requests to the Streets and Roads Committee to review ordinance 96-20, regarding the 3 inches of snow requirement. I would just like to remind the Committee that the Chief of Police reported a 95% compliance with this ordinance during the most recent blizzard. If there is to be any action on this ordinance, the Chairman of Laws and Licenses sits on that committee.

I have had a preliminary conversation with the Planning Board Chairman to acknowledge that there has been a request to review the variance application under Chapter 106 of Land Use and Zoning. I was researching local communities and their applications. The Chairman and I will have further conversations, with the possibility of bringing this issue before the Planning Board to review. In the near future, I will be reaching out to our Town Planner to discuss the new form he has requested to use going forward.

The Garwood Gazette is in the stages of final review and will be sent to the printer in the next week or two, for distribution to all residences. I thank those departments and committees that have provided information for this edition of the newsletter.

As I have mentioned at the last council meeting, Pastor Ron Stafford of the Liquid Church of Garwood has reached out to me, via e-mail, to schedule community volunteer projects in Garwood for July 16, 2016. I have since spoken to Rev. Ron, and suggested the following projects that his group would like to provide to the Borough: 1) Remove the wallpaper and paint the walls in the council chambers, hallway, and conference room; 2) Paint the decorative light poles in town; 3) Create a horse shoe pit at the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex (a set was donated to the Borough some time ago). Pastor Ron has no problem with completing any or all of the projects listed above. He assures us that the work will be supervised by professionals with the proper credentials.

They will be completing projects throughout Union County as part of their summer outreach program.

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Councilwoman Cuccaro – Thanked Mayor Lombardo for bringing forth the two matters she mentioned last time. She expressed excitement that her two hour sign is in front of her home and asked when enforcement will begin. Chief Underhill said after signs are installed on the South Side, enforcement will commence.

Councilman Martin – NO REPORT

Councilman Mathieu – NO REPORT

Councilman Sarno – Discussed SDL Portal. He mentioned it would be beneficial to the borough and to the residents. He said this is something we should look into. There was brief discussion. Ms. Ariemma said the cost is \$1,000.00 to have access. Mayor Lombardo referred the matter to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Councilwoman Todisco – Commented on the Historical Committee's request for donations. Councilman Sarno asked for a suggestion.

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.

Bill Nierstedt, 320 Hickory Avenue asked when trees will be planted. Ms. Ariemma said some of the planting would take place soon. He asked Mr. Guarriello if there are trees in the road project. Mr. Guarriello said yes. Mr. Nierstedt asked if the ordinance for residential parking could be enforced now. Brief discussion followed. Councilwoman Cuccaro suggested starting with warnings. Discussion regarding GIS system took place. Kathy Villaggio said the public has access to this system.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue mentioned Pastor Ron is looking for things to do. He suggested the telephone poles be cleaned up. He asked who is handling the Gazette. Mayor Lombardo said the editor is Mrs. Lombardo and the publication is being reviewed by Councilman Mathieu.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:37 p.m. a motion to adjourn the workshop session was made by Councilman Petruzzelli followed by a second from Councilwoman Todisco

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood