

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

WORKSHOP

MINUTES

May 24, 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.

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello – Reported on Center Street project. DOT 2015 has been approved and waiting for signed contracts.

Councilman Petruzzelli asked Mr. Guarriello about paving on Lexington. Mr. Guarriello said we don't have funding in place for that work. Mayor Lombardo asked about a matter on Beech Avenue.

Borough Attorney Robert – Reported on the appropriate authority ordinance. Council agreed to introduce the ordinance at the next meeting.

Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma – NO REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Councilwoman Cuccaro – I want to thank the PD for placing the speed monitoring sign on East Street, after a request I made from the last meeting from a concerned resident. The taxpayer said what good will that sign do except make people more aware of their speed while the sign is up. It will go back to speeders once it is removed.

I have a question? As the speed bump initiative is off the table at the current time. How about a stop sign on East? This street is very long and there are no speed deterrents now. It is from the park all the way to south. I think a stop sign half way down east will really stop the speeders on that stretch of road. The concerned resident actually said what about 2 stop signs. This has worked very well on other streets, like west. I have a listing right on the corner of east and Pine, and I have to say that I was almost clipped getting out of my car to meet an appointment there. They were coming from south and I have to say that car was really moving. A stop sign on this street will greatly help for obvious safety concerns. I assume this can be accomplished very cheaply. I have repeatedly been getting calls from residents about the speeding issue in town, which we all know is a very real concern. As we are all elected to help the taxpayers and residents of Garwood, these small items would seem to me to be able to be addressed pretty easily, and shows that we are being pro active in taking care of their concerns.

Another thanks again for the quick response for the downed tree on the corner of Pine and East. I saw Cranford over there and they were removing everything earlier today, and no charge to Garwood. They said they were just being a good neighbor, as the downed tree and property is in Garwood.

Which brings me to another topic, while I was at a broker open house on my listing on pine and east, DPW head Steve Wardell asked me to follow him and had something to show me on Lexington, this is the portion of Cranford and Garwood intersecting, pine, east, Lexington and Rankin. He said they are going to be paving Lexington, and wanted to do something with Garwood as far as a sharing of the paving on this road. He said he spoke to Lou, and Lou said he was going to speak to Don G, then Don G said he was going to speak to the mayor. So I am not sure who spoke to who, but he said again that they would like to do something together, and the cost to Garwood would be the labor and material, and could be done a lot cheaper as they would take care of everything, Garwood just has to pay what ever their portion would be, and he said a lot cheaper than if Garwood did it on their own. So if someone is working on this already, maybe they can let Cranford know what our plans are, because if Garwood is not in on this paving they are only going to be doing Cranford to Hillcrest ave.

Councilman Martin – NO REPORT

Councilman Mathieu – NO REPORT

Councilman Sarno – NO REPORT

Councilwoman Todisco – Mentioned the liquor license fee memo from the Clerk. It will be discussed at the next meeting. She mentioned the event on June 12th and the donations being received.

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.

Joe Guerrio, 208 Spruce Avenue mentioned a handicapped parking space being issued across the street from him. He explained how this is impacting his ability to park. Brief discussion followed. Mr. Renaud provided information on the subject.

Councilwoman Todisco commented that perhaps the Chief of Police should have this at his discretion. Mr. Renaud said criteria could be put forth.

Councilman Mathieu said these items appear on the agenda and he voted for it but suggested items be investigated deeper or more thoroughly.

Mr. Renaud suggested council review the criteria prior to setting forth regulations. He said the process should be uniform.

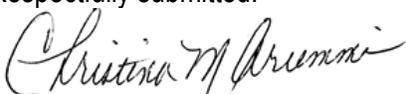
Councilman Sarno was directed to review the matter.

Jennifer Sharman of Mom's Demand Action explained her position and work done with Chief Underhill. Mayor Lombardo read a proclamation and presented it to Jennifer.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:27 p.m. a motion to adjourn the workshop session was made by Councilwoman Todisco followed by a second from Councilman Petruzzelli

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood