

# Borough of Garwood

## Meeting of the Mayor and Council

### AGENDA

May 26, 2015

Moment of Silence.....

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).

Mayor Lombardo asks at this time please turn your cell phones to off or vibrate.

#### ROLL CALL:

Mayor Lombardo \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Martin \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Mathieu \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Petruzzelli \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman Tarantino \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman Todisco \_\_\_\_\_

Council President Nierstedt \_\_\_\_\_

#### MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on May 12, 2015.

Workshop Session of the Mayor and Council held on May 12, 2015.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –

a. Mayor's Advisory –

- i. 05/11/15, RE: COAH/Affordable Housing
- ii. 05/11/15, RE: REVISED COAH/Affordable Housing
- iii. 05/11/15, RE: Weekly Policy Update
- iv. 05/11/15, RE: Deptford Challenges Chapter 54 Police Camera Mandate
- v. 05/12/15, RE: I. Proposed Agreement Could Remove Verizon's Service Quality Standards II. Seminar Round Up
- vi. 05/19/15, RE: I. Weekly Policy Update II. Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Program Changes
- vii. 05/19/15, RE: Proposed Agreement Could Remove Verizon's Service Quality Standards Placed on the BPU's Agenda for Tomorrow May 19<sup>th</sup>

- viii. 05/20/15, RE: I. UPDATE- Energy Seminar at Rowan University on May 27th II. BPU Approves Proposed Stipulation Agreement
- ix. 05/20/15, RE: Local Authority Limited as Office of Management & Budget Approves FCC Rules
- 2) UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, 05/11/15, RE: Resolution 2015-317, 05/19/15, RE: Resolution No. 2015-415 and Ordinance 764-2015**
- 3) TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD – 05/11/15, RE: Resolution supporting Transparent Tax Act of 2015**
- 4) TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD – 05/21/15, RE: Resolution supporting Transparent Tax Act of 2015**
- 5) GARWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 05/11/15, RE: Minutes of the meetings held on January 14, 2015, February 4, 2015 and April 1, 2015.**
- 6) GARWOOD CELEBRATIONS – 05/21/15, RE: Minutes of the meeting held on March 18, 2015.**
- 7) RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY – 05/15/15, RE: Minutes of the meetings held on April 9, 2015 and April 16, 2015.**

**ORDINANCES:**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 15-11 by title only:

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 15-11**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW 9-1-1 POLICE COMMUNICATIONS AND DISPATCHING EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$59,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

Motion to introduce Ordinance 15-11. Roll Call.

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:**

**POLICE:** Councilwoman Tarantino, Chr.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Council President Nierstedt

**STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY:** Councilwoman Todisco, Chr.

**FIRE:** Council President Nierstedt, Chr.

**FINANCE:** Councilman Petruzzelli, Chr.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Councilman Mathieu, Chr.

**LAWS AND LICENSES:** Councilman Martin, Chr.

**RECREATION:** Councilwoman Todisco Chr.

**COMMITTEE ON AGING:** Councilwoman Tarantino

**LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:** Councilman Petruzzelli

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON:** Councilman Mathieu

**CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON:**  
Council President Nierstedt

**UNION COUNTY AIR TRAFFIC NOISE ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:**  
Councilman Mathieu

**PARKING COMMITTEE:** Councilwoman Tarantino

**POLICE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE:** Councilwoman Tarantino

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Councilwoman Tarantino

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:** Councilwoman Todisco

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Chief of Police Bruce Underhill: end of year report - 2014

Chief of Police Bruce Underhill: monthly report for April 2015

Municipal Court Administrator Martha Marino: monthly report for April 2015

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

**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. 15-197**

**WHEREAS**, there were 556 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

**WHEREAS**, use as a seatbelt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 18 – 31, 2015 in effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education and;

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 88% to 90%; and

**WHEREAS**, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby declares its support for the Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 18 – 31, 2015, and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-198**

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4* requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2014 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of *N.J.S.40A:5-6*, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per *R.S. 52:27BB-34*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

General Comments

Recommendations; and

as evidence by the group affidavit form of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the promulgation's of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the member of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of *R.S. 52:27BB-52* - to wit:

*R.S. 52:27BB-52* - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-199**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby accepts the Finance Officers "Corrective Action Report" for 2014, copy of which will be made a part hereof and copies filed with the Municipal Clerk and the Division of Local Government Services.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-200**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that in continuance of past practice, a contract be entered into for the year 2015, from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, with the Garwood First Aid Squad, Inc., for the furnishing of municipal ambulance service and first aid treatment for residents and person employed in industrial establishments throughout the Borough of Garwood; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the sum of \$9,000.00 as budgeted and appropriated by the Borough of Garwood for this purpose shall be contributed to the said Garwood First Aid Squad, Inc., and made a part of the said contract; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and they are hereby directed to execute said contract with the said Garwood First Aid Squad, Inc., on behalf of the Borough of Garwood, on the basis hereof; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a voucher in the sum of \$9,000.00 be drawn to the order of the Garwood First Aid Squad, Inc.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-201**

**WHEREAS**, it has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to take unto himself, on April 20, 2015, our friend and former Garwood Municipal Clerk/CFO Doris L. Polidore; and

**WHEREAS**, Doris L. Polidore was born Doris L. Brezney on the 19th day of August, 1934 in the City of Irvington and moved to the Borough of Garwood at the age of six months; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 1977 Doris was appointed Welfare Director of the Borough of Garwood by Mayor Charles J. Horbacz, a position she held until 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 1979 Doris was appointed Municipal Clerk by Mayor John J. McCarthy, moved by Council President Georgiana Gurrieri and seconded by Councilwoman Doris Mann; and

**WHEREAS**, in April of 1984 Doris obtained her "Registered Municipal Clerk" status and in June of 1984 her "Certified Municipal Clerk" status; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 1986 Doris was appointed Treasurer and in January 1990 Doris was appointed Finance Officer by Mayor Georgiana Gurrieri and obtained her "Certified Municipal Finance Officer" status; and

**WHEREAS**, in November of 1996 at the Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey Annual Conference in Atlantic City, surrounded by her peers, family and friends Doris was named "Municipal Clerk of the Year"; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 1999 after 22 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Garwood, Doris L. Polidore took her much deserved retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Doris L. Polidore had served the Borough of Garwood in many capacities for 22 years, she had devoted many selfless hours to this town and its people. The service of Municipal Clerk is never really acknowledged for all the duties it encompasses. Her dedication and love for Garwood will never be forgotten. She was greatly appreciated by all she served under. She is remembered fondly and is sadly missed, especially by those who knew her well. Her memory lives on and is sustained by the mark she left.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and hereby endorse this resolution extending Garwood's deepest sympathy to the family of Doris L. Polidore.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Doris L. Polidore.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-202**

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

**"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW 9-1-1 POLICE COMMUNICATIONS AND DISPATCHING EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$59,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."**

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 9th day of June, 2015, at 7:15 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

**ROLL CALL**

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ROLL CALL**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Any new business the Mayor and Council may have:

**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.

**ROLL CALL**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 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. 15-11 ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015, AT 7:15 P.M. OR SOON THERE AFTER.**