

BOROUGH of GARWOOD

Workshop Session MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING May 26, 2015

Workshop session was opened by Mayor Lombardo at: 7:04 p.m.

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).

Present: Mayor Lombardo, Councilman Martin, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt.

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

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello reported contracts for DOT project are pending signature. He reported on the Holly Street matter and it was determined that Mr. Guarriello will contact Cranford to repair the area. Councilwoman Tarantino asked about a pole area and Mr. Guarriello is to contact the vendor. Mayor Lombardo acknowledged a job well done in another area.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud arrived at 7:12 p.m. He reported there will be executive session later this evening.

Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Council President Nierstedt mentioned the proposed legislation on collection of taxes and how it is distributed. Brief comments followed. It was recommended to hold off on this bill at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – None

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Councilman Martin no report.

Councilman Mathieu asked the status of the OEM report. Mayor Lombardo said the plan is almost complete and the new director will appear before council soon.

Councilman Petruzzelli no report.

Councilwoman Tarantino mentioned the year-end report prepared by Chief Underhill and his staff. She said he was a very comprehensive report.

Councilwoman Tarantino mentioned the problems with US mail being returned or undelivered. Brief discussion followed. Council President Nierstedt requested Ms. Ariemma write to the legislators again.

Councilwoman Todisco also commented on the report prepared by Chief Underhill and staff.

Council President Nierstedt commented on the following.

Planning Board – I want to remind everyone that the Planning Board will hold its public hearing on the In Need of Redevelopment Study for the Casale, Petro and surrounding properties on South Avenue at 7:30PM in this room tomorrow night. All are invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Tom Pedas, 101 Chestnut Court asked if the Garwood post office stopped delivering mail and the answer is yes. He commented on this and the Cranford Chronicle going out of business.
- John Lies, 229 Third Avenue asked if the police report is available to the public. Ms. Ariemma responded he has to request it through OPRA.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: 7:19 p.m. Workshop, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Council President Nierstedt, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Todisco.

CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood