

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

**WORKSHOP**

**MINUTES**

June 28, 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:**

<b>Mayor Lombardo</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Councilwoman Cuccaro</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Councilman Sarno</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Councilman Martin</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Councilwoman Todisco</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Councilman Mathieu</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Council President Petruzzelli</b>	<b>P</b>

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

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello – updated council on the following projects:

Pre-construction meeting was held on the South Avenue and Center Street project reconstruction project.

DOT 2014 final change order is on the agenda.

DOT 2015 Pre-construction meeting was held. Project to start July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pre-construction on sidewalk project work to commence on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Bids will be received on July 13th for Center Street project.

Borough Attorney Robert – mentioned contracts were prepared for DOT and sidewalk projects. A handicapped parking ordinance was prepared for introduction this evening. Mr. Renaud mentioned the reason the Re-development Plan is not on the agenda because more information is required from the Planning Board.

Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma – mentioned council has received notice from the County of Union for the 2016 Greening Union County grant. She mentioned the match could come from the money received from a fine for the unauthorized removal of a borough tree. All agreed and directed Ms. Ariemma to prepare the grant application for \$5,000.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Mayor Lombardo mentioned Food Emporium Grand Opening. All are invited.

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Councilwoman Cuccaro read the following statement:

I wanted to thank Mayor Lombardo for taking my recommendations to the Planning board about having the variance application process downsized and scaled back to make it more user friendly to the residents that have found it beyond confusing. I saw that a committee was formed for this at the last meeting. So thanks again.

Councilman Martin – NONE

Councilman Mathieu – NONE

Councilman Sarno – mentioned that he has reviewed the request for stop signs at East Street with Chief Underhill. Councilman Sarno said stops signs are not the most effective measure to slow down speeders on East Street. He commended further and Mayor Lombardo referred it back to committee.

Councilman Sarno recommended the Recycling contract and explained why it should be renewed vs. re0-bid. He explained the increase to renew would be about \$350 and that considering the market that this is the best option for the borough vs risking rebidding and what that cost would be. Councilman Mathieu asked if that cost is per pickup or per year and it was concluded that it is a per year, not per pickup cost. Brief discussion followed. The Clerk was directed to proceed with a one-year contract extension. Councilman Petruzzelli agreed we should renew. All agreed

Councilwoman Todisco – explained the matter concerning purchasing soccer goals and tree maintenance costs for the Sports Complex. Brief discussion followed. Councilman Sarno asked when the recreation nets became broken. He mentioned that Councilman Martin has not given any reports. Councilman Martin mentioned he hasn't attended the meetings. Councilman Mathieu commented on the complex and it not being self-sufficient and explained why. More discussion followed. Councilwoman Todisco mentioned paying for the soccer goals and where the purchased be charged. More ideas and discussion took place. It was concluded that the matter be referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Councilwoman Todisco brought up the Bond Ordinance being introduced this evening. Discussion followed. Ms. Ariemma mentioned the time frame. Councilman Mathieu asked about votes for introducing a Bond Ordinance. Mr. Renaud answered the question.

Ms. Ariemma brought up Parks and Recreation Grant from the County for 2016. She mentioned that she doesn't need an answer this evening but if council wants to apply that, she would need that information by the next meeting. Ms. Ariemma mentioned the COAH Resolution circulated by the NJSLM. Mr. Renaud explained the resolution and all agreed to adopt it.

Council President Petruzzelli – NONE

**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.

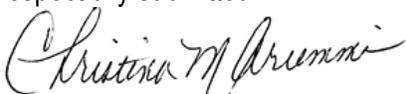
Jen Blumenstock, 315 Spruce Avenue commented on the issue concerning bond vs. capital purchases. She suggested council vote down the ordinance and pay cash for the items.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue mentioned the Center Street intersection project and the potential construction project that is being proposed on South Avenue. He said he feels its wasting money because the corner may need upgrading or changes with the project. Mr. Guarriello said any improvements would be paid be the developer. Brief discussion followed. He mentioned the tree grant and the re-cycling contract. He commented on Fanwood's recycling. Ms. Ariemma commented that Fanwood has contracted with another municipal agency for recycling and are paying a higher rate than Garwood. He said he appreciates the items being paid cash vs. bonding. He mentioned matching grants and asked council for a resolution that matching grants be reduced to 25% instead of 50%.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:46 p.m. a motion to adjourn the workshop session was made by Councilman Sarno followed by a second from Councilwoman Todisco.

Respectfully submitted:



**CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk**  
Borough of Garwood