

Borough of Garwood
Meeting of the Mayor and Council
MINUTES
JULY 12, 2016

Start Time: 8:07 p.m.

Moment of Silence.....

I would like to offer a moment of silence for the police officers who were killed or wounded in Dallas, Texas. We must not forget their families in these troubled times in Dallas and in the United States. Please rise.

Salute to the Flag.....

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader and Union County 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	ABSENT	Councilwoman Todisco	P
Councilman Mathieu	P	Council President Petruzzelli	P

MINUTES:

Regular and Workshop Minutes of the Mayor and Council held on June 28, 2016.

Motion: Councilman Sarno, Second: Councilwoman Todisco to accept minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –**
 - a. Mayor's Advisory –
 - i. 06/22/16, RE: Weekly Update
 - ii. 06/28/16, RE: Daily Update
 - iii. 07/01/16, RE: Daily Update
 - iv. 07/05/16, RE: Weekly Update
 - v. 07/05/16, RE: Daily Update
 - vi. 07/07/16, RE: Daily Update
 - vii. 07/08/16, RE: Daily Update
 - 2) **RUSSEL FOX, FEMA REGION II/DHS –** 06/27/16, RE: Special Zika Virus Information UPDATE
 - 3) **SANDY BRUNS, CMFO, CTC –** 07/06/216, RE: Planning Board Fee Refund
- RECEIVED AND FILED**

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-13 as advertised on June 30, 2016.

ADOPTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 16-13 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-13

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.6
IN FRONT OF 346 WILLOW AVENUE, IN THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.6 permits a municipality to establish a restricted parking zone in front of a residence occupied by a handicapped person; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood has received a request from Jennifer Rocco of 346 Willow Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey, that a restricted parking zone be established in front of her residence; and

WHEREAS, the resident qualifies for the establishment of such restricted parking zone by virtue of having been issued a windshield placard or wheelchair symbol license plate by the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council finds that parking is not otherwise prohibited and that the permitting of the establishment of a restricted parking zone would not interfere with the normal flow of traffic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood:

SECTION 1. A restricted parking zone pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.6* is hereby established in front of premises located at 346 Willow Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey, the residence of Jennifer Rocco.

SECTION 2. The posting of an appropriate sign by or at the direction of the Chief of Police is hereby authorized and directed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be effective for so long as Jennifer Rocco shall continue to reside in the premises and shall continue to be eligible for the restricted parking zone established herein under *N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.6*.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. If any portion of this ordinance shall be determined to be invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

List correspondence concerning Ordinance 16-13. None

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance 16-13? No Response

Motion: Councilman Sarno, Second: Councilwoman Todisco to close Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-13.

Motion: Councilman Sarno, Second: Councilwoman Todisco to adopt Ordinance 16-13.

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Cuccaro	AYE	Councilman Sarno	AYE
Councilman Martin	ABSENT	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman Mathieu	AYE	Council President Petruzzelli	AYE

INTRODUCTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 16-14 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY CONSISTING OF FINGERPRINT MACHINE UPGRADE EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

Motion: Councilman Petruzzelli, Second: Councilwoman Todisco to introduce Ordinance 16-14.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Cuccaro	AYE	Councilman Sarno	AYE
Councilman Martin	ABSENT	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman Mathieu	AYE	Council President Petruzzelli	AYE

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

POLICE: Councilman Sarno, Chr. NO REPORT

PUBLIC HEALTH: Councilwoman Cuccaro NO REPORT

STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Councilman Petruzzelli, Chr.

The 2002 International garbage truck went in for (yet again) more engine repairs and a major coolant leak. There is high idle issue that is a **major** safety concern since the truck will idle up while on the garbage route and begin to move without touching the accelerator. In addition, due to the high idle, the truck will not go into reverse so the truck has to be shut down and restarted numerous times to switch gears. The repair facility had the truck for over a week to diagnose/repair and the cost was approximately \$2,400. This is the 3rd time the truck has been repaired for the same issue.”

The Department of Public Works completed the following from June 29th to July 11th.

Reoccurring Activities

- Complete regular public works services including residential pickup(s) of household waste, brush/grass and white goods.
- Setup and take down the tables/chairs for the seniors events at the firehouse on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Thursday of the month.
- Check and treat reoccurring problem sewer lines for roots on a weekly basis.
- Perform maintenance on miscellaneous public works vehicle and equipment as needed.
- Clean up the litter and debris throughout the grounds at the Sports and Recreation Complex on a daily basis.
- Pick up the debris/litter from both sides of the underpass sidewalks on Center Street and Kennedy Plaza.
- Mow, trim and maintain all municipal owned properties and parks on a weekly basis.
- Cut up and remove broken branches in various locations of the Borough.
- Repair broken street and traffic signs in various locations of the Borough.

Miscellaneous Activities

- Elevate and prune the shade trees along the following streets:
 - 400 Block of Locust Avenue.

- Areas of 2nd Avenue
- Clean up and perform landscaping maintenance at Hartman Park for the new sign dedication. Install the new sign.
- Move 28 boxes of old files from Cranford to Borough hall and the storage facility for administration.
- Perform major pothole repairs at the following locations:
 - Casale Parking lot entrance
 - Fire Department Driveway
 - Center Street (North bound at underpass)
 - Sections of 4th and Hazel Avenue(s).

2 tons of hot mix asphalt were used for the repairs

COMMENT: Councilwoman Todisco thanked the DPW for their assistance for the Hartman Park dedication.

FIRE: Councilwoman Cuccaro, Chr.

Reported on June 2016 Fire Department activities

FINANCE: Councilwoman Todisco, Chr. NO REPORT

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Mathieu, Chr. NO REPORT

LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilman Martin, Chr. ABSENT

RECREATION: Councilman Martin Chr. ABSENT

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Councilwoman Cuccaro NO REPORT

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Petruzzelli

It's hot outside so come in and cool off at the library. Relax, read the paper, a magazine or check Facebook on our Wi-Fi. You could take home *New York Times* bestsellers like *15th Affair* by James Patterson or *The Weekenders* by Mary Kay Andrews or check out new DVDs. Watch *Zootopia* or Tina Fey's, *Whiskey Tango Foxtrot* in your own air-conditioned home. All adults who check out a book can be entered to win a summer gift basket. This past Wednesday at the library was our second "Wacky Olympic Wednesdays" (WOW). Athletes competed in the straw javelin throw and the paper airplane toss. The lucky winners were given gold, silver and bronze medals at an award ceremony.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Sarno NO REPORT

**CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON:
Councilwoman Todisco**

Thank you, Mayor. The Celebrations Committee will not be meeting over the summer, but I encourage everyone to mark their calendars for Movie Under the Stars on Friday, September 9th at dusk with a rain date of the following day, September 10th. The movie will be Minions. Again, thank you to Spencer Savings Bank, the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Borough for sponsoring this event. That's all for my report, Mayor.

**UNION COUNTY AIR TRAFFIC NOISE ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:
Councilman Mathieu NO REPORT**

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Todisco NO REPORT

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Todisco

Thank you, Mayor. This past Saturday, the new sign at Hartman Park on Second Avenue was unveiled. The raindrops held off and the small ceremony followed. The family of Harry E. Hartman, including his daughter, her children, and her grandchildren attended and it was a touching tribute to his life and provided time for reminiscing about the good old days of Garwood. Harry E. Hartman loved serving Garwood from both on and off the Council. As a member of Council, he was very fond of the Street Department and they even awarded him with a garbage can to show their appreciation for his friendship and work on their behalf. Mr. Hartman was also the first Grand Knight of our local Knights of Columbus. In addition to the Hartman-McMahon family and the Historical Committee, the Mayor, Council President Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Cuccaro, two BOE members, Kathleen Patterson and Kim Ficarra, attended. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Teresa Quigley, came by as well and share how the Kindergarten children use Hartman Park daily and how she is eager to now be able to share the history of Mr. Hartman with the children. She looks forward to sharing the lessons of community service and when you do not first succeed at something, try again because although Mr. Hartman did not win his first election to Council, he did not give up, but instead ran again and won the second time. Thank you to the Historical Committee for seeing this through and continuing the mission of bringing greater attention to the rich history of our Borough.

At our last meeting right before the Hartman ceremony, it was decided the Committee would likely break for the rest of the summer and hit the ground running again come September to continue an even more active role in preserving Garwood's history.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

NONE

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.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue mentioned the Hartman Park and Guerriero signs were made by the county at a very low cost. He thanked the county for this service. He mentioned the Planning Board special meeting held last night. He suggested that the meeting didn't need to be held last evening as the matter could have been discussed at the July 27th meeting.

Bill Nierstedt, 320 Hickory Avenue commented on the Planning Board meeting last night.

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. 16-233

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to take unto himself, on July 7, 2016, Arthur William Schweitzer; and

WHEREAS, Arthur lived in Garwood since 1953 and married his high school sweetheart Mildred; and

WHEREAS, Arthur was a proud veteran of the Korean War, serving his country for two years stationed in Baumholder, Germany; and

WHEREAS, Arthur was a dedicated member of the Garwood Fire Department for 53 years, a member of the Garwood Exempt Association and was also a member of the V.F.W. Post #2230 of Kenilworth; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood wishes to express their deepest sympathy and condolences to his wife Mildred and the entire family of Arthur William Schweitzer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood that this resolution expressing the sympathy of Arthur's passing be adopted and spread upon the permanent records of the Borough of Garwood; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be presented to his beloved wife Mildred and the family of Arthur William Schweitzer.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-234

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sandy Bruns to attend the 2016 Annual Conference of the Government Finance Officer's Association of New Jersey from September 21st – 23rd, 2016, at the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City New Jersey.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-235

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator/Clerk to prepare, sign and submit a grant application for:

2016 GREENING UNION COUNTY

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Match Amount: \$5,000 (trust/fine)

RESOLUTION NO. 16-236

WHEREAS, Bruce D. Underhill, Chief of Police has recommended that Patrolman George Suggs, Police Officer in the Garwood Police Department be upgraded to Step 8 Patrolman, pending approval from Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize that George Suggs be upgraded from a Step 7 Patrolman, to a Step 8 Patrolman in the Garwood Police Department, effective July 18, 2016, at an annual salary of \$78,000.00 in accordance with the existing P.B.A. Contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-237

WHEREAS, Bruce D. Underhill, Chief of Police has recommended that Patrolman Dylan Cosgrove, Police Officer in the Garwood Police Department be upgraded to Step 3 Patrolman, pending approval from Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize that Dylan Cosgrove be upgraded from a Step 2 Patrolman, to a Step 3 Patrolman in the Garwood Police Department, effective August 1, 2016, at an annual salary of \$53,000.00 in accordance with the existing P.B.A. Contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-238

WHEREAS, Midwest Construction, Inc., 23 Dead River Road Warren, NJ 07059, has satisfactorily completed on April 1, 2016, the project known as "NJDOT 2014 Road Improvement Program"; and

WHEREAS, the work included in the "NJDOT 2014 Road Improvement Program" is as follows: FOR THE RESURFACING OF BEECH AVENUE FROM WEST STREET TO BOROUGH LINE, MAPLE STREET FROM MYRTLE AVENUE TO SPRUCE AVENUE AND DRAINAGE RECONSTRUCTION ON HICKORY AVENUE FROM CENTER STREET TO EAST STREET AND THIRD AVENUE FROM WALNUT STREET TO CEDAR STREET; and

WHEREAS, Maintenance Bond No. BARC00081MB has been received for one-year period concluding on April 1, 2017, for \$28,056.38; and

WHEREAS, the as built construction cost is \$280,563.76.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the Municipal Engineer's recommendation that the project is complete and authorizes the Treasurer to issue a check made payable to Midwest Construction Inc., for final payment.

Motion: Councilwoman Todisco, Second: Councilman Petruzzelli to adopt Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Cuccaro	AYE	Councilman Sarno	AYE
Councilman Martin	ABSENT	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman Mathieu	AYE	Council President Petruzzelli	AYE

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-239

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to prepare a Request for Proposals to solicit proposals from qualified firms for professional services for a Redevelopment Attorney for the purpose of providing legal counsel pursuant to the redevelopment plan proposed for South Avenue.

Motion: Councilwoman Todisco, Second: Councilman Petruzzelli to adopt Resolution 16-239

Discussion: Councilman Mathieu asked about dollar limits on the contract. Ms. Ariemma explained that will be encompassed in the resolution of award which comes later after a selection is made.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Cuccaro	AYE	Councilman Sarno	AYE
Councilman Martin	ABSENT	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman Mathieu	AYE	Council President Petruzzelli	AYE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor's Certificate of Award to Michael Ulaky was presented in Workshop Session.

Mayor Lombardo said I am making a change on the Administrative Review Committee. I am replacing Councilman Mike Martin with Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro. Their meetings will commence in September. Councilman Mathieu asked why he is making this change. Mayor Lombardo responded that the work the committee has to do will continue into 2017 and Councilman Martin term ends 2016.

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.

Motion: Councilwoman Todisco, Second: Councilman Petruzzelli, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Cuccaro	AYE	Councilman Sarno	AYE
Councilman Martin	ABSENT	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman Mathieu	AYE	Council President Petruzzelli	AYE

ADJOURNMENT:

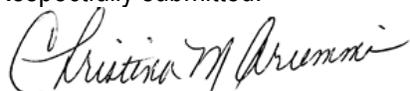
The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON ORDINANCE NO. 16-14, ON TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016, AT 7:15 P.M. OR SOON THERE AFTER

Motion: Councilwoman Cuccaro, Second: Councilwoman Todisco to adjourn.

Time: 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood

