

BOROUGH of GARWOOD

Workshop Session MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

July 14, 2015

Workshop session was opened by Mayor Lombardo at: 7:00 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.

Mayor Lombardo announced, "Before we proceed further with our workshop meeting, I am going to ask the public and the Council to hold all questions, statements and discussions about the shared services agreement with Fanwood until the regular meeting. This will enable us to concentrate all our thoughts and ideas at one time on this matter. At that time, I will also ask that all questions and statements be limited to no more than three minutes per person."

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello mentioned that he will have a pre-construction meeting next week on the 2014 DOT Road projects and that work should commence about one week after the meeting. He advised council of the condition of the sanitary sewer line on the 300 block of Willow Avenue. He provided recommendations on how to repair the pipe. Mayor Lombardo referred the matter to Streets and Roads initially and after discussion it was referred to Finance. Mayor Lombardo asked Mr. Guarriello about a gas line that he has been monitoring.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud mentioned the ordinances on the agenda and also that the recycling matter should be discussed in closed session. All agreed.

Councilman Mathieu asked to be notified when these matters take place such as the recycling matter.

Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma said "on Wednesday, July 8th, approximately mid-morning I received a phone call from the recycling vendor advising me that he was having equipment failure and would not be able to pick-up recycling scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2015. I proceeded to find a replacement vendor at the same cost. The replacement vendor also had equipment problems and got off to a late start. Also, they did not know the route so some areas were missed but were eventually picked up. I am concerned about the next recycling pick-up, scheduled for July 23rd. I have prepared a proposal and began soliciting quotes. There is not another council meeting before the next pickup so I will do the best I can to ensure that recycling is picked up."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Councilman Martin followed up on a matter concerning Councilman Mathieu's role as Chair of the Republican Party. Councilman Mathieu read a statement which he said he is still the party chair. He also mentioned that the newspaper printed a correction on this matter. Councilman Martin said then there is still a conflict.

Councilman Mathieu said that the council has no common sense and the public needs to come to meetings. He thanked the public for coming to the meeting.

Councilman Petruzzelli no report.

Councilwoman Tarantino Villages at Garwood – Parking situation

I spoke with Liz Fennik – Executive Director of the Village at Garwood. Currently they have approved tenants with 45 cars. They are still qualifying 12 more tenants. So being that they have 40 parking spots that means that there is a potential for 17 cars to be parked on the street, possibly less. But keep in mind they those cars can be spread over 2nd, 3rd and Oak Aves. Also, Ms. Fennik was going to be speaking to

Father Villanova to discuss a potential arrangement of leasing his parking lot for her residents. She will notify me of the outcome.

Councilwoman Todisco asked the Mayor the status on the Shared Service agreement with Cranford. Mayor Lombardo replied that we are waiting a response from Cranford.

Council President Nierstedt: Planning Board – The board was unable to take action on the St. Anne's addition application as the applicant was not represented by an attorney; this matter is carried to the July 22 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Garritano 425 Willow Avenue said there is discord with the council. He asked council to consider taxing renters like homeowners are taxed.

R. McCormick 101 Fourth Avenue mentioned the parking problems at the Garwood Shoprite during the July 4th weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: 7:25 p.m. Workshop, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Council President Nierstedt, **Seconded by** Councilman Mathieu.