

BOROUGH of GARWOOD

Workshop Session MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

July 28, 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 Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt.

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

Councilman Martin and Councilwoman Tarantino were excused.

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello work on the 2014 DOT project will begin around August 15th, with a four to six week timeline. Councilwoman Todisco asked about an alert she received concerning work the county was to perform. Mr. Guarriello had no knowledge on this matter.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud mentioned the action has been filed concerning COAH. Mr. Renaud explained the matter in detail.

Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma mentioned the demonstration for Property Pilot software is scheduled for the August 11, 2015 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Lombardo reported:

Sandy Bruns and I, as mentioned before, met with Tom Connell, the Union County Bureau Head of Community Development Grant Fund. He explained to us that our two grant requests are part of the Social Services committee and the grant requests to that Committee always exceeds the grant monies available. He suggested we seek new projects and to think out of the box as their committee loves creativity. He also suggested incorporating projects geared to our new senior facility, the Village at Garwood. We can submit grant requests under facilities, public improvement and housing in the upcoming year.

I am in receipt of a letter dated July 16, 2015 from the New Jersey Planning officials that begins - "Dear Mayor - Congratulations!" The Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex has been selected as a recipient of a 2015 New Jersey Planning Officials Achievement in Planning Award. Presentation will take place on September 18 at the Somerset Hills Hotel.

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Councilman Martin - absent

Councilman Mathieu no report

Councilman Petruzzelli no report

Councilwoman Tarantino - absent

Councilwoman Todisco mentioned the bond ordinance on the agenda must have four affirmative votes to pass. She asked if all of council will support the ordinance. All agreed to support except Councilman Mathieu who said he will not reveal his vote to her.

Council President Nierstedt no report

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: 7:08 p.m. Workshop, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Council President Nierstedt, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Todisco.

CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood