

Borough of Garwood

Meeting of the Mayor and Council

MINUTES

August 09, 2016

Start Time: 7:43 p.m.

Moment of Silence.....

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	P	Councilwoman Todisco	P
Councilman Mathieu	P	Council President Petruzzelli	P

MINUTES:

Regular and Workshop Minutes of the Mayor and Council held on July 26, 2016.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –**
 - a. Mayor's Advisory –
 - i. 08/02/16, RE: Weekly Update
 - ii. 08/03/16, RE: Daily Update
 - 2) **MILDRED SCHWEITZER – 07/25/16, RE: Thanking you note for Resolution honoring her late husband Arthur Schweitzer**
 - 3) **RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY – 07/27/16, RE: Minutes of the meetings held on June 16, 2016.**
- ALL RECEIVED AND FILED**

ORDINANCES:

NONE

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

POLICE: Councilman Sarno, Chr.

Last night, the Police Committee to discuss handicapped parking in the borough, specifically should residents be permitted to have a handicapped parking spot on the street if they have off street parking available. The Police Committee unanimously decided to ask the Borough Administrator is she could run a survey of all Union County towns to see if they exclude on-street handicapped spots to those residents who off-street parking readily available to them, like Kenilworth has for instance.

Furthermore, the committee recommends that the mayor either bring back the Parking Committee or charge an existing committee to examine the borough's parking needs and specifically find out if we need to expand the permit sticker policy currently in place for certain streets and areas.

Lastly, thank you to all those who made volunteered their time, effort, and appreciation last week to the Garwood Police Department as it was greatly appreciated!

That's all for my report

Ms. Ariemma was directed to reach out to other towns to find out about handicapped parking restrictions. Mayor Lombardo agreed to reinstate the parking committee at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Councilwoman Cuccaro - NO REPORT

STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Councilman Petruzzelli, Chr.

The Department of Public Works completed the following from July 27th to August 9th.

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.
- Repair broken street and traffic signs in various locations of the Borough.

Miscellaneous Activities

- Continue street sweeping operations on the north side of the Borough. Post areas to be swept the day before for no parking. All streets on the north side will be completed this week.
- Remove the debris from the tops of all stormwater drainage inlets on the North and South side of the Borough numerous times throughout the period due to heavy rains.
- Remove the weeds in the planters in front of Borough hall. Continue to weed the mulch beds at Borough hall, Kennedy Plaza, Georgiana Memorial and the Sports & Recreation Complex.
- Cut down the shade tree at 509 East Street at Locust Ave.
- Continue to weed the sidewalk area along the municipal building fronting Center Street/South Avenue and along Center Street between North and South Avenue(s).

FIRE: Councilwoman Cuccaro, Chr. - NO REPORT

FINANCE: Councilwoman Todisco, Chr. NO REPORT

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Mathieu, Chr. - NO REPORT

LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilman Martin, Chr.

Tonight there are FIVE applications for a Raffle Licenses.

The committee recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 16-249, for the application of four **off-premise 50/50 raffle licenses** to be drawn October 09, 2016, December 11, 2016, February 12, 2017 and April 23, 2017, at The Church of St. Anne, 325 Second Avenue, Garwood, NJ, by The Church of St. Anne.

The committee also recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 16-250, for the application of one **off-premise 50/50 raffle license** to be drawn October 1, 2016 at the Knights of Columbus, 37 South Avenue, Garwood, NJ, by Garwood PBA, Local 117 Civic Association

RECREATION: Councilman Martin Chr.

Announced the senior brunch is this weekend.

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Councilwoman Cuccaro

The senior meetings during the months of July and August are 1 time. The group would like to change that to 2 meeting as the rest of the year for the upcoming year of 2017, as they feel there are people that may not have things to do and it is good for those that would like to have some place to go. BOH to contact about.. the group has blood pressure screening once a month currently and would like it if there were the funds to increase that to 2 times a month once the current contract is up. I will reach out to Meagan and see if they can be accommodated.

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Petruzzelli

Last Wednesday the Library's Wacky Olympic Wednesday (WOW) events included Target Golf and Water Bottle Bowling. An Olympic Champion was crowned at the end of the competition. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded. Check it out on our Facebook page.

On Thursday Night the Book Club met to discuss *Joy School*.

Friday was the last day to log- in for the summer reading program. Today (Tuesday) we had our summer reading ice cream party. Twenty six children participated and read over 500 hours this summer. All participants received prizes and certificates. Peyton Collings, the first place winner with 5066 minutes received 4 tickets to Rebounderz (trampoline park in Edison. Second place winner, Lauren Raffree, received a \$30 Visa Gift Card. The Third place winner, Abigail Henkel, received a \$25 Visa gift card. Fun was had by all participating in the final WOW games.

The Freeholder's Grant for Children's programing will be presented to all the Union County Libraries on August 18th at the Freeholder's meeting in Elizabeth.

The library will be closed on Saturdays for the rest of August. Regular Saturday hours will begin again on Saturday, September 10, after Labor Day.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Sarno - NO REPORT

**CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON:
Councilwoman Todisco - NO REPORT**

**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. The President of the Historical Committee reached out to a contact he has with the Casale property to arrange for a short tour on Wednesday, August 17th at 11am. The Committee would like to extend the invitation to the Mayor and Council. I know I will be there. Feel free to email me and I will inform the Committee as to who to expect to attend. It will be a good opportunity for us to document the property with photos and hopefully with video. That's all for my report, Mayor.

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 Casale tour is mostly for historical matters. He mentioned powers and authority of the council concerning redevelopment. He read a statute and commented further on the process.

Bill Nierstedt, 320 Hickory Avenue commented on the master plan and provided information on the redevelopment matter.

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. 16-249

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the licenses to conduct four Off Premise 50/50 raffles on October 09, 2016, December 11, 2016, February 12, 2017, April 23, 2017, all to be drawn at Church of St. Anne, 325 Second Avenue, Garwood, NJ at 1:30 p.m. on each occasion, is hereby granted to Church of St. Anne pursuant to RA#1090, RA#1091, RA#1092, and RA#1093.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-250

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the license to conduct an Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle on October 1, 2016, to be held at the Knights of Columbus, 37 South, Garwood, NJ at 3:00 p.m., is hereby granted to PBA Local #117, pursuant to Application Number RA #1094.

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

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Lombardo mentioned the redevelopment attorney proposals received and recommended they be reviewed by Finance Committee for recommendation.

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 by Councilwoman Todisco, Second: Councilman Martin to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

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

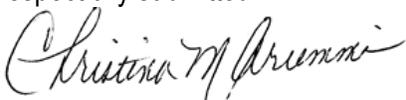
ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

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

Time: 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood