

# BOROUGH of GARWOOD

## *Regular MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING*

August 11, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers and called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Mayor Lombardo. He asked all present to participate in a moment of silence, followed by a salute to the flag.

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).

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mayor Lombardo, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt.

Also Present: Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma and Borough Attorney Robert Renaud.

Councilman Martin was excused.

### **MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on June 23, 2015 as amended.

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on July 14, 2015.

Executive Session of the Mayor and Council held on July 14, 2015.

Workshop Session of the Mayor and Council held on July 14, 2015.

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on July 28, 2015.

Workshop Session of the Mayor and Council held on July 28, 2015.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Council President Nierstedt **Seconded by** Councilwoman Todisco

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) **NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –**
    - a. Mayor's Advisory –
      - i. 07/27/15, RE: A. Weekly Policy Update - 2015 Legislative Priorities
      - ii. 07/27/15, RE: FEDERAL UPDATE
      - iii. 07/31/15, RE: Weekly Policy Update
      - iv. 08/03/15, RE: NJLM Mayor's Newslite - August 2015
  - 2) **TOWNSHIP OF UNION –** 08/03/15, RE: Resolution 2015-217, supporting Senate Bill 2677
  - 3) **MARY GUARE –** 07/29/15, RE: Letter concerning Shared Services with Fanwood.
  - 4) **RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY –** 07/27/15, Minutes of the meetings held on June 11, 2015 and June 18, 2015.
  - 5) **GARWOOD PLANNING BOARD –** 07/27/15, RE: Minutes of the meeting held on June 24, 2015.
- ALL WERE RECEIVED AND FILED**

### **ORDINANCES:**

Adoption:

Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 15-15 by title only:

#### **BOND ORDINANCE NO. 15-15**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$395,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the various grants and the down payment appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the various grants hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of the following improvements in the Borough as the 2015 Road and Drainage Improvement Project:

Road Resurfacing (including drainage, sidewalk, curb  
and driveway apron improvements, where necessary)  
Third Avenue (from Maple Street to Walnut Street)  
Willow Avenue (from New Street east to dead end)  
Drainage  
Myrtle Avenue (from Oak Street east to dead end)

Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Borough Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$290,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$215,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,600
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 71,400
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Undertaking of the 2015 Sidewalk Repair/ Replacement and Tree Removal/Replacement Program at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$105,000
Aggregate County Grants Appropriated	\$ 32,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 69,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years
Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$395,000
Aggregate Grants Appropriated	\$247,500
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 7,100
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$140,400

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$49,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The sum of \$215,000 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvements authorized in Section 4.A hereof.

Section 7. The sum of \$30,000 received or to be received as a grant from the Union County Infrastructure Grant Program is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvements authorized in Section 4.B hereof.

Section 8. The sum of \$2,500 received or to be received as a grant from the Greening Union County Grant Program is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvements authorized in Section 4.B hereof.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$7,100, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$7,100 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 10. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$140,400 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 11. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$140,400 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 12. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Municipal Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 13. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 10 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 14. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$140,400 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 15. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Union, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the various grants hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 16. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 17. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 18. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Municipal Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 19. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

**Motion: Action: Adopt ORDINANCE 15-15, Moved by Councilwoman Todisco, Seconded by Councilman Petruzzelli**

**Discussion: NONE.**

**Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5)**

**Yes: Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt.**

Ordinance No. 15-15 was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 15-16, by title only:

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 15-16**

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$35,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

**Motion: Action:** INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 15-16, **Moved by** Councilman Petruzzelli, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Todisco

**Discussion:** Council President Nierstedt asked if the ordinance can include the location.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5)

**Yes:** Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt. Ordinance No. 15-16 was introduced.

Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 15-17, by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-17**

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT ARTICLE II (JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM) IN CHAPTER 27 FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD TO ESTABLISH A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM.

**Motion: Action:** INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 15-17, **Moved by** Council President Nierstedt, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Todisco

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5)

**Yes:** Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt. Ordinance No. 15-17 was introduced.

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:**

**POLICE:** Councilwoman Tarantino, Chr. -

1. The Garwood Police took part in Union Counties "National Night Out" which was held at Meisel Field in Springfield on Aug 4<sup>th</sup>. National Night Out is designed to bring community awareness to what the police do within a community and Law Enforcement in general. Sgt. Wright and Officer Kleinsorgen were present with a marked unit and one of the departments Humvees. They demonstrating various equipment including, night vision and thermal imaging goggles as well as the DWI goggles, which give a person the feeling of under the influence while trying to perform the simplest of tasks. The Officers also displayed and spoke to parents about the seriousness of kids playing with "Air Soft Guns" which while popular toys with kids, but are extremely life like and easily mistaken as the real thing. We received a lot of positive feedback.
2. On August 5<sup>th</sup>. Officers took part in the "Every Hero Has A Story" program which was hosted by the Library. Two officers were on hand gain with a marked unit and a Humvee to interact with the kids and parents, demonstrate equipment and answer questions from the participants.
3. Members of the Police Department conducted a Bicycle Safety Rodeo at the Recreation's Summer Program located at the Sports and Athletic Complex. Instruction was provided in safe bicycling, including the laws that apply to bicycle operators and proper / improper equipment for a bicycle. Safety inspections were also conducted on those bicycles present.
4. The new Dictaphone Voice Recorder has been installed. This is part of the Dispatch Console project and replaces the old voice recorder that had reached the end of its life span. The Dictaphone unit is a critical part of Dispatch as it records the radio, phone and 911 transmissions which are not only necessary as discovery for court purposes, but also for Officer Safety.  
The new dispatch console equipment is on order and expected to arrive within the next week or so. Preparation is currently underway which includes the removal of some cabinetry and other electrical equipment no longer in service. This work is being performed by members of the Police Department who are volunteering their time and talent toward the renovation.
5. During the recent heat wave, the Department used it's "Senior Silver Emergency Contact List" to reach out and check on many of Garwood's senior citizens, to be sure they were not in any distress. Feedback was positive and appreciated. By registering with the Seniors Silver Emergency Contact Program, our senior's can provide contact information for themselves and any emergency contacts or key holders they choose. Chief Underhill reminds all seniors that registration for this program is voluntary and the information is confidential. Registration forms are available at the Police Dispatch Desk or on the PD's website [www.Garwoodpd.org](http://www.Garwoodpd.org).

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Council President Nierstedt *NO REPORT*

**STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY:** Councilwoman Todisco, Chr.

Thank you, Mayor. Clint Dickson has transitioned into the role of Superintendent of Public Works. The members of the Streets and Roads committee have met with him. I was present on his first day last Monday when he reintroduced himself to the staff, many of which worked with him when he was first with Garwood. The DPW has been busy striping lines in the street, weed whacking the downtown, and street sweeping in addition to their usual duties of garbage and brush and grass pickup. Brush and grass pickup continues to be done on Wednesdays.

Clint Dickson is in the process of obtaining quotes to paint the town clock and street light poles. The flagpole that was knocked down by a motor vehicle will be replaced in a different location closer to South Avenue to avoid more accidents and in order to do

so; the other pole will be relocated. The striping and signs for the recently established Burger King commuter parking lot is underway. The numbering of the spaces has been completed. He is also investigating the necessary signage required at the recreation complex. Finally, Mr. Dickson is looking to sandblast the island of the underpass, then paint the first 10 feet on both ends yellow so that it stands out for traffic.

That's all for my report, Mayor.

**FIRE: Council President Nierstedt, Chr.**

The Garwood Fire Department voted unanimously to approve the implementation of a Junior Firefighter Program within the Garwood Fire Department and have requested an ordinance to enact the program. The program will allow Garwood students between the ages of 14 (or have started the 8th grade) – 18 to participate in certain supervised functions in the department. The program intent is educate the youth in the hope they can be recruited as volunteer Firefighters in the future. The Fire Committee hereby supports the introduction of Ordinance 15-17. That's all for my report.

**FINANCE: Councilman Petruzzelli, Chr. NO REPORT**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Mathieu, Chr.**

Mentioned a memo from Chief Underhill concerning the renovation of council chambers. He suggested a meeting be held to discuss further.

**LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilman Martin, Chr. Reported by Councilwoman Todisco**

Thank you, Mayor. The Laws and License Committee met last week. Also present were Chief Underhill and Captain Stoffer. Together we reviewed the present dumpster ordinance and discussed changes to it to satisfy the concerns raised by residents. We looked at the original ordinance drafted by our Borough Attorney a couple years ago. We still have a couple of issues to work out, including permit fees and how long dumpsters should be permitted, but we plan to have a draft for the Council in advance of the next meeting so that it can be discussed at the August 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Secondly, we reviewed the property maintenance ordinance and discussed amending it to reflect the new International Property Maintenance Code, which has replaced the BOCA National Property Maintenance Code. Lastly, we discussed and reviewed a sample social media policy that we feel should be put in place first in order to bring back the Borough of Garwood Facebook page. We plan to give the Council a draft resolution before our next Council meeting so we can discuss it then. That's all for my report, Mayor.

**RECREATION: Councilwoman Todisco Chr.**

Thank you, Mayor. Summer recreation has come to a close after 6 weeks. It was a very successful program with over 100 children signed up. The program averaged 70 children attending per day. Also, all 5 trips were successful, 2 had 2 buses full of children and the other 3 trips had 1 full bus each. Thank you to Summer Recreation Director Dana Parkhill, who has run the program for two years now, for another job well done. I would like to remind everyone that the annual Recreation Senior Dinner is this Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 12noon to 4pm at the Columbian Club at 37 South Avenue. The theme is Senior Game Day. That's all for my report, Mayor.

**COMMITTEE ON AGING: Councilwoman Tarantino NO REPORT**

**LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Petruzzelli**

The Summer Reading Club "Every Hero has a Story" is a success. We had a 71% increase in participation over last year and the participants have logged in over 500 hours of reading. It will officially conclude with a "make your own sundae" party on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm where all participants will receive prizes and enjoy some "hero themed" photo-ops. The top reader read more about 100 hours. She will be awarded 4 tickets to Great Adventure Amusement Park at the party.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, we were visited by Garwood's finest, Sergeant Wright and Police Officer Kleinsorgen at our "hero themed" Story Time. After Story Time the children were able to sit in a police car and police, all terrain, vehicle. On August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30, a local author, Laura Sassi, read her new book "Goodnight Ark" accompanied by her skunk puppets. About 33 people were in attendance.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, representatives from Howling Woods Farm, an animal shelter that rescues wolves and wolfdog hybrids, presented a slideshow about wolves and wolf conservation. It was followed by a meet and greet with two wolves, Samson and Takoda. About 45 people were in attendance. You can see pictures of this event and other recent events on our newly updated website and Facebook page.

The library is continuing to collect items for the Plainfield Area Humane Society including cat and dog food and toys, cleaning supplies and old towels and blankets through the end of August.

The library will be having a small book sale the last two weeks of August. Fill up a bag of books for \$5.

Union County Freeholders has awarded the library funds under the "2015, Union County Library Grant for Children's Programming". We will use this money to fund a "Lego Club" for elementary school children at the library. The actual amount awarded was not specified but will be revealed at the Board of Freeholder's Meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

In September, the library will resume Story Time on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am, movies on Friday at 10am, and the Monday book club at 1pm. We will also be hosting a Medicare presentation on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and a local author book signing on the 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

The Garwood Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM; Fridays, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM; and beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>, the library will resume its Saturday hours of 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Mathieu NO REPORT**

**CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON: Council President Nierstedt  
NO REPORT**

**UNION COUNTY AIR TRAFFIC NOISE ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:**

Councilman Mathieu *NO REPORT*

**PARKING COMMITTEE:** Councilwoman Tarantino

The Committee has finished review the proposed residential permit parking ordinance. Council members will be receiving it before the next meeting. The committee would appreciate everyone reviewing and ready to discuss for the meeting of Aug 25<sup>th</sup> so we can have it ready for first reading at the first meeting in Sept. That's all for my report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Councilwoman Tarantino *NO REPORT*

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:** Councilwoman Todisco

Thank you, Mayor. I attended the Historical Committee meeting last night. Officers were elected as follows: Bruce Paterson as President, Mary Wanca as Vice President, Carol Lombardo as Secretary, and Paul Tarantino as Treasurer. The opportunities to sponsor frames of pictures at the Recreation Complex are almost all full, but the Committee plans on putting up a second wave of photos. Anyone interested in sponsoring a photo can contact the Garwood Library or Borough Hall. In other business, the Committee discussed a rededication of the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex and would like to have such an event on the anniversary of the Borough on Saturday, March 19, 2016. The Committee recommends the James V. Guerriero Memorial Field remain for the baseball field and the announcer's booth be named for J. Homenic as the previous building was named for him. Additionally, the Committee recommends the meeting room of the complex be named for Mayor Michael Crincoli, who first had a vision for this area in town. However, the Historical Committee defers to the Mayor and Council to make the final decision with regards to the dedication. Finally, the Committee plans on providing the Borough Administrator with a historical photo of Garwood every few months as a "photo of the quarter," to be posted on the Borough website. That's all for my report, Mayor.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Michael Tharaldsen, Fire Chief monthly report for July 2015

Municipal Tax Collector Aggie Kurzweil: monthly report for July 2015

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by**, Councilwoman Todisco **Seconded by** Councilman Petruzzelli

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bruce Paterson 325 Willow Avenue mentioned the Historical Committee photos and suggested council sponsor the photos. Commented on Councilman Petruzzelli health benefits.

**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. 15-250**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) recently completed a traffic investigation on Route 28 in the Borough of Garwood; and

**WHEREAS**, NJDOT investigation revealed the current centerline pavement markings on Route 28 meet and conform to current design standards; and

**WHEREAS**, NJDOT will update existing records to reflect current No Passing Zone conditions along (US) (NJ) Route 28.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that it supports the use of a "No Passing Zone" on Route 28 in the Borough of Garwood as recommended by NJDOT.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NJDOT as requested.

**Motion: Action:** Adopt consent agenda, **Moved by** Council President Nierstedt, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Todisco

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5)

**Yes:** Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt. Consent agenda was adopted.

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED OR REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Any new business the Mayor and Council may have:

Councilwoman Tarantino mentioned the comment made by Councilman Mathieu regarding her excused absence at the last meeting. She said she wanted to clarify that she didn't just not show up as mentioned by the Councilman but rather had a planned vacation that could not be changed. Councilman Mathieu responded that he plans his vacations around council meetings.

**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.

**Dog Tax Acct: \$77.60**

**Garwood Sports & Recreation Complex Trust: \$256.42**

**Capital Acct: \$496.00**

**Current Acct: \$1,647,112.43**

**Motion: Action:** Adopt, **Moved by** Councilwoman Todisco, **Seconded by** Council President Nierstedt

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5)

**Yes:** Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Tarantino, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt. Payment of Claims was adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015**, 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. 15-16 AND ORDINANCE 15-17, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015, AT 7:15 P.M. OR SOON THERE AFTER.**

**Motion: Action:** At 8:17 p.m., adjourn, **Moved by** Council President Nierstedt, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Todisco.