

**Borough of Garwood Workshop Meeting of
The Mayor and Council**

WORKSHOP

MINUTES

August 23, 2016

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader, and UC 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

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

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello reported the sidewalk project requires additional grading and seeding and should be done next week. He said the 2015 DOT project remains delayed. He reported the pre-construction meeting concerning the Center Street Project was held and the project should commence the first or second week in September. Brief discussion took place regarding the delay of the DOT project and the impact on municipalities. The emergency projects were discussed. The stockpile of dirt was mentioned and brief discussion followed.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud asked if there are any questions concerning the resolution for the fence agreement.

Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma - ***NO REPORT***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Lombardo

As discussed at the last council meeting, At this time I am reinstating the Parking Committee with the following members; Chairman, Councilman Joe Sarno, Council President Lou Petruzzelli and Councilman Mike Martin. Two advisory members will be Police Chief Bruce Underhill and former Councilwoman Kathleen Villaggio. Ms. Ariemma will you please put the Parking committee back on the agenda for our first meeting in October, where we will receive our first update from the committee.

I am asking the Parking Committee to review all of 4th Avenue, Fifth Avenue, Oak Street and Cedar Street as a starting point in their investigation process. As matters come before me, I will pass them on to the committee.

The Mayor and Council are being invited to attend the grand Re-Opening of the Spring Academy located on Center Street, on Saturday, September 10th at 12 noon.

The Mayor and Council are being invited to attend the Grand Opening of the South Avenue Arts facility (formerly the VFW building on South Avenue) on Saturday, September 24th at 12 noon.

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Councilwoman Cuccaro - ***NONE***

Councilman Martin – ***NONE***

Councilman Mathieu – mentioned the vote on the redevelopment ordinance and asked if the vote can take place at the following meeting (September 27, 2016) in order for council can consider what is said by the public. Mayor Lombardo said he feels that the vote should be held that evening. Councilwoman Cuccaro said she agrees with Councilman Mathieu. Brief discussion followed. Councilwoman Todisco asked if ordinance could be tabled on September 13th. Borough Attorney Renaud responded yes, that it could be tabled. Councilwoman Todisco mentioned the Republican Facebook page negative postings about the project. Councilman Mathieu commented further on the matter.

Councilman Sarno – agreed with Councilman Mathieu. He mentioned he has his own Facebook page.

Councilwoman Todisco thanked Ms. Ariemma for notifying the residents about the DOT delay.

Council President Petruzzelli – **NONE**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Is there anyone in the audience that wishes to address the mayor and council please step to the microphone, sign in, state your full name and address. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue mentioned the pile of dirt.

Keith Lock, 609 East Street mentioned his fence issue. Mayor Lombardo said it is on for a vote tonight.

Bill Nierstedt, 320 Hickory Avenue mentioned the redevelopment matter and delaying the matter further, and that not being in the best interest of the borough. He asked the council to vote on the matter on September 13th.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:18 p.m., a motion to adjourn the workshop session was made by Councilman Martin, followed by a second from Councilman Petruzzelli.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood