

BOROUGH of GARWOOD

Regular MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

August 26, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers and called to order at 7:27 p.m. by Mayor Quattrocchi. She 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 Westfield Leader, advertised on January 9, 2014, 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).

Mayor Quattrocchi asks at this time please turn your cell phones to off or vibrate.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Quattrocchi (Not voting), Council President Tarantino, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Nierstedt, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Todisco.

Also Present: Attorney Catherine DeAppolonio, and Clerk/Stenographer Kathleen Wierzbinski.

Councilman Martin arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Borough Engineer Donald R. Guarriello arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M. Ariemma was excused.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on August 12, 2014.

Workshop Session of the Mayor and Council held on August 12, 2014.

Executive Session of the Mayor and Council held on August 12, 2014.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –

a. Mayor's Advisory –

- i. 08/11/14, RE: I. Division of Pensions Posts 2015 SHBP Rate Recommendations II. August is National Immunization Awareness Month
- ii. 08/12/14, RE: Weekly Summer Update
- iii. 08/13/14, RE: Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Events
- iv. 08/13/14, RE: I. Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts Legislation II. Hotel Update for Annual League Conference RE: III. League Posts Resources to Empower Local Impact
- v. 8/14/14, RE: NJ Division of Fire Safety Issues Safety Warning on Current Social Media Stunt
- vi. 8/14/14, RE: Make Plans to Attend the Annual Business Meeting
- vii. 8/14/14, RE: Upcoming WIMG Events
- viii. 8/14/14, RE: Mayors Challenge

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2) COMCAST –

- a) 08/15/14, RE: Channel Changes

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ORDINANCES:

NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE: Councilman Martin, Chr. **NO REPORT**

PUBLIC HEALTH: Councilwoman Todisco, Chr. **NO REPORT**

STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Councilman Nierstedt, Chr. **NO REPORT**

FIRE: Councilman Mathieu, Chr. **NO REPORT**

FINANCE: Councilwoman Todisco, Chr. **NO REPORT**

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Petruzzelli, Chr. **NO REPORT**

LAWS AND LICENSES: Council President Tarantino, Chr. **NO REPORT**

RECREATION: Councilman Petruzzelli, Chr.

Sunday, August 17th was the senior dinner at the Knights of Columbus. Approximately 55 seniors attended. The theme of the dinner was prom night. A prom king and queen were crowned. Thanks to the commission for the event.

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

COMMITTEE ON AGING: Council President Tarantino **NO REPORT**

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Mayor Quattrocchi **NO REPORT**

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Todisco

I attended the last Board of Education meeting on August 19th. It began with a presentation by Principal Mary Emmons on the Dept. of Education Self-Assessment Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, as it is the fourth year this law has been in affect, and reported on the school climate. The score from last year is on the school website and this current score will be posted there as well. The Board of Education introduced Eric Larsen as the new School Business Administrator, which is a shared service with Mountainside. Mr. Larsen is working 3 days a week in Mountainside and 2 days a week here. During the meeting, the Board passed a resolution to approve a proposal for \$175,110.15 to upgrade the lighting in Lincoln School to LEDs. They will be using a state grant for \$18,000 to pay some of the cost. It will be financed at an estimated 2.38% over 5 years and the Board expects to realize a savings after 3 years and 10 months. Also, the Board approved a resolution for \$8,820 for a Parent Portal system, which will allow parents to check their child's grades throughout the marking period. This is expected to be up and running by the end of the first marking period. The Technology Committee reported the purchase of 250 Chromebooks, which is enough for one for each student in grades 5 to 8 and some additional to be shared between the elementary classes. The Board changed the student activities fee to \$45 per student per middle school sport, up \$5 from last year, and the fee for the 7th Grade Stokes field trip remained the same at \$120 per student. The annual Stokes field trip for 7th graders will be from September 24th to 26th. Back to School Night will be Thursday, September 18th.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Councilman Nierstedt, **Seconded by** Councilman Petruzzelli

COMMENT: Councilman Nierstedt asked about the ceiling that fell at Washington School. He asked what this means for the YMCA's use the building. Councilwoman Todisco said from what she understands it should be good to go in September, but mentioned that anyone with concerns should speak directly with Dr. Quigley or the Board of Education.

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON: Councilman Martin

Kathy Villaggio, Chairperson made the following report:

We have one more meeting before the Movie under the Stars. The movie will take place on September 19th, and is being sponsored by the town, the YMCA, the Chamber of Commerce and Spencer Savings Bank. The movie is called "The Nut Job" and is very age appropriate and very funny. The notices will be sent out to the children the first week of school.

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

UNION COUNTY AIR TRAFFIC NOISE ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Mathieu
NO REPORT

ATHLETIC FIELD COMPLEX PROJECT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE:

The interior walls have been framed out and the exterior front entry has also been framed out. The decking has been completed on the exterior. Both areas are ready for the doors, once they arrive. All the sheet rock is installed around the interior and the roofer should be back this week to finish the roof around the kitchen exhaust. Conversations have taken place on the exhaust installation, the handicapped ramp water issues on the baseball field and basketball court and the tile flooring. We are waiting for the final two doors to be delivered. We should have them next week.

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

COMMENT: Councilman Nierstedt asked Councilman Petruzzelli's opinion the time frame left on work on the building. Councilman Petruzzelli responded to Councilman Nierstedt's concerns and stated that we need to have another construction meeting before the next council meeting. Councilwoman Todisco stated her concerns with the pending issue basketball court and the condition of the field. Councilman Petruzzelli also responded to Councilwoman Todisco's concerns and stated everything will be perfect on the day we get the CO

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chief of Police Bruce Underhill: monthly reports for July 2014.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Al DelConte, 545 Locust Avenue asked about the progress of the fire hydrant in front of his home. Mr. DelConte had concerns if a street opening permit had been taken out by the Water Company on the 500 block of Locust.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue mentioned a draft county resolution that he would like the council to review concerning the merger of Union County Sheriff's Department and the County Police Department.

At 7:50 p.m. Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello reported that the Third Avenue project should be done by the weekend. There was discussion concerning the widening of Orchard Brook. It was concluded after discussion of the brook that Mr. Guarriello and Mr. Renaud would review the proposed Orchard Brook Flood Control resolution.

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."

NONE

RESOLUTIONS DELETED OR REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

Any new business the Mayor and Council may have:

Kathleen Wierzbinski read Resolution No. 14-257:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-257

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LITIGATION RELATING TO ARIEMMA VS THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD CIVIL SUMMONS DOCKET NO. UNN-L447-12 AND MATTERS OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE RELATING TO THE ABOVE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A., 10:4-12, Closed session, Meetings open to public; exclusion of public; subject of matter.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood to conduct an executive session closed to the public in order to discuss the above listed matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby move to go into executive session in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq., for the purpose of discussing the subjects stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in and minutes of the closed session shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 14-257 was made by Councilwoman Todisco, seconded by Councilman Nierstedt.

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

Resolution No. 14-257 was adopted.

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: Action: Adopt, **Moved by** Councilwoman Todisco, **Seconded by** Councilman Nierstedt

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Next Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Action: At 8:35 p.m., adjourn, **Moved by Councilwoman Todisco, Seconded by Councilman Nierstedt.**