

# Borough of Garwood Meeting of the Mayor and Council

## AGENDA

September 8, 2015

Moment of Silence.....

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:

<b>Mayor Lombardo</b>	_____		
<b>Councilman Martin</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Tarantino</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Mathieu</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Todisco</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Petruzzelli</b>	_____	<b>Council President Nierstedt</b>	_____

Motion to suspend the regular order of business to hold public hearing on the proposed assessment to curb improvements to Willow Avenue, New Street and Myrtle Avenue as advertised in the Westfield Leader on August 20, 27 and September 3, 2015.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning the assessment.

Motion to close Public Hearing on the assessment.

Motion to adopt the Assessor's report for curb improvement assessment as presented. Roll Call.

### MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on August 25, 2015.

Workshop Session of the Mayor and Council held on August 25, 2015.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –**
  - a. Mayor's Advisory –
    - i. 08/07/15, RE: A. Weekly Policy Update
    - ii. 08/11/15, RE: Daily Update
    - iii. 08/13/15, RE: Daily Update
    - iv. 08/14/15, RE: Weekly Update
    - v. 08/24/15, RE: Weekly Policy Update
    - vi. 08/28/15, RE: Weekly Round-Up

- vii. 09/04/15, RE: Upcoming Webinar - "The Attorney Generals Directive on Body Worn Cameras and What it Means"
- 2) **COLUMBUS PARADE ASSN. OF UNION COUNTY** – 09/02/15, RE: Invitation to multi-cultural celebration.
- 3) **TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD** – 08/24/15, RE: Resolution No. 2015-299
- 4) **COUNTY OF UNION BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS** – 08/26/15. RE: POW/MIA Remembrance Day
- 5) **RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY** – 08/25/15, RE: Minutes of the meeting held on July 17, 2015
- 6) **GARWOOD PLANNING BOARD** – 08/27/15, RE: Minutes of the meeting held on July 22, 2015

**ORDINANCES:**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 15-18 by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-18**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §21-33 (ISSUANCE OF PERMITS; DURATION; VISITOR PERMIT; DISPLAY; FEES) AND § 21-37 (SCHEDULE OF RESIDENT PREFERENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ZONES) IN ARTICLE XIV (RESIDENT PREFERENTIAL PERMIT PARKING) IN CHAPTER 21 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) AND TO AMEND § 21-8. (TWO-HOUR PARKING) IN ARTICLE I (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) IN CHAPTER 21 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD TO REVISE THE RESIDENT PREFERENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ZONE AND TO REVISE THE TWO-HOUR PARKING ZONE BY ADDING ADDITIONAL STREETS TO EACH.

Motion to introduce Ordinance 15-18. Roll Call.

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

**POLICE:** Councilwoman Tarantino, Chr.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Council President Nierstedt

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

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

**FINANCE:** Councilman Petruzzelli, Chr.

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

**LAWS AND LICENSES:** Councilman Martin, Chr.

**RECREATION:** Councilwoman Todisco Chr.

**COMMITTEE ON AGING:** Councilwoman Tarantino

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

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON:** Councilman Mathieu

**CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON:**  
Council President Nierstedt

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

**PARKING COMMITTEE:** Councilwoman Tarantino

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Councilwoman Tarantino

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:** Councilwoman Todisco

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Chief of Police Bruce Underhill: monthly reports for July 2015  
Len Di Stefano, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer monthly report for August 2015  
Municipal Tax Collector Aggie Kurzweil: monthly report for August 2015  
Municipal Court Administrator Martha Marino: monthly report for July 2015

**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.

**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. 15-254**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that renewal Club Licenses be granted to the following, said Licenses to be effective July 1, 2016 and to terminate June 30, 2017.

2006-31-014-001 Columbian Club of Garwood-Cranford, Inc., t/a Garwood Knights of Columbus, for premises at 37-43 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby directed to issue said license.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-255**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that renewal Plenary Retail Consumption License be granted to the following, said License to be effective July 1, 2016 and to terminate June 30, 2017.

2006-33-012-002 WESTWOOD LANES, INC., a Business Corporation of New Jersey, t/a The Westwood, for premises at 438 North Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby directed to issue said licenses.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-256](#)

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the license to conduct an On-Premise 50/50 Raffle, an Off Premise Merchandise Raffle and On Premise Merchandise Raffle to be held on October 25, 2015, to be held at the Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood, NJ from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., is hereby granted to Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption., of Cranford NJ, pursuant to Application Number RA #1058, RA #1059 and RA#1060.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-257](#)

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby approve the CFO/Treasurer to issue separate checks for the redemption of Lien Certificate Cert #2015-10 for the following property.

LIEN REDEMPTION:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME &amp; ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Block 614	Lot 22	Garnet & Rae Clevenger 201 Hickory Ave Garwood, NJ 07027	\$13, 485.91/Lien Redemption \$28, 000.00/Premium (HIT)

REFUND TO:  
US BANK CUST FOR PHOENIX FUNDING  
Attn: Tax Lien Services Group  
2 Liberty Place  
50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street – Suite 2050  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

EXPLANATION: Tax Sale Certificate redeemed by Executrix, Lorraine Hilarczyk Reyes.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-258](#)

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby approve to expunge 2015 taxes as well as grant refunds on the following properties due to successful Tax Court of New Jersey Judgments:

**SUCCESSFUL TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY JUDGMENTS:**

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Santander Bank	358 North Av (111/27)	\$3,257.66
Santander Bank	130 Walnut Ave (111/28)	\$1,956.41

Refunds are made payable to: Santander Bank  
Mailing Address: Mr. Michael Hrankiowskyj, Esq.  
Cullen & Dykman, LLP  
100 Quentin Roosevelt Boulevard  
Garden City, NY 11530

Adjustments will be made to the preliminary taxes on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters 2016.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-259](#)

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello and to prepare specifications and for Municipal Clerk Christina M. Ariemma to advertise for the repair and other related work for the Willow Avenue Sewer Repair project.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-260](#)

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Borough Administrator/Clerk to sign the yearly service maintenance contract for closed circuit television surveillance system in the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex at an annual cost of \$1,848.00 with:

RFP Solutions, Inc.  
10-F Greenwood Avenue  
West Deptford, NJ 08096

TERM: November 1, 2015 – October 31, 2016

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-261](#)

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Borough Administrator/Clerk, Christina M. Ariemma to sign the memorandum of understanding between the County of Union and the Borough of Garwood.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is an expression of intent among the participants to cooperate with each other on the usage and sharing of the Union County First Alert System that has been paid for by a Homeland Security Grant for domestic Preparedness. The participants recognize that such cooperation and shared use of the First Alert System is critical in response to emergencies.

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-262](#)

**WHEREAS**, a report of Annmarie Switzer, Tax Assessor of the Borough of Garwood, charged with the duty of making assessments for benefits in the matter of an ordinance entitled "BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF NEW CURBING AT PORTIONS OF WILLOW AVENUE AND MYRTLE AVENUE IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$13,000 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," adopted November 25, 2008, as Ordinance No. 08-20, has been received by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood; and

**WHEREAS**, the sum of \$11,288 has been certified to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood by the said Tax Assessor as the total amount to be assessed to property owners with respect to the foregoing; and

**WHEREAS**, the report of the Tax Assessor has been considered by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood and a hearing has been given to all interested persons at a meeting held on September 8, 2015, notice of which was given by the Municipal Clerk as provided by law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, that the report of Annmarie Switzer, Tax Assessor of the Borough of Garwood, dated July 31, 2015, be and same is hereby adopted and confirmed without alterations with assessments as follows:

<u>Property owner</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Proposed amount assessed per report</u>	<u>Adopted, confirmed assessment</u>
John Burton	504	13	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 1,530.00
Brian J./Diane M. Merkel	504	14	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 1,190.00
66 Willow Avenue, LLC	504	15	\$ 612.00	\$ 612.00
John A. and Joseph Di Bella	507	1	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 1,632.00
Barbara and Hans Brodie	507	2	\$ 680.00	\$ 680.00
Philip P. Testa & Philip P. Testa, Jr.	507	3	\$ 680.00	\$ 680.00
Christine Tomchak	507	9	\$ 680.00	\$ 680.00
Georgia S. Mac Indoe	507	10	\$ 680.00	\$ 680.00
James V. and Daniel Provence	507	11	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 1,632.00
Igor Flitsanov and Bella Rekhter	510	1.01	\$ 1,972.00	\$ 1,972.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the payment of said assessments may be made in ten annual installments, with legal interest thereon, provided that the whole of any assessment or any balance of installments, with accrued interest thereon, may be paid at anytime; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the assessments or the first installments thereof shall be payable on or before two months following the adoption of this resolution, and interest thereon as above provided shall commence to run on said date; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution and of the aforementioned report be delivered to the officer charged by law with the collection of said assessments, who shall forthwith proceed to collect the amounts due thereon according to law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**ROLL CALL**

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ROLL CALL**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Any new business the Mayor and Council may have:

**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.

***ROLL CALL***

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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. 15-18 ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015, AT 7:15 P.M. OR SOON THERE AFTER**