

BOROUGH of GARWOOD

Regular MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING September 9, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers and called to order at 8:00 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 Martin, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Nierstedt, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Todisco.

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

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on August 26, 2014.

Executive Session of the Mayor and Council held on August 26, 2014.

Workshop Session of the Mayor and Council held on August 26, 2014.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –**
 - a. Mayor's Advisory –
 - i. 08/24/14, RE: Transportation Trust Fund Renewal
 - ii. 08/24/14, RE: Health Insurance
 - iii. 08/24/14, RE: Weekly Summer Update
 - iv. 08/25/14, RE: I. Grant Seminar Series Helps Municipal Officials Find Funding to Meet Their Needs II. Upcoming League Seminar
 - v. 08/25/14, RE: Upcoming WIMG Events
 - vi. 08/28/14, RE: A. Post Retirement Restrictions for PERS & PFRS Employees B. Upcoming League Seminar
 - vii. 08/28/14, RE: Hep B Inoculation Reimbursement Program Set to Launch
 - viii. 08/28/14, RE: REVISED Hep B Inoculation Reimbursement Program Set to Launch
 - ix. 09/02/14, RE: I. Red Cross Resources on New School Mandates II. Upcoming Seminar
 - x. 09/04/14, RE: I. "A Decade of Progress" the 10th Annual NJAFM Conference, October 14 – 16. II. New Jersey League of Municipalities session on the FEMA Community Rating System
 - xi. 09/04/14, RE: Invitation to D.A.R.E. New Jersey Future of New Jersey Gala
- 2) **UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS** – 08/24/14, RE: Ordinance 758-2014 and Ordinance 759-2014.
RECEIVED AND FILED
- 3) **UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS** – 09/04/14, RE: Annual Meeting Schedule Amendment – Letterhead
RECEIVED AND FILED
- 4) **THE VILLAGE AT GARWOOD**, 8/24/14, RE: Applications Available Sept 3, 2014
RECEIVED AND FILED
- 5) **THE FROEHLICH FAMILY** – 8/25/14, RE: Thank you card.
RECEIVED AND FILED
- 6) **BRUCE PATERSON** – 08/28/14, RE: Bergen County Police Merger.
RECEIVED AND FILED
- 7) **COLUMBUS PARADE ASSN. OF UNION COUNTY 500th** – 08/28/14, RE: Invitation to the Union County 26th Anniversary Annual Christopher Columbus Day Celebration.
RECEIVED AND FILED

8) **RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY** – 08/24/14, RE: RVSA Meetings
RECEIVED AND FILED

ORDINANCES:
NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Councilman Nierstedt, Chr.

Meeting with Waste Management vendor on September 16 to discuss recycling program. Commenced conversation with NJ DEP rep to come to Borough to discuss flood zone issues with residents. Recommendations to amend the snow removal ordinance so that we can forward them to the Laws and License Committee before winter's arrival.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Councilwoman Todisco, **Seconded by** Council President Tarantino
Mr. Renaud was directed to prepare and ordinance regarding abandoned properties.

Ms. Ariemma asked the S&R committee to consider including 2015 Bulk applications in the December mailing. She asked for direction with regard to the number of pickups, dates and cost of permit. There was a brief discussion regarding bulk and the town wide yard sale. Councilman Petruzzelli suggested the dates be consistent. Ms. Ariemma was advised that S&R would provide the information accordingly.

FIRE: Councilman Mathieu, Chr.

For the month of August, there were a total of 14 incidents, including 3 mutual aid calls, for a total of 148 man hours.

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

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

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

LAWS AND LICENSES: Council President Tarantino, Chr.

Tonight there are three applications for Raffle Licenses.

The Laws & License Committee recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 14-258, for the application of one **on-premise merchandise** and one **on-premise 50/50 raffle** and one **off-premise merchandise raffle** to be drawn on October 19, 2014, at the Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood, NJ, by BEST FRIEND DOG & ANIMAL ADOPTION, INC.

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

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

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

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Mayor Quattrocchi

Summer is coming to a close and the library is gearing up for the fall and cooler weather by offering 14 new titles in its e-book collection. The perfect antidote for the days when darkness comes early. Our e-books are perfect for downloading to any of your favorite devices and taking them with you when you are on the go. Visit the library's home page at youseemore.com/garwood and click on Axis 360 for details.

On Wednesday, September 24th, at 7:00 PM, the Garwood Library will be hosting a comedy/magic show for adults entitled: "How to make 60 minutes seem like an hour", with master magician Mark Zacharia. He's a repeat performer at the Library who always draws a big audience with his fantastic sleight of hand and offbeat humor. Registration is required for this event, and intended for mature audiences (18 and older).

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and the staff at the Library suggests that if you don't currently have a library card, or if yours has expired – visit the Library during the month of September and get up to date. Your Garwood Library card can be used at our Library, of course, but also at other local libraries since we participate in reciprocal borrowing privileges within the county.

The staff of the Library would also like to remind the residents that in conjunction with Terracycle, the library is still collecting clean, empty dairy tub containers (for example: yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese) as well as empty inkjet

cartridges from your home printers. The library also collects the outer plastic packaging wrappers from baby and adult diapers, and personal wipes. For our efforts, the Library receives 2 cents for each item sent to Terracycle. It's not a lot in return, but the environmental impact is great for keeping these plastics out of the local landfills.

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 6th, the library will resume its Saturday hours of 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The ongoing program of Toddler Story Time will resume on Wednesday, September 10th at 10:30 AM, and the Friday morning Movie Time! will resume on Friday, September 12th. There is no registration required for either of these programs.

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

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Todisco **NO REPORT**

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON: Councilman Martin **NO REPORT**

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

ATHLETIC FIELD COMPLEX PROJECT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE:

The monthly construction meeting was held today Sept. 9th at Borough Hall, in attendance were Borough Administrator, Borough Engineer, Professionals for the project, Flanagan construction and the electrical contractor for the project.

Discussion took place on: kitchen exhaust, railings for the exterior, corners for the building, flooring, and drainage on the baseball field.

The remaining two doors should arrive any day now.

Flanagan's came up with a punch list for the exterior for the site work.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Council President Tarantino, **Seconded by** Councilman Martin.

There was a brief discussion regarding particular matters on the AFC, including the basketball court water ponding. Councilman Mathieu asked if there is going to any cost overages. Councilman Petruzzelli said he does not have that information.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Municipal Tax Collector Aggie Kurzweil: monthly report for the month of August 2014

Zoning Code Enforcement Official Len DiStefano: monthly report for August 2014

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE.

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. 14-258

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 19, 2014, 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 #1025, RA #1026 and RA#1027.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-259

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the Indemnification Agreement with the County of Union for use of the Conservation Center for leaf disposal.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-260

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 prepare a Request for Proposals for professional auditing consulting services for 2014 audit, financial and debt statements and the 2015 budget preparation process in the Borough of Garwood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the above services in accordance with law.

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

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.

RESOLUTIONS DELETED OR REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

NONE.

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.

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

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 23, 2014**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Action: At 8:30 p.m., adjourn, **Moved by Council President Tarantino, Seconded by Councilman Nierstedt.**