

BOROUGH of GARWOOD

Workshop Session MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING **September 9, 2014**

Workshop session was opened by Mayor Quattrocchi at 7:04 p.m.

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).

Roll Call.

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

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

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello reported on the 2013 DOT project. Mr. Guarriello mentioned that decisions have to be made on the 2015 DOT Application. There was brief discussion regarding paving on Willow Avenue. Councilman Nierstedt mentioned work done on Lincoln Avenue to include concrete sidewalk. There was discussion regarding the 2015 DOT project applications to included Third, Willow and Myrtle. Council President Tarantino asked about the issue on Locust Avenue and Mr. Guarriello said it has been completed. Councilman Nierstedt mentioned the grass by the AFC area being cut by the contractor.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud reported he has reviewed and commented on several ordinances. Councilman Nierstedt mentioned a resolution he prepared regarding flooding caused by Cranford's failure to correct their brook issues. There was a discussion regarding the strategies for approaching the council of Cranford to discuss the flooding. There was discussion regarding the resolution concerning the merging of Sheriff's and County Police Departments. Council President Tarantino and Councilwoman Todisco suggested they investigate the facts before adoption. All agreed.

Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina Ariemma – ***NO REPORT***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Quattrocchi mentioned walk able community grants and the borough's application.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE.

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Council President Tarantino mentioned the pending ordinances will be finalized soon. She reported on the parking committee status.

Councilman Martin ***NO REPORT***

Councilman Mathieu ***NO REPORT***

Councilman Nierstedt mentioned the COAH email sent by the Administrator/Clerk regarding the Mayor's signature to access the website. The South Avenue Redevelopment study proposals have been received and will be forwarded to the Planning Board by the Administrator/Clerk.

Councilman Petruzzelli ***NO REPORT***

Councilwoman Todisco mentioned residents have inquired regarding certain intersections in the borough in that they feel cars are speeding and also controlling traffic in certain areas. This matter was referred to the Police Chief and he also commented on the matter. Mayor Quattrocchi referred this to the Police Committee for further review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Angelo Alimonti 321 Hemlock Avenue mentioned the negative comments he read in the newspaper recently. He commented on these reports which included taxes, Heidi property and other matters. He said the Garwood Lion's Club is 85 years old this year.

Bob Lawrence 435 Third Avenue mentioned the road work being done on his block. Mr. Guarriello explained how the road work process is done each year.

Bruce Paterson 325 Willow Avenue mentioned the intersection issue and offered a suggestion of shorting curbs like Fanwood did. Brief discussion. He asked council to consider his county resolution and offered to investigate the facts.

Councilwoman Todisco asked for clarity concerning the Third Avenue project. Mr. Guarriello explained.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: 7:48 p.m. Workshop, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Martin **Seconded by** Councilwoman Todisco.