

BOROUGH of GARWOOD

Workshop Session MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING **September 22, 2015**

Workshop session was opened by Mayor Lombardo at: 7:00 p.m.

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).

Present: Mayor Lombardo, Councilman Martin, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Todisco, and Council President Nierstedt.

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

Presentation to Mr. Tom Pedas for his accomplishments.

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello reported that the Hickory Avenue drainage is complete, Third Avenue is almost done and Beech will be complete by the weekend. He reported sidewalk project bids will be received on September 29th. He stated the sanitary sewer project bids will be received on October 14, 2015.

Mr. Guarriello discussed streets to be included in the 2016 DOT project. Councilman Mathieu asked when Hazel Avenue would be done. Mr. Guarriello responded he was not sure, that there are other streets that need to be done before Hazel Avenue. Brief discussion followed. All agreed to have Hickory Avenue and West Street to be included in the 2016 DOT project.

Superintendent of Public Works Clint Dicksen thanked the governing body the opportunity to work for the borough. He also thanked Ms. Ariemma, Chief of Police Bruce Underhill and the DPW staff. He discussed the staff and their cooperation through the transition process.

Councilwoman Todisco thanked Mr. Dicksen for attending the meeting. Councilwoman Todisco asked Mr. Dicksen to share his involvement in his association and the maintenance going on in town. Mr. Dicksen spoke of his experience and also other matters going on borough wide.

Councilman Mathieu stated firing Fred Corbitt was not popular. He also mentioned a complaint that a citizen made was not answered. Mr. Dicksen responded he checks his messages and e-mails regularly.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud mentioned two resolutions that need executive session, Resolution 15-266, Affordable Housing and 15-268, Contract Negotiations/Attorney Client Matter. He stated there are no problems, just needs a few explanations.

Ms. Ariemma read the following:

[RESOLUTION NO. 15-263.1](#)

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LITIGATION BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD AND CASE UNN-L-2406-1 (COAH) AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, 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 matters.

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.

At 7:21 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Todisco, seconded by Councilman Petruzzelli to enter executive session.

At 7:38 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Petruzzelli, seconded by Councilman Mathieu to resume the workshop session.

Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma – no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS –

The new Americare Physical Therapy facility located at 300 South Avenue, cordially invited the Mayor and Council to their grand opening celebration on Friday, October 23rd, 2015, from 5 to 9 PM, which will include a ceremonial ribbon cutting. We are pleased to add this new facility to the growing number of small businesses in Garwood.

Display a Pink Ribbon for National Breast Cancer Awareness month during the entire month of October. Pink ribbons will be tied on Center Street and Walnut Street during this awareness campaign.

A representative from our Garwood Home Depot approached me about a program called "Celebration of Service". This project, offered by Home Depot is making a permanent and physical change to improve the lives of our local community's veterans. The project focuses on the mentally and physically challenged veterans directly, helping to make their homes more accessible and safer for them to live. If you know of a veteran who might need help, please contact Cathy Bevers, the operations manager at Garwood's Home Depot.

Councilman Martin no report.

Councilman Mathieu no report.

Councilman Petruzzelli no report.

Councilwoman Todisco mentioned the dumpster ordinance and the fee schedule. Stating \$25.00 on property and \$50.00 on street is the proposed. She suggested the \$5.00 on the property and \$50.00 on the street. Councilman Martin said he supports this.

Councilman Mathieu said the \$5.00 is not necessary. He also said \$50.00 is excessive. He suggested \$25.00 for dumpsters in the street.

Discussion followed regarding the fee for dumpster permits. All agreed 0 on private property and \$25.00 every two weeks on the street. Ms. Ariemma was directed to prepare the ordinance for introduction.

Council President Nierstedt reported he attended the Freeholder meeting and Bruce did not get thrown out. The Union County Clerk has made the mail-in ballot simpler. Brief discussion took place regarding the engineer ordinance. All agreed to put the abandoned property ordinance on the next agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jean McComb, 119 Willow Avenue asked how long the dumpsters will be permitted on the street. She complained about a dumpster in her area. Brief discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: 7:58 p.m. Workshop, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Council President Nierstedt, **Seconded by** Councilman Martin.

CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood