

# BOROUGH of GARWOOD

## *Regular MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING* September 23, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers and called to order at 8:12 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 September 9, 2014.

Workshop Session of the Mayor and Council held on September 9, 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. 09/05/14, RE: I. Weekly Policy Update II. Office Suites Available for Lease III. Upcoming League Seminar
    - ii. 09/08/14, RE: Red Tape Review Commission Public Hearing Tuesday, September 30, 2014
    - iii. 09/15/14, RE: I. Please Ask Your Legislators to Support A-366/S-1713 II. Grant Seminar Series Helps Municipal Officials Find Funding to Meet Their Needs
    - iv. 09/15/14, RE: Weekly Policy Update
    - v. 09/15/14, RE: COAH Update
    - vi. 09/16/14, RE: New Content on DLGS Web Site
  - 09/16/14, RE: Transportation Trust Fund

**RECEIVED AND FILED**
- 2) **UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS –** 09/15/14, RE: Ordinance 759-2014. And 09-19-14, RE: Ordinance 760-2014  
**RECEIVED AND FILED**
- 3) **THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK –** 09/15/14, RE: Resolution 181-14, proclaiming 9/19/14 as POW/MIA Remembrance Day.  
**RECEIVED AND FILED**
- 4) **GARWOOD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES –** 09/16/14, RE: Minutes of the meeting held on May 7, 2014.  
**RECEIVED AND FILED**
- 5) **CARLA GILBRIDE, WALK TO SCHOOL CHAIRPERSON –** 09/11/14, RE: National Walk to School Day.  
**RECEIVED AND FILED**
- 6) **COURT ADMINISTRATOR MARTHA MARINO –** 09/17/14, RE: August 2014 Municipal Court Report to the town.  
**RECEIVED AND FILED**
- 7) **CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION –** 09/16/14, RE: Minutes of the meetings held 01/15/14, 02/19/14, 03/19/14, 04/16/14, 05/21/14 and 06/18/14.  
**RECEIVED AND FILED**
- 8) **GARWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH –** 9/18/14, RE: Minutes of the meeting held on 09/17/2014.  
**RECEIVED AND FILED**

**ORDINANCES:**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 14-12 by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 14-12**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT ARTICLE IX (9) (DUMPSTERS AND CONTAINERS) IN CHAPTER 146 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD TO REGULATE PLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF DUMPSTERS AND CONTAINERS.**

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

**Comments:** Council President Tarantino explained the ordinance.

**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. Ordinance No. 14-12 was introduced.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE:** Councilman Martin, Chr.

**Operation Take Back** will take place on September 27th from 10 am to p.m. at police headquarters. This is a prescription drug collection program. Residents can drop off expired or unused prescription drugs in the drop box which will be located at the Police Desk at Borough Hall. No sharps (syringes) will be accepted.

As part of the **LESO Program**, the Police Department obtained two (2) more pieces of equipment for the Borough. A mobile water pump. This is a large capacity pump mounted on a trailer capable of being trailered to a location and pumping 350 Gal. per. min. of water from places such as a flooded intersection, the underpass or a building's basement.

Also obtained was a 2.5 ton truck with an enclosed office mounted on the back. This is known as a **Mobile Command Post** (or **MCP**). You might remember that we declined to take a similar 2.5 ton transport vehicle as being more vehicle than we needed, but this vehicle with the addition of the attached command post, makes the vehicle much more useful. This vehicle will be outfitted with radios that we already have and computers and monitors which can also be obtained under this program. The MCP is powered by a 10 KV generator which we have already been cleared for but not yet received. The MCP would be mostly for Emergency Management purposes such as use in severe weather or for deployment during other emergencies or community events.

The approximate value of the MCP is \$112K and the mobile pump is approximately 13.5K. Both these items come at no cost to the Borough. Again, they will be used primarily to fill Emergency Management, Police, Fire or DPW needs Last - The Police Department recently attended a mandatory state training seminar for Uniform Crime Reporting. UCR statistics are compiled monthly and provided to the State and FBI. The state and Fed compile the data for yearly reports that track crime trends and the efficiency of the agencies involved. The State representative complimented Garwood for posting a 61.5% clearance rate on offences encountered (which is phenomenal) and, a 3.7% decrease in overall crime statistics for the first 6 months of 2014. This is due largely to providing a very visual presence around town and being proactive in all law enforcement activities. We expect to see these trends continue with the addition of the 16<sup>th</sup> man.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilwoman Todisco, **Seconded by** Council President Tarantino  
Councilwoman Todisco thanked the Police for obtaining the free equipment and other matters.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Councilwoman Todisco, Chr.

Thank you, Mayor. The Board of Health had its last meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. I was unable to attend since it was my back to school night in Chatham, but I have a report based on the minutes. The Children's bicycle helmet program is ongoing and many helmets were distributed over the summer. The blood pressure screening in June saw 23 Garwood seniors, and 21 in July. On October 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a Free Stroke Risk Assessment screening from 10am – 1pm at the Westfield Municipal Building. The Board of Health adopted an ordinance to set licensing fees for electronic smoking device establishments. That's all for my report, Mayor.

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

**STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY:** Councilman Nierstedt, Chr.

Leaf season will soon be on us. Residents are advised that the leaf bags will be ready for pick-up October 6, while the first leaf pick-up is scheduled for October 20. Residents are asked to remember that the leaf

bags are for leaves only, not grass or tree branches. The DPW will continue to pick up grass through the end of October; there will be a two-week overlap of the two collections.

The Waste Management rep had to reschedule our September 16 meeting to review recycling; we are now scheduled to meet on Tuesday September 30.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilwoman Todisco, **Seconded by** Council President Tarantino  
Comment: Councilwoman Todisco expressed support for the idea mentioned.

**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.

It was brought to the attention of the Laws & License Committee that the borough has no way of regulating how long dumpsters can remain on our streets. Some residents have had containers for months causing safety and traffic concerns. After many months of review and discussion with our Chief of Police and Captain, along with our boro attorney, the committee recommends the Introduction of Ordinance No 14-12, Article IX, Dumpsters and Containers Chapter 146 Streets and Sidewalks. This will allow us to regulated dumpsters and containers on the streets of the boro by permit.

That is all for my report Mayor.

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

**RECREATION:** Councilman Petruzzelli, Chr.

Thank You Mayor

Fall Soccer program for Pre K and Kindergartner will start Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> @ Washington School from 4:30 – 5:30 for 6 weeks every Friday the cost per child is \$50.00

That's all for my Report

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

**COMMITTEE ON AGING:** Council President Tarantino

Thank you Mayor

The Garwood Seniors Club is planning its last trip of the season to Woodloch in Hawley, Pennsylvania on Thursday, Oct. 23. Tickets are \$50 for Garwood seniors and \$55 for non-resident seniors. The bus will leave the Garwood Firehouse at 9 a.m., for the two-hour trip to Woodloch. Return is approximately 6 p.m.

For reservations or further information, contact Mary Spina. That is all for my Report.

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

**LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:** Mayor Quattrocchi

The Garwood Public Library continues to celebrate Sign Up Month at Your Library. Although every year, the nation officially recognizes September as Sign-Up Month At Your Library, we encourage residents to come by at any time throughout the year, at their convenience, to stop by to see what the Library has to offer. It's not just books anymore!

Tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM, magician Mark Zacharia will present a comedy/magic show for adult audiences at the Library. Mark has been the featured magician at the Stagehouse in Scotch Plains for several years, as well as at the Somerset Patriots Baseball games, and has done shows at many tri-state universities, libraries, and corporate functions. The show is free, but registration is required. You can register by calling the library at [908-789-1670](tel:908-789-1670) or by visiting the Library's interactive calendar page on their website.

On Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, musician Peter Biedermann will re-visit the library entertaining audiences with his solo acoustic guitar performance, on a variety of acoustic guitars. Completely instrumental, he will perform a variety of music including some of his own compositions. Registration is required for this event as well.

As a reminder, the Library is now open on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with the convenient book drop being open 24/7. However, audiobooks and DVDs still need to be returned inside the library and must not be returned in the book drop.

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

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON:** Councilwoman Todisco

Thank you, Mayor. I attended the last meeting of the Board of Education on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The Board announced that math and science teacher Mr. Abruzzo will be retiring this November. Upcoming events and fundraisers were mentioned, including a Devils game on January 31<sup>st</sup>, a Color-On during the Spring, and MaxFit in Cranford will donate \$150 to the PTA for all new sign-ups. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a clothing drive and in November, there will be a movie night. In past events, the PTA held a book fair during Back to School night and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade did a car wash this past weekend. In another matter, some members of the Board attended a presentation on STEM, which stand for Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics. The 250 Chromebooks that have been purchased are in and will be used in the classrooms after the teachers receive training on Columbus Day.

As mentioned in previous meetings, the Garwood Y is currently in Lincoln School due to construction at Washington School, which should be done by the end of this month. Superintendent Dr. Quigley said this caused minor disruption, resulting in impact to music and art classes. The Y kids are currently in 3 classrooms, the Y provides for someone at the door since the Y has before and after school programs and the children wear their Y shirts to distinguish them from the rest of Lincoln School students. In a Finance Committee resolution, the Board approved a transfer of \$372,794 from Capital Reserve to fund the costs to repair Washington School. This results in \$12,000 left in Capital and the Business Administrator estimated that in November, \$80,000 will be replenished in Capital. Negotiations with the teachers union is ongoing. That's all for my report, Mayor.

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

**CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON:** Councilman Martin

Night under the stars was a success with over 300 people in attendance. Looking forward to next year's event.

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

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

FAA is considering a proposal to assess noise pollution on an average emission basis, rather than a measurement of each source. This proposal could potentially allow extraordinary noise in one particular area, as long as there is an average overall reduction in noise. This FAA proposal is in its preliminary stages and it is hoped it will not move forward. I will keep the Mayor and Council informed of developments, if any, regarding this proposal.

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

**ATHLETIC FIELD COMPLEX PROJECT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE:**

Thank You Mayor

The monthly construction meeting was held today Sept. 23rd at Borough Hall; in attendance were Borough Administrator, Borough Engineer, and DPW Super Professionals for the project and Flanagan Construction. Discussion took place on: railings for the exterior, fence area under the deck, flooring, and drainage on the basketball court, location of the water heater.

The two doors frames that we have been waiting for are on site. One is installed and the other frame is in the building and will not be installed until all doors and hinges are on site, they are expected to be delivered within 5 to 7 days.

The painter will be in this Thursday to start the ceiling work in the main building. The electrician will start installing the ceiling light fixtures once the painter is done.

That's all for my report

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

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Chief of Police Bruce Underhill: monthly reports for August 2014

Municipal Court Administrator Martha Marino: monthly report for August 2014

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

**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. 14-261**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2017**

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) provides a mechanism through which counties and municipalities may enter into agreements for the provision of joint services; and

**WHEREAS**, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 provides for substantial federal funds being made to certain urban counties for use therein through the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Entitlement Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) Program and Emergency Solutions Grants (“ESG”) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, a Cooperative Agreement between the County of Union and the Municipality of Garwood Borough was authorized previously this year by Resolution No. 14-211, adopted on May 27, 2014 to establish a legal mechanism through which the County government may apply for, receive and disburse federal funds from federal fiscal year 2015, 2016 and 2017 appropriations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Municipality of Garwood Borough to amend the Cooperative Agreement with the County of Union to reflect the following changes:

- Page 2, Section E – Add the following language to the very end of the last paragraph, “and that such failure to comply will void the automatic renewal of such qualification period.”
- Page 3, Section G – Add the following language in a new item, numbered 4 – “The County and Municipality are obligated to comply with all other applicable laws.”
- Page 3, Section I – In the first paragraph in sentence three, change the word “Subsection (d) to read Section (d):”

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality of Garwood Borough hereby authorizes the above amendments to the Cooperative Agreement previously authorized and executed between Garwood Borough and the County of Union; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the Resolution shall be forwarded to the County of Union.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-262**

**WHEREAS**, by direction of Mayor and Council the Borough Engineer solicited quotes from vendors for the repairs to the Sanitary Sewer on the 500 Block of Locust Avenue as determined by the TV portion that revealed cracked piping in the sanitary sewer line. Quotes were received as follows:

Vendor	Description	Price
JB Ragonese	Repair 8 lineal feet of 6”-8” line	\$4,900
DiFabio Construction	Repair 8 lineal feet of 6”-8” line	\$11,957.42

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby awards the quote to the lowest vendor as follows:

CONTRACTOR: JB RAGONESE CONSTRUCTION, CO., INC.  
BOX 304  
GARWOOD, N.J. 07027

PRICE & DESCRIPTION: Repair 8 lineal feet of 6”-8” line \$4,900

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-263**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police recommends to enter into an agreement with the Township of Winfield for the purpose of selling a used police car for the purchase price of \$1,000.00 to the Township of Winfield; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the agreement with the Township of Winfield as approved by the Borough Attorney.

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

Comment: Council inquired if the correct block and lot was listed. Ms. Ariemma checked and corrected the resolution and will also make sure the vendor (that listed the wrong block) quoted the correct block.

**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:

**APPOINTMENT:** Albert DelConte to the Planning Board Class IV for an un-expired term:  
09/23/14 – 12/31/14

**PROCLAMATION:** Fire Prevention Week: October 5<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>

**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** 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.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Next Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

**Motion: Action: At 8:46 p.m., adjourn, Moved by Council President Tarantino, Seconded by Councilwoman Todisco.**