

**Borough of Garwood Workshop Meeting of
The Mayor and Council**

WORKSHOP

MINUTES

September 27, 2016

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader, and UC Local Source, advertised on January 7, 2016, 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:

Mayor Lombardo	P		
Councilwoman Cuccaro	P	Councilman Sarno	P
Councilman Martin	P	Councilwoman Todisco	P
Councilman Mathieu	P	Council President Petruzzelli	P

Also present: Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma, Borough Attorney Robert Renaud, Redevelopment Attorney William W. Northgrave, Labor Attorney Matthew Giacobbe and Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello.

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello reported the sidewalk project is not complete. There remains clean-up work. DOT is still pending and time is running out for 2016. Center Street started last Wednesday and should be completed around October 15th.

Councilwoman Cuccaro commented on the sidewalk work not being done satisfactory. Mr. Guarriello explained how expansion joints are used.

Councilman Petruzzelli asked about Spruce Avenue and Center Street handicapped being removed. Mr. Guarriello said because there has to be crosswalks and explained further

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud mentioned the ordinance for introduction this evening.

Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Councilwoman Cuccaro – mentioned a phone call received about fire hydrant replacement.

Councilman Martin – **No Report**

Councilman Mathieu – **No Report**

Councilman Sarno – mentioned having better representation for the Planning Board. He suggested council vote on Planning Board members. He asked Mr. Renaud about a letter from Elizabeth concerning a suit. Mr. Renaud explained the matter.

Ms. Ariemma read Resolution 16-270.1

RESOLUTION NO. 16-270.1

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 11, AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH AVENUE, 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 matter.

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 7:12 p.m., a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-270.1 and enter executive session was made by Councilwoman Todisco, seconded by Council President Petruzzelli. All agreed.

At 8:15 p.m., workshop session resumed.

Mr. Northgrave, Redevelopment Attorney publicly stated that council has directed an RFP be prepared for a financial consultant to best advise council on the best option for Garwood.

Councilwoman Todisco – mentioned Councilman Sarno's suggestion regarding the Planning Board and asked Mr. Renaud to comment on the matter. Mr. Renaud responded he would provide information at the next meeting. Councilwoman Todisco commented on the lack of bus shelters. She said she would look into the matter. She also mentioned the resolutions being circulated regarding the Trust Fund and suggested Garwood pass a similar resolution. Councilwoman Cuccaro asked if the e-mail was about a bus stop or a shelter.

Council President Petruzzelli – **No Report**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Is there anyone in the audience that wishes to address the mayor and council please step to the microphone, sign in, state your full name and address. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:16 p.m., a motion to adjourn the workshop session was made by Councilman Sarno, followed by a second from Councilwoman Todisco.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood