

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

MINUTES

October 11, 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	ABSENT
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, and Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello.

Mayor's Awards:

Michael Delise – Good Citizenship
Pantaleo DeSantis – Good Citizenship
Daniel Majeski – Good Citizenship

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello reported the sidewalk project is nearly complete. Center Street paving has been complete. He mentioned the DOT should be released soon and work may commence soon and perhaps be finished this year. He said the contractor will be available to do the work. Councilman Petruzzelli mentioned the center line being done in blue. Mr. Guarriello to get a price for the blue line down Center Street.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud mentioned that Councilman Sarno asked about Planning Board appointments being done by council vs. the Mayor. He said he checked the statute and the Mayor is the authority to make class 4 appointments.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor Lombardo read the following statement:

“Due to a work commitment, I am rescheduling Mayor's Saturday to October 29th in Borough Hall at 11 AM. I have been informed by former Councilwoman Carol Kearney, the Business and Industry representative for the Chamber of Commerce, that there will be two grand opening events on Saturday, October 29th. Details will follow. "Inside Jersey" magazine for October/November 2016 issue had an article entitled "Garwood". The two page article mentioned 5 great places to grab food on the road for under \$15.00. I am dedicating tonight's moment of silence to the mother of Councilman Joe Sarno who passed away this morning.”

NEW BUSINESS: ***NONE***

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Councilwoman Cuccaro read the following statement:

“I would like to make a request of the Mayor and Council, as we have put out bids for a financial advisor for the redevelopment project. I think based on the importance of getting the right professionals to protect the character of our town and an advocate for the people that live here. I propose that instead of the interviews being conducted, by the finance committee, as is usually the norm. I would like to be included in this entire process, as all of us I am sure would want to be as well. The redevelopment attorney we hired was interviewed by the finance committee, not the entire council. I agreed with their selection and voted as such. It was only after I spoke to a half dozen attorneys and did my own research that I came away in agreement. I was able to accomplish this based on the numerous attorneys that I do know in my business. This selection is out of my realm of business associates to gather the complete info I would need to make the best decision I can. Considering the importance of this selection, I am hoping we can all be in agreement on this so all of us can be in the loop.”

Councilwoman Todisco stated she supports Councilwoman Cuccaro's suggestion. Councilman Petruzzelli supports this also, as does Councilman Mathieu. Councilwoman Todisco directed the clerk to schedule interviews.

Councilman Martin- **NO REPORT**

Councilman Mathieu-**NO REPORT**

Councilman Sarno-**ABSENT**

Councilwoman Todisco mentioned the DOT Resolution on the agenda, 16-276, that she will motion to table it because the gas tax was passed already. She mentioned the Best Practice inventory has been completed. She mentioned the score and complimented the staff.

Council President Petruzzelli mentioned that the garbage truck is broken again and that a truck has been borrowed from Westfield. He said spending is increased on these old trucks. Councilwoman Cuccaro asked for an inventory of the repairs. Councilman Petruzzelli said that is being prepared.

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.

Bill Nierstedt, 320 Hickory Avenue said buy a new garbage truck.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 p.m., a motion to adjourn the workshop session was made by Councilwoman Todisco, followed by a second from Councilman Petruzzelli.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood