

BOROUGH of GARWOOD

Workshop Session MINUTES of the **COUNCIL MEETING** November 10, 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, Councilwoman Kearney, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt.

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

Councilman Martin is excused.

Councilman Mathieu arrived at 7:05 p.m., after roll call.

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello reported he completed a punch list of items to be addressed on the DOT Project. Council President Nierstedt asked if project is all completed and asked about a tree removed in the center of town and the pavers left behind. Mr. Guarriello stated he will contact the water company.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud absent-Catherine M. DeAppolonio, Esq. was present. She reported there is and need for an Executive Session regarding DPW contract negotiations.

Motion to suspend the regular order of business made by Councilwoman Todisco seconded by Councilman Petruzzelli.

Ms. Ariemma read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-285.1

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 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 subject 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 7:05 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Todisco, seconded by Councilman Petruzzelli to enter executive session.

At 7:15 p.m., a motion was made by Council President Nierstedt, seconded by Councilwoman Todisco to resume the regular session.

Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma – Mentioned that a date is needed for the Re-organization meeting. The date was agreed on for Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS – November 21st at 11:00 a.m. is Mayor's Saturday. Councilman Petruzzelli will be joining the Mayor.

Councilwoman Kearney no report

Councilman Martin was absent.

Councilman Mathieu no report

Councilman Petruzzelli discussed Gov. Pilot. All agreed to review the matter further with other departments.

Councilwoman Todisco no report.

Council President Nierstedt discussed public information session with the county. He asked for more train stops along Raritan Valley Line. He reported the study should be complete by June 2016.

The Clerk re-directed council back to address her auditing services memo. Councilman Petruzzelli said the Finance Committee directed the CFO to do analysis of the proposals received. Brief discussion followed. Councilwoman Todisco agreed with Councilman Petruzzelli that Suplee Clooney is a safer choice. All agreed because pricing is captured and not estimated.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bruce Paterson 325 Willow Avenue mentioned North Avenue exceeding traffic. He asked about executive session and council elect being involved. He mentioned county grants. Council President Nierstedt said he never saw an IT related grant from the county and please let us know if there is one.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: 7:26 p.m. Workshop, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by,** Council President Nierstedt, **Seconded by** Councilman Petruzzelli.