

BOROUGH of GARWOOD

Workshop Session MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING **December 8, 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 Martin, Councilman Mathieu, Councilman Petruzzelli, Councilwoman Todisco and Council President Nierstedt.

Also Present: Borough Administrator/Clerk Ariemma, Borough Attorney Robert Renaud, Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello and DPW Superintendent Clint Dicksen.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Clint Dicksen reported on progress, equipment maintenance, leaf program and other related matters in the DPW. He explained overtime utilized to hang Christmas decorations and the efficiency and safety of doing this during evening hours. He mentioned Fanwood would be using their equipment tomorrow to remove leaves from underpass. Council President Nierstedt asked if Clint has prepared a capital plan and brief discussion followed. Councilman Mathieu asked about hiring the replacement employee for DPW. Mr. Dicksen responded that will be discussed this evening. Councilwoman Todisco offered to provide Mr. Dicksen with previous capital plans.

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello no report.

Mayor Lombardo asked if the paperboard company does processing. Mr. Guarriello said he believes not.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud updated the council on the COAH matter.

Councilwoman Todisco mentioned the memo concerning amending the Re-development Plan. Brief discussion followed. Mr. Renaud said if they granted a variance nothing else is needed. Council President Nierstedt said he would let the Board know rather than the Clerk sending a memo.

Brief discussion regarding the COAH matter, initiated by Council President Nierstedt.

Councilman Petruzzelli asked Mr. Dicksen what is the value of the snow equipment being utilized from Fanwood. Mr. Dicksen said about \$45,000.

Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma discussed Recycling notification. Nixel Alert was discussed. All agreed and would put notification on the borough web site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Lombardo read “I would personally like to thank Councilwoman Todisco, Councilwoman Carol Kearny, Mrs. Lombardo and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tarantino for volunteering to decorate the Borough Hall Council Chambers for the holiday season. I would like you to take note that the tree is primarily decorated in blue in honor of Officer Tommy Haughton, who passed away in the line of duty 20 years ago last month. Also, I'd like to remind everyone that Mayor's Saturday will be held on Saturday, December 19th at 11:00 AM at Borough Hall. Councilman Petruzzelli will be joining me to meet with any residents who wish to stop by.

Councilwoman Kearney no report

Councilman Martin no report

Councilman Mathieu no report

Councilman Petruzzelli no report

Councilwoman Todisco talked about her attendance at the Freeholders meetings on November 12th with Councilman Petruzzelli and the meeting of the December 3rd with Councilman Martin. She discussed some highlights of the December 3rd meeting, which included 20 of the 21 towns that were on the list for the revision of the hazardous litigation plan, which is for extra ordinary emergencies. She also discussed records management. She requested Ms. Ariemma to prepare a resolution for support from the County for records management facility.

Council President Nierstedt thanked Chief of Police Bruce Underhill, Captain Doug Stoffer and the police department for their assistance in the Turkey Run fundraiser.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bruce Paterson 325 Willow mentioned the infrastructure grant be considered for records management. He mentioned complaints along curbs concerning freezing ice and snow. Brief discussion followed concerning the method of plowing. Mr. Dickson mentioned the method Fanwood uses and how it's done. Brief discussion followed. Mr. Paterson mentioned the purchase of the last garbage truck. Mr. Dickson said the packer on the truck in question is older than him.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: 7:27 p.m. Workshop, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by,** Council President Nierstedt, **Seconded by** Councilman Martin.

CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood