

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

WORKSHOP

MINUTES

December 13, 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).

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello – reported that 2017 DOT Application should be considered. Mr. Guarriello provided a list of streets needing work. Discussion followed on which streets should be done. Councilman Petruzzelli mentioned the 100 block of Spruce. It was concluded that council would review the list and make recommendation early next year.

Borough Attorney Robert Renaud - **NO REPORT**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - **NO REPORT**

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Lombardo:

I am in receipt of a letter to all Union County Mayors dated December 5, 2016, from Union County Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergen thanking Garwood for the submission of our 2016 Senior Focus Initiative application. The proposals will not only improve physical space, enhance learning, cultural, recreational and social opportunities for those who have contributed so much to our lives and our communities.

The Freeholders are in the process of reviewing the applications of all communities and will be in contact with us regarding the next steps to implement the Senior Focus Initiative early next year.

I know there have been many questions about the current status of the County project on the corner of Center and South. The electrical installation portion of the project has now been successfully inspected as of yesterday. The County is calling PSE&G to fire up the lighting which will make them fully operational. The contractor will then remove the old light fixtures and depending on the weather conditions, they will install asphalt or concrete by the end of next week. If asphalt is to be installed, it will be replaced with concrete when weather permits.

As you can see, we have new holiday decorations in the Council Chambers. I'd like to thank the ladies who did such a great job - Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro, Councilwoman Sara Todisco, Councilwoman-Elect Jennifer Blumenstock, and last but not least, Mrs. Lombardo, for their fine efforts.

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Councilwoman Cuccaro - **NO REPORT**

Councilman Martin - **NO REPORT**

Councilman Mathieu – mentioned that council should consider the infrastructure of the borough and fund more road projects.

Councilman Sarno - **NO REPORT**

Councilwoman Todisco asked Mr. Guarriello to provide the map that indicates the roadwork done in years past. Brief discussion followed.

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.

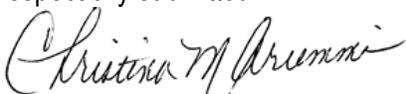
J. Gola, 25 Second Avenue thanked the police for speed limit posts. He mentioned one of the signs got knocked down and dragged. He said it is a good idea but more needs to be done.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue mentioned the intersection construction taking so long. He mentioned back log of street construction and suggested some streets be made one-way.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn by: Councilwoman Cuccaro, Second by: Councilman Martin
Time: 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood