

Borough of Garwood
REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
January 2, 2018

Please stand for a Moment of Silence.....

Salute to the Flag.....

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader, advertised on December 21, 2017, and 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).

This meeting is called pursuant to the State Statutes for the purpose of organizing the Governing Body for the year 2018, to make appointments and to transact any business pertinent thereto.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Lombardo	_____		
Councilwoman Blumenstock	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilwoman Cuccaro	_____	Councilman Sarno	_____

Mayor Lombardo announces:

The first order of business is to administer the oath of office to:

Councilwoman Sara Todisco – for a three-year term

Councilman Elect Richard McCormack – for a three-year term

Mayor Lombardo requests that Councilwoman Todisco be escorted to the rostrum.

The Oath of Office is administered. (Councilwoman Todisco takes her seat on the dais).

Mayor Lombardo requests that Councilman Elect McCormack be escorted to the rostrum.

The Oath of Office is administered. (Councilman McCormack takes his seat on the dais).

Mayor Lombardo requests ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Blumenstock	_____	Councilman McCormack	_____
Councilwoman Cuccaro	_____	Councilman Sarno	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Councilwoman Todisco	_____

At this time Mayor Lombardo announces anyone in the audience wishing to make a presentation, may do so now.

Mayor Lombardo asks the Borough Council to nominate and elect a Council President.

Motion is made for Council President, followed by a second.

Mayor Lombardo requests ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Blumenstock	_____	Councilman McCormack	_____
Councilwoman Cuccaro	_____	Councilman Sarno	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Councilwoman Todisco	_____

APPOINTMENTS 2018

Mayor Lombardo makes the following nominations, followed by roll call vote.

Municipal Attorney for 2018: Robert F. Renaud, Esq., of Palumbo Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 18-001

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Professional Municipal Attorney Services to provide Legal Counsel and other legal services to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law on November 14, 2017, and received proposals on November 30, 2017, under a fair and open process in accordance with P.L. 2004, c.19, as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood:

1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Palumbo & Renaud, Esq., 190 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016, for the provision of professional municipal attorney services for the Borough of Garwood; and
2. That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2018 Legal Fees in accordance with the 2018 Municipal Budget in accordance with the proposal dated November 30, 2017; and
3. That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and
4. That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-001 was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

Discussion: _____

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Blumenstock	_____	Councilman McCormack	_____
Councilwoman Cuccaro	_____	Councilman Sarno	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Councilwoman Todisco	_____

Municipal Tax Appeal Attorney for 2018: Robert F. Renaud, Esq., of Palumbo Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 18-002

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Professional Legal Services to provide Tax Appeal Counsel to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law on November 14, 2017, and received proposals on November 30, 2017, under a fair and open process in accordance with P.L. 2004, c.19, as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood:

That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Palumbo & Renaud, Esq., 190 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016, for the provision of professional services for tax appeal counsel for the Borough of Garwood; and

That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2018 Legal Fees for Tax Appeals in accordance with the 2018 Municipal Budget in accordance with the proposal dated November 30, 2017; and
That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and
That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-002 was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

Discussion: _____

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Blumenstock	_____	Councilman Petruzzelli	_____
Councilwoman Cuccaro	_____	Councilman Sarno	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Councilwoman Todisco	_____

Municipal Labor Attorney for 2018: Matthew J. Giacobbe, Esq., of Cleary.Giacobbe.Alfieri.Jacobs, LLC
[RESOLUTION NO. 18-003](#)

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Professional Legal Services to provide Labor Counsel to the Borough; and
WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law on November 14, 2017, and received proposals on November 30, 2017, under a fair and open process in accordance with P.L. 2004, c.19, as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51; and
WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood:
That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Matthew J. Giacobbe, Esq., Cleary.Giacobbe.Alfieri.Jacobs, LLC, 169 Ramapo Valley Road, Oakland, NJ 07436 for the provision of professional services for labor counsel for the Borough of Garwood; and
That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2018 Legal Fees for Labor Counsel in accordance with the 2018 Municipal Budget in accordance with the proposal dated November 30, 2017; and
That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and
That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-003 was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

Discussion: _____

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Blumenstock	_____	Councilman McCormack	_____
Councilwoman Cuccaro	_____	Councilman Sarno	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Councilwoman Todisco	_____

Municipal Prosecutor for 2018: Steven H. Merman, Esq.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-004

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Professional Legal Services to provide a Municipal Prosecutor to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law on November 14, 2017, and received proposals on November 30, 2017, under a fair and open process in accordance with P.L. 2004, c.19, as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood:

1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Steven H. Merman, Esq., 19 Doering Way, Cranford, NJ 07016 for the provision of professional services for municipal prosecutor services for the Borough of Garwood; and
2. That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2018 Municipal Budget in accordance with the proposal dated November 30, 2017; and
3. That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and
4. That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-004 was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

Discussion: _____

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Blumenstock	_____	Councilman McCormack	_____
Councilwoman Cuccaro	_____	Councilman Sarno	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Councilwoman Todisco	_____

Municipal Public Defender for 2018: Michael S. Simitz, Esq.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-005

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Professional Legal Services to provide a Municipal Public Defender to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law on November 14, 2017, and received proposals on November 30, 2017, under a fair and open process in accordance with P.L. 2004, c.19, as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood:

That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Michael S. Simitz, Esq., 345 Hemlock Avenue, Garwood, NJ 07027 for the provision of professional services for municipal public defender services for the Borough of Garwood; and

That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2018 Municipal Budget in accordance with the proposal dated November 30, 2017; and

That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-005 was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

Discussion: _____

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Blumenstock	_____	Councilman McCormack	_____
Councilwoman Cuccaro	_____	Councilman Sarno	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Councilwoman Todisco	_____

Municipal Engineering Services for 2018: Michael Disko, M. Disko Associates Consulting Engineering
RESOLUTION NO. 18-006

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Professional Engineering Services to provide engineering and other related services to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law on November 14, 2017, and received proposals on November 30, 2017, under a fair and open process in accordance with P.L. 2004, c.19, as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood:

That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Michael Disko, M. Disko Associates Consulting Engineering, P.O. Box 1627, Union, New Jersey, 07083, for the provision of professional engineering services for the Borough of Garwood; and

That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2018 Engineering Fees in accordance with the 2018 Municipal Budget and 2018 Capital Budget and other related appropriations, in accordance with the proposal dated November 30, 2017; and

That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-006 was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

Discussion: _____

- 18-025 Appointing Linwood Navarro as DPW Foreman.
- 18-026 Appointing Sandra Bruns as Tax Search Officer
- 18-027 Appointing Christina Ariemma as Assessment Search Officer
- 18-028 Appointing Christina Ariemma as Public Agency Compliance
- 18-029 Appointing Kathleen J. Wierzbinski as Clean Communities Coordinator
- 18-030 Appointing Allen Tweedle as Fire Chief
- 18-031 Appointing John Scalzadonna as Assistant Fire Chief
- 18-032 Appointing Leonard Spina as Superintendent of Fire Apparatus
- 18-033 Appointing Len Spina as Fire Official
- 18-034 Appointing Special Police Officers "Class B" School Crossing Guards
- 18-035 Appointing Special Police Officers "Class B" Alternate School Crossing Guards
- 18-036 Appointing Special Police Officers "Class C" Matrons for 2018

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Blumenstock	_____	Councilman McCormack	_____
Councilwoman Cuccaro	_____	Councilman Sarno	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Councilwoman Todisco	_____

The following are Mayors Appointments, no CONFIRMATION required:

GARWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH THREE YEAR TERM 1/1/18 – 12/31/20

Ellen Shelley Keith Bienkowski

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FIVE YEAR TERM 1/1/18- 12/31/22

Maryann Severage Carolyn Warchol

GARWOOD MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR 2018

Barbara Tweedle	Steve Kaelbltin	Sam Rocco	Walter Merfert	Ralph Bernardo
Mary Emmons	Virginia Marinelli	Allan Tweedle	Caitlin Tweedle	

CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2018

Kim Brown	Thomas Englese	Jennyfer Guerrero
Carolyn Dunning	Susan Groning	Scott Haggmark

RECREATION COMMISSION FIVE YEAR TERM 1/1/18 – 12/31/22

David Legg

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR THREE YEAR TERM 1/1/18-12/31/20

Ken Capobianco

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL for 2018

Deputy Coordinator:	Doug Stoffer, Police Captain
Police Chief:	James H. Wright
Fire Chief:	Allan Tweedle
Superintendent DPW:	Clint Dickson
Doctor:	-----
First Aid:	Jimmy Willix
Engineer:	Michael Disko
Public Information Officer:	-----
Shelter Coordinator:	-----

Radiological Officer: Sam Rocco
 Tech/Advisor: -----
 Business Representative: Joseph Ragonese
Representatives from Service Organizations:
 Knights of Columbus Michael Collings
 Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Denise Pelusio
 Health Ellen Shelley
 Law James H. Wright
 First Aid Jimmy Willix

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE FOR 2018

Pat DiFabio Bruce Paterson Helen Laucius Chelsea Brandt
 Adele Lewis Carol Lombardo Jenny Brown

PLANNING BOARD

TITLE	NAME	TERM
CLASS I – 1-YR	Charles Lombardo, Mayor	1/1/18 – 12/31/18
CLASS II – 1-YR	Louis Petruzzelli	1/1/18 – 12/31/18
CLASS III – 1-YR	Joseph Sarno	1/1/18 – 12/31/18
CLASS IV – 4-YR	William Nierstedt	1/1/18 – 12/31/21
ALT. II – 2 -YR	Steve Napolitano	1/1/18 – 12/31/19
ALT. IV - 2 -YR	Denise Ridente	1/1/18 – 12/31/19

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY DEV. REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE FOR 2018

Charles Lombardo William Nierstedt ALTERNATE: Ileen Cuccaro

UNION COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 2018

Clint Dickson

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	2018
Police, Public Health & Safety	Councilwoman Sara Todisco, Chair Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro Councilman Marc Lazarow
COMMITTEE	
Board of Health Liaison	Councilman Rich McCormack
COMMITTEE	
Streets, Roads and Ecology	Councilwoman Jen Blumenstock, Chair Councilman Rich McCormack Councilman Marc Lazarow
COMMITTEE	
Fire	Councilman Rich McCormack, Chair Councilwoman Sara Todisco Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro
COMMITTEE	
Finance	Councilman Joe Sarno, Chair Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro Councilwoman Jen Blumenstock

MAYOR'S ADDRESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, in Council Chambers, at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

