

**Borough of Garwood**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA**  
**January 2, 2019**

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 20, 2018, 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 2019, to make appointments and to transact any business pertinent thereto.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Councilwoman Blumenstock** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councilman Lazarow** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councilman McCormack** \_\_\_\_\_

***Municipal Clerk announces:***

The first order of business is to administer the oath of office to:  
Mayor Elect Sara Todisco – for a four year term  
Councilman Elect Sean Benoit – for a three-year term  
Councilman Elect Michael Ince – for a three-year term

Municipal Clerk requests that Mayor Elect Todisco be escorted to the rostrum.  
The Oath of Office is administered. (Mayor Todisco takes her seat on the dais).

Mayor Todisco requests that Councilman Elect Benoit be escorted to the rostrum.  
The Oath of Office is administered. (Councilman Benoit takes his seat on the dais).

Mayor Todisco requests that Councilman Elect Ince be escorted to the rostrum.  
The Oath of Office is administered. (Councilman Ince takes his seat on the dais).

***Municipal Clerk: ROLL CALL:***

<b>Mayor Todisco</b>	_____	<b>Councilman Ince</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Benoit</b>	_____	<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	_____
<b>Councilwoman Blumenstock</b>	_____	<b>Councilman McCormack</b>	_____

County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi presents Mayor Todisco and Councilmen Benoit and Ince with certificates.

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

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

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

**Mayor Todisco requests ROLL CALL:**

**Councilman Benoit** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councilwoman Blumenstock** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councilman Ince** \_\_\_\_\_

**Councilman Lazarow** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councilman McCormack** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT AGENDA PART A**

(Adoption upon Roll Call)

**Mayor nominations followed by roll call vote**

"Consent agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion; any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of funds; any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda; all Consent Agenda items will be reflected in the full minutes."

- 19-001 Awarding professional services for Municipal Attorney to Thomas C. Jardim of Jardim, Meisner & Susser, PC
- 19-002 Awarding professional services for Municipal Tax Appeal Attorney to Robert F. Renaud, Esq., of Palumbo Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC
- 19-003 Awarding professional services for Municipal Labor Attorney to Matthew J. Giacobbe, Esq., of Cleary.Giacobbe.Alfieri.Jacobs, LLC
- 19-004 Awarding professional services for Municipal Prosecutor to Steven H. Merman, Esq.
- 19-005 Awarding professional services for Municipal Public Defender to Michael S. Simitz, Esq.
- 19-006 Appointing Michael Disko as Municipal Engineer for a 3 Year Term 01/01/2019-12/31/2021
- 19-007 Awarding professional services for Municipal Engineering to Michael Disko of M. Disko Associates Consulting Engineering
- 19-008 Awarding professional services for Auditing/Consulting services to Suplee, Clooney & Company
- 19-009 Appointing Councilman Rich McCormack as Planning Board Liaison, Class III for 2019

Mayor Todisco requests a motion and a second to adopt Consent Agenda Part A.

Roll Call:

**Councilman Benoit** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councilwoman Blumenstock** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councilman Ince** \_\_\_\_\_

**Councilman Lazarow** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councilman McCormack** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT AGENDA PART B**

(Adoption upon Roll Call)

"Consent agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion; any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of funds; any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda; all Consent Agenda items will be reflected in the full minutes."

- 19-010 Adopting By-Laws for 2019
- 19-011 Council Meeting Schedule for 2019
- 19-012 Official Newspapers for 2019
- 19-013 Depositories for all Funds
- 19-014 Depositories for Developers Escrow Account for 2019
- 19-015 Depositories for 2019 Municipal Court Funds
- 19-016 Depository for Savings & Investment Accounts for 2019
- 19-017 Authorizing mileage reimbursement for attendance at meetings
- 19-018 Authorizing the tax collector to conduct a tax sale
- 19-019 Interest charges on delinquent taxes and assessments
- 19-020 Delinquent tax rate for 2019
- 19-021 Rate for duplicate tax sale certificates
- 19-022 Authorizing cancellation of tax refunds less than \$10.00
- 19-023 Authorizing ADP Payroll Services as payroll service
- 19-024 Appointing Bond Counsel Steven L. Rogut, Esq.
- 19-025 Appointing Linwood Navarro as DPW Foreman
- 19-026 Appointing Sandra Bruns as Tax Search Officer
- 19-027 Appointing Christina Ariemma as Assessment Search Officer
- 19-028 Appointing Christina Ariemma as Public Agency Compliance
- 19-029 Appointing Kathleen J. Wierzbinski as Clean Communities Coordinator
- 19-030 Appointing Allan Tweedle as Fire Chief
- 19-031 Appointing John Scalzadonna as Assistant Fire Chief
- 19-032 Appointing Leonard Spina as Superintendent of Fire Apparatus
- 19-033 Appointing Leonard Spina as Fire Official
- 19-034 Appointing Special Police Officers "Class B" School Crossing Guards

- 19-035 Appointing Special Police Officers "Class B" Alternate School Crossing Guards
- 19-036 Appointing Special Police Officers "Class C" Matrons for 2019
- 19-037 Adopting the 2019 Temporary Budget

Mayor Todisco requests a motion and a second to adopt Consent Agenda Part B.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Benoit</b>	_____	<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	_____
<b>Councilwoman Blumenstock</b>	_____	<b>Councilman McCormack</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Ince</b>	_____		

The following are Mayors Appointments, no CONFIRMATION required:

**PLANNING BOARD**

TITLE	NAME	TERM
CLASS I – 1-YR	Sara Todisco, Mayor	1/1/19 – 12/31/19
CLASS II – 1-YR	Ken Capobianco	1/1/19 – 12/31/19
CLASS III – 1-YR	Richard McCormack	1/1/19 – 12/31/19
CLASS IV – 4-YR	Steve Napolitano	1/1/19 – 12/31/22
CLASS IV – 4-YR	Paul Tarantino	1/1/19 – 12/31/22
CLASS IV – 4-YR	Mike Vena	1/1/19 – 12/31/22
ALT. I – 2 -YR	John Malcolm	1/1/19 – 12/31/20
ALT. II - 2 -YR unexpired term	Sergio Simoes	1/1/19 – 12/31/19
ALT. III – 2 YR	Steve Barcan	1/1/19 – 12/31/20
ALT. IV - 2 -YR unexpired term	Peter Demato	1/1/19 – 12/31/19

**GARWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH      THREE YEAR TERM      1/1/19 – 12/31/21**

Jane Tenore                      Megan Trusdell                      Li Faustino

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES      FIVE YEAR TERM      1/1/19- 12/31/23**

Debra Broski                      Maria Nierstedt

**RECREATION COMMISSION      FIVE YEAR TERM      1/1/19 – 12/31/23**

Debbie Delise  
 Alternate I – 2 Yr TERM (unexpired term) 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2019                      Kyle LeFever  
 Alternate II – 2 Yr TERM                      01/01/2019 – 12/31/2020                      Vanessa Schubring

**GREEN TEAM      THREE YEAR TERM      1/1/19 – 12/31/2021**

Kate Johnson                      Brittani Johnson                      Jeff Jotz                      Russ Graham  
 Julie Graham                      Sean Benoit                      Shari Cohen                      Rich Faustino

**GARWOOD MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR 2019**

Barbara Tweedle	Steve Kaelbltin	Sam Rocco	Ralph Bernardo
Mary Emmons	Virginia Marinelli	Allan Tweedle	Caitlin Tweedle
Stacie Hoffman	Darlene Lipsett	Amefika Gray	Denise Ridente
MaryAnn Mule	Jen Blumenstock	Carla Gilbride	

**CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2019**

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Kim Brown	Thomas Englese	Jennyfer Guerrero	Monika Shvetz
Carolyn Puerari	Kathy Gebler	Scott Haggmark	Melissa DiBattista
Brittani Johnson	Kate Johnson	Kathy Villaggio	Vanessa Schubring
Debbie McCarthy	Krystal Zawoyski		

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY PANEL FOR 2019**

Mark Gemett	Jason Blake	Kate Johnson	Arlene Yanogacio
Jennifer Kalis	Craig Gibson	Pat DiFabio	Joe Ragonese
Michele Capobianco			

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE FOR 2019**

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Pat DiFabio	Bruce Paterson	Helen Laucius	Chelsea Brandt	James Hart
Adele Lewis	Carol Lombardo	Jenny Brown	Max Blanton	

**UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY DEV. REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE FOR 2019**

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Kathy Villaggio	William Nierstedt	ALTERNATE:	Jen Blumenstock
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**UNION COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2019**

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Clint Dickson

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL for 2019**

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Deputy Coordinator:	Doug Stoffer, Police Captain
Police Chief:	James H. Wright
Fire Chief:	Allan Tweedle
Superintendent DPW:	Clint Dickson
First Aid:	Luciane Raibin
Engineer:	Michael Disko
Public Information Officer:	Ken Capobianco
Shelter Coordinator:	Ken Capobianco
Radiological Officer:	Sam Rocco
Business Representative:	Joseph Ragonese

**Representatives from Service Organizations:**

Knights of Columbus	Rich McCormack
Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary	Denise Pelusio
Health	Ellen Shelley
Law	James H. Wright
First Aid	Jimmy Willix

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>2019</b>
Police, Public Health & Safety	Councilman Michael Ince, Chair
	Councilman Sean Benoit
	Councilman Rich McCormack
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	
Board of Health Liaison	Councilman Michael Ince
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	
Streets, Roads and Ecology	Councilwoman Jen Blumenstock, Chair
	Councilman Rich McCormack
	Councilman Michael Ince
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	
Fire	Councilman Rich McCormack, Chair
	Councilman Sean Benoit
	Councilman Marc Lazarow
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	
Finance	Councilman Marc Lazarow, Chair
	Councilwoman Jen Blumenstock
	Councilman Michael Ince
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	
Buildings and Grounds	Vacant Seat, Chair
	Councilman Rich McCormack
	Councilwoman Jen Blumenstock
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	
Laws and License	Councilman Sean Benoit, Chair
	Councilman Michael Ince
	Vacant Seat
<b><u>OTHER or SPECIAL Committees of the Mayor</u></b>	
Historical Committee Liaison	Vacant Seat
Recreation	Councilman Sean Benoit
Senior Citizen Liaison	Councilwoman Jen Blumenstock
Library, Mayor's Representative	Councilman Marc Lazarow
School Board Liaison	Councilwoman Jen Blumenstock
Celebrations of Public Events & Holidays Liaison	Councilman Sean Benoit
UC Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board Representative	Vacant Seat
UC Transportation of Advisory Representative	Vacant Seat
Business and Industry/Chamber of Commerce	Carol Kearney

**COUNCIL MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE GOVERNING BODY AND GUESTS.**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to address the mayor and council please step to the microphone, and state your full name and address. Please limit your comments to five minutes.

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**MAYOR'S ADDRESS:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019, in Council Chambers, at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

