

**Borough of Garwood
REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
January 2, 2024**

Time:

Please stand for a Moment of Silence

Salute to the Flag

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk advertised on December 14, 2023. Notification was sent to the Star Ledger, and is posted on the Municipal website, 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 241, P.L. 1975).

This meeting is called pursuant to the State Statutes for the purpose of organizing the Governing Body for the year 2024, to make appointments and to transact any business pertinent thereto.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blumenstock _____

Councilman Lazarow _____

Councilwoman Nolde _____

Councilwoman Salmon _____

Mayor Blumenstock announces:

The first order of business is to administer the Oath of Office to:

Councilman Elect Vincent Kearney – for a three-year term

Councilwoman Elect Karina Boto – for a three-year term

Councilman Elect Sean Foley – for an unexpired term (11/07/2023-12/31/2024)

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

Mayor Blumenstock requests that Councilwoman Elect Karina Boto be escorted to the rostrum. The Oath of Office is administered. (Councilwoman Elect Boto takes her seat on the dais).

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

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blumenstock _____

Councilwoman Boto _____

Councilman Foley _____

Councilman Kearney _____

Councilman Lazarow _____

Councilwoman Nolde _____

Councilwoman Salmon _____

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

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

A motion is made by _____, second by _____, to elect a Council President.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blumenstock _____
Councilwoman Boto _____
Councilman Foley _____
Councilman Kearney _____

Councilman Lazarow _____
Councilwoman Nolde _____
Councilwoman Salmon _____

CONSENT AGENDA PARTS A, B, C, D

(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.”

CONSENT AGENDA PART A

24-001 Awarding professional services for Municipal Attorney to Adam S. Abramson-Schneider, Esq., of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri. Jacobs, LLC.

Mayor Blumenstock requests a motion and a second to adopt Consent Agenda Part A.
A motion was made by _____, second by _____, to adopt Consent Agenda Part A.

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Boto _____
Councilman Foley _____
Councilman Kearney _____

Councilman Lazarow _____
Councilwoman Nolde _____
Councilwoman Salmon _____

CONSENT AGENDA PART B

- 24--002 Awarding professional services for Municipal Labor Attorney to Matthew J. Giacobbe, Esq., of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri. Jacobs, LLC
- 24 -003 Awarding professional services for Municipal Tax Appeal Attorney to Robert F. Renaud, Esq., of Renaud Colicchio LLC
- 24-004 Awarding professional services for Municipal Engineering to Michael Disko of M. Disko Associates Consulting Engineering
- 24-005 Awarding professional services for Municipal Prosecutor to Russell J. Huegel, Esq.
- 24-006 Awarding professional services for Municipal Public Defender to Michael Simitz, Esq.
- 24-007 Awarding professional services for Municipal Accounting Services to Suplee Clooney & Company
- 24-008 Awarding professional services for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent to Community Grants, Planning & Housing

Mayor Blumenstock requests a motion and a second to adopt Consent Agenda Part B.
A motion was made by _____, second by _____, to adopt Consent Agenda Part B.

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Boto _____
Councilman Foley _____
Councilman Kearney _____

Councilman Lazarow _____
Councilwoman Nolde _____
Councilwoman Salmon _____

CONSENT AGENDA PART C

24-009 Appointing Kim Salmon as Class III Planning Board Council Member Liaison for 2024.

Mayor Blumenstock requests a motion and a second to adopt Consent Agenda Part C.
A motion was made by _____, second by _____, to adopt Consent Agenda Part C.

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilwoman Nolde	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____

CONSENT AGENDA PART D

- 24-010 Designating official newspapers for 2024
- 24-011 Depositories for all Funds
- 24-012 Depository for Developers Escrow Account for 2024
- 24-013 Depositories for 2024 Municipal Court Funds
- 24-014 Depository for Savings & Investment Accounts for 2024
- 24-015 Authorizing mileage reimbursement
- 24-016 Authorizing the tax collector to conduct a tax sale
- 24-017 Interest charges on delinquent taxes and assessments
- 24-018 Delinquent tax penalty rate for 2024
- 24-019 Rate for duplicate tax sale certificates
- 24-020 Authorizing cancellation of delinquencies less than \$10.00
- 24-021 Authorizing Primepoint LLC as payroll service
- 24-022 Appointing Bond Counsel Steven L. Rogut, Esq.
- 24-023 Appointing Gary Bundy as Municipal Court Judge for a 3-year term: 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2026
- 24-024 Appointing Cathy Cameron as Assessment Search Officer
- 24-025 Appointing Cathy Cameron as Public Agency Compliance Officer
- 24-026 Appointing Sandra Bruns as Tax Search Officer
- 24-027 Adopting Certificate of Compliance Employment Practices
- 24-028 Authorizing Execution of Contract with Phoenix Advisors
- 24-029 Adopting the 2024 Temporary Budget
- 24-030 Appointing Accrisure, LLC as Risk Manager Consultant
- 24-031 Appointing Kyle Harris and Sandra Bruns as Fund Commissioners
- 24-032 Appointing Kathleen Wierzbinski as Clean Communities Coordinator
- 22-033 Appointing Bill Nierstedt as Shade Tree Officer
- 24-034 Approving Council meeting dates for 2024

Mayor Blumenstock requests a motion and a second to adopt Consent Agenda Part D.
A motion was made by _____, second by _____, to adopt Consent Agenda Part D.

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilwoman Nolde	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____

The following are Mayor's appointments – Confirmation is not required

PLANNING BOARD

NAME	CLASS/TERM	APPOINTMENT DATES
Jen Blumenstock	Class I – 1 YEAR	01/01/2024-12/31/2024
Ken Capobianco	Class II – 1 YEAR	01/01/2024-12/31/2024
Steve Greet	Class IV- 4 YEARS	01/01/2024-12/31/2027
David Beyers	Alt. II- 2 YEARS	01/01/2024-12/31/2025

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES **FIVE YEAR TERM** **01/01/2024 – 12/31/2028**

Debra Broski	Maria Nierstedt
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GARWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH **THREE YEAR TERM** **01/01/2024 – 12/31/2026**

Sarah Fiasconaro	Karin Kilmartin
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SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD

NAME	TERM	APPOINTMENT DATES
Robert Bilyeu	2 YEARS	01/01/2024 – 12/31/2025
Kim Ficarra	2 YEARS	01/01/2024 – 12/31/2025
Jeff Jotz	3 YEARS	01/01/2024 – 12/31/2026
Mark Koch	3 YEARS	01/01/2024 – 12/31/2026
Bill Nierstedt, Shade Tree Officer	3 YEARS	01/01/2024 – 12/31/2026

GREEN TEAM **THREE YEAR TERM** **01/01/2024 – 12/31/2026**

Gabrielle Blevins	Danny Damico	Jeff Jotz	Michael Mindel
Jen Blumenstock	Rich Faustino	Janine Koch	Bill Nierstedt
KC Bree	Kim Ficarra	Mark Koch	Maria Nierstedt
Karina Boto	Carla Gilbride	Edison Lee	Michele Poveromo
Andrea Castro	Claus Holzapfel	Carol Lombardo	Hadas Parag
Jolene Love-Chakraborty	Julie Graham	Charles Lombardo	Laura Steele
Shari Cohen	Russ Graham	Mallery Mangan	Elizabeth Tague
Erin Cruz			

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE **ONE YEAR TERM** **01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024**

Jennie Brown	Helen Laucius	Bruce Paterson
Pat DiFabio	Adele Lewis	Jeff Van Natta
Kim Ficarra	Carol Lombardo	

RECREATION COMMITTEE **ONE YEAR TERM** **01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024**

Debbie Delise	Jenny Goodell	Jeff Van Natta
Amanda DiMaria	Rich McCormack	Krystal Zawoysky
Carla Gilbride	Valerie Utnick	

GARWOOD PARTNERSHIP FOR ARTS AND CULTURE **ONE YEAR TERM** **01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024**

Gabrielle Blevins	James Hart	Leona Seufert
Karina Boto	Trina Junod	Nicole Walsh
Nisrine Boto	Michael Marmora	
Christine Guerriero	Chase Padusniak	

GARWOOD MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE ONE YEAR TERM 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024

Jen Battiloro, Coordinator	Mary Emmons	Sam Rocco
Jen Blumenstock	Carla Gilbride	Krystal Zawoysky
Jenn D'Elia	MaryAnn Mule	

CITIZENS' ADVISORY PANEL ONE YEAR TERM 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024

Iolanda Delise	Brian DiMaria	Joe Gola
Linda DeVito	Mark Gernett	Tracey McCarrick
Pat DiFabio	Craig Gibson	Howard Ruderman

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ONE YEAR TERM 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

Lee Frankel	Jim Marano	Stefanie Savino
EJ Gaub	Justin Nicholls	Erick Weiss
Mark Gernett	Josh Rosenberg	
Shari Littman	Vince Spera	

FIRE AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Director	Ken Capobianco
Police Chief	Douglas Stoffer
Deputy Coordinator	Sam Rocco, Acting Police Captain
Fire Chief	John Scalzadonna
Superintendent DPW	Clint Dickson
First Aid President	Glen Costello
Engineer	Michael Disko
Ex-Officio	Jennifer Blumenstock, Mayor
	Kyle Harris, Borough Administrator

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE

Jen Blumenstock	Jeff Jotz	Alternate: Kyle Harris
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UNION COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: CLINT DICKSON

UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD LIAISON: BILL NIERSTEDT

2024 STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	
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Finance and Personnel	Councilman Sean Foley, Chair
	Councilman Marc Lazarow
	Councilwoman Kim Salmon
COMMITTEE	
Fire and OEM	Councilman Marc Lazarow, Chair
	Councilwoman Karina Boto
	Councilwoman Kim Salmon
COMMITTEE	
Community Development	Councilwoman Kim Salmon, Chair
	Councilwoman Clarissa Nolde
	Councilman Marc Lazarow

COMMITTEE	
Public Works	Councilwoman Karina Boto, Chair
	Councilman Sean Foley
	Councilman Vincent Kearney
COMMITTEE	
Police & Public Safety	Councilman Vincent Kearney, Chair
	Councilman Sean Foley
	Councilwoman Clarissa Nolde
COMMITTEE	
Community Engagement	Councilwoman Clarissa Nolde, Chair
	Councilwoman Karina Boto
	Councilman Vincent Kearney

OTHER or SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE MAYOR	
Senior Citizen Liaison	Mayor Blumenstock
Board of Health Liaison	Councilman Sean Foley
Library, Mayor's Representative	Councilman Marc Lazarow
School Board Liaison	Councilman Vincent Kearney
Citizen's Advisory Panel Liaison	Councilwoman Karina Boto
Green Team Liaison	Mayor Blumenstock
Small Business Advisory Board Liaison	Councilman Vincent Kearney
UC Transportation Advisory Board Representative	Bill Nierstedt
Business and Industry/Chamber of Commerce	Carol Kearney

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT:

Council Members wishing to address the governing body and guests.

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.

Mayor Blumenstock requests a motion followed by a second to close public comment.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to close public comment.
All in favor, opposed?

MAYORS ADDRESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024** at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Information for meetings is posted on the Borough website: https://garwood.org/gb_notices