

**Borough of Garwood
REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
January 2, 2025**

Time: _____

Please stand for a Moment of Silence
Salute to the Flag

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk and advertised on December 26, 2024. Notification was sent to the Local Source Union County, 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 2025, to make appointments and to transact any business pertinent thereto.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blumenstock	_____		
Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Nolde	_____

Mayor Blumenstock announces:

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

Councilman Elect Sean Keagan Foley – for a three-year term
Councilman Elect Chase Padusniak – for a three-year term

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

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

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blumenstock	_____		
Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilwoman Nolde	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____

Mayor Blumenstock announces that 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 _____ for _____, second by _____, to elect a Council President. Any other nominations? _____
All in favor to close the nominations _____, opposed?

Call the roll for _____ as Council President.

ROLL CALL:

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

CONSENT AGENDA PARTS A, 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.”

CONSENT AGENDA PART A

- 25-01 Awarding professional services for Municipal Attorney to Adam S. Abramson-Schneider, Esq. of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri. Jacobs, LLC.
- 25-02 Awarding professional services for Municipal Labor Attorney to Matthew J. Giacobbe, Esq. of Giacobbe of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri. Jacobs, LLC
- 25-03 Awarding professional services for Municipal Tax Appeal Attorney to Robert F. Renaud, Esq. of Renaud Colicchio LLC
- 25-04 Awarding professional services for Municipal Court Public Defender to Michael Simitz, Esq. of Kologi Simitz
- 25-05 Awarding professional services for Municipal Prosecutor to Russell J. Huegel, Esq.
- 25-06 Awarding professional services for Municipal Engineering to Michael Disko of M. Disko Associates Consulting Engineering
- 25-07 Awarding professional services for Municipal Accounting Services to Suplee Clooney & Company
- 25-08 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 A.

A motion was made by _____ second by _____, to adopt Consent Agenda Part A.

ROLL CALL:

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

CONSENT AGENDA PART B

- 25-09 Resolution to Affirm the Borough of Garwood’s Civil Rights Policy with respect to all officials, appointees, employees, prospective employees, volunteers, independent contractors and members of the public that come into contact with municipal employees, officials and volunteers
- 25-10 Approving Council meeting dates for 2025
- 25-11 Designating official newspapers for 2025
- 25-12 Adopting the 2025 Temporary Budget
- 25-13 Authorizing Depository for all funds
- 25-14 Depository for Developers Escrow Account for 2025
- 25-15 Designating Depositories for Municipal Court Funds
- 25-16 Depository for Savings & Investment Accounts for 2025
- 25-17 Authorizing mileage reimbursement
- 25-18 Appointing Tax Search Officer (Sandra Bruns)
- 25-19 Authorizing the Tax Collector to conduct a tax sale
- 25-20 Authorizing Interest charges on delinquent taxes and assessments
- 25-21 Authorizing Delinquent tax penalty rate for 2025
- 25-22 Setting fee for duplicate tax certificates
- 25-23 Authorizing cancellation of tax delinquencies less than \$10.00
- 25-24 Authorizing Primepoint LLC as third-party payroll provider
- 25-25 Appointing Assessment Search Officer (Patricia Vazquez)
- 25-26 Appointing Public Agency Compliance Officer (Patricia Vazquez)
- 25-27 Authorizing the Governing Body to Sign the Certificate of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “*Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*”
- 25-28 Appointing Risk Management Consultant (Acrisure, LLC)

- 25-29 Appointing Fund Commissioner to Statewide Ins.
- 25-30 Appointing Clean Communities Coordinator (Katya Lysak)
- 25-31 Appointing a Shade Tree Office (Bill Nierstedt)
- 25-32 Accepting appointments for the Garwood Fire Department
- 25-33 Appointing Planning board liaison (Councilman Vincent Kearney)
- 25-34 Designating Dates for Bulk Pickup
- 25-35 Appointing DPW Foreman (Linwood Navarro)
- 25-36 Affirming the Borough of Garwood Assurance of Compliance with the Civil Rights requirements and with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 25-37 Authorizing contracts with the Approved State Contract Vendors during 2025 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A
- 25-38 Adopting the Rules of Order for 2025
- 25-39 Authorizing Execution of Contract with Phoenix Advisors LLC

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 Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilwoman Nolde	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilman Patusniak	_____

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on December 19, 2024.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
 All in favor, opposed?

THE FOLLOWING ARE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – CONFIRMATION IS NOT REQUIRED
PLANNING BOARD:

NAME	CLASS/TERM	APPOINTMENT DATES
Jen Blumenstock	Class I – 1 YEAR	01/01/2025-12/31/2025
Katya Lysak	Class II – 1 YEAR	01/01/2025-12/31/2025
Steve Greet	Class IV – 4 YEARS	01/01/2024-12/31/2027
William Nierstedt	Class IV – 4 YEARS	01/01/2022-12/31/2025
Kathleen Villaggio	Class IV – 4 YEARS	01/01/2025-12/31/2028
Steve Barcan	Class IV – 4 YEARS	11/09/2023-12/31/2026
Stephanie Bianco	Class IV – 4 YEARS	01/01/2023-12/31/2026
Rich McCormack	Class IV – 4 YEARS	01/01/2023-12/31/2026
MaryAnn Hay	Alt. I – 2 YEARS	01/01/2025-12/31/2026
David Beyers	Alt. II – 2 YEARS	01/01/2024-12/31/2025

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES **FIVE YEAR TERM** **01/01/2025 – 12/31/2030**

Debra Broski	01/01/2024-12/31/2028
Jessica Rivera-Siew	01/01/2025-12/31/2029
Maria Nierstedt	01/01/2024-12/31/2028
Maria Pereira Colish	01/01/2024-12/31/2025
Allison Gernett	01/01/2023-12/31/2027 (filling unexpired term)
Carol Hart	01/01/2023-12/31/2027 (filling unexpired term)
James Hart	01/01/2022-12/31/2026

GARWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH THREE YEAR TERM 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2028

Li Faustino	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Sarah Fiasconaro	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
Barbara Greet	01/01/2023-12/31/2025
Karin Kilmartin	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
Debra Broski	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Jane Tenore	01/01/2025-12/31/2027

SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD

NAME	TERM	APPOINTMENT DATES
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
Michael Mindel	2 YEARS	01/01/2024 – 12/31/2025 (filling unexpired term)
Len Navarro	1 YEAR	01/01/2025 - 12/31/2026
Doug Stoffer	1 YEAR	01/01/2025 - 12/31/2026

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

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

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE ONE YEAR TERM 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Carol Lombardo	Jeff Van Natta
Pat DiFabio	
Kim Ficarra	

RECREATION COMMITTEE ONE YEAR TERM 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Patricia Henkel	Jenny Goodell	Tracey Thompkins
Amanda DiMaria	Jeff Van Natta	Karina Boto
Carla Gilbride	Krystal Zawoysky	Brian Tague

GARWOOD PARTNERSHIP FOR ARTS AND CULTURE ONE YEAR TERM 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

Gabrielle Blevins	James Hart
Karina Boto	Leona Seufert
Nisrine Boto	Michael Marmora
Christine Guerriero	Chase Padusniak
Krissia Keck	

GARWOOD MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE ONE YEAR TERM 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Patricia Vazquez, Coordinator	Mary Emmons	Sam Rocco
Jen Blumenstock	Carla Gilbride	Krystal Zawoysky
Omar Villacres	Sean Foley	

CITIZENS' ADVISORY PANEL ONE YEAR TERM 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

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

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ONE YEAR TERM 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

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

FIRE AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Director	Ken Capobianco (3 Year Term: 01/01/2025-12/31/2028)
Police Chief	Douglas Stoffer
Deputy Coordinator	Sam Rocco, Police Captain
Fire Chief	John Scalzadonna
Superintendent DPW	Clint Dickson
First Aid President	Glen Costello
Engineer	Michael Disko
Ex-Officio	Jennifer Blumenstock, Mayor
	John Arthur, Borough Administrator

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE

Jen Blumenstock (Public Services)	Jeff Jotz (Public Improvements)	Alternate: John Arthur
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UNION COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: CLINT DICKSEN

UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD LIAISON: BILL NIERSTEDT

2025 STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	
Finance and Personnel	Councilman Sean Foley, Chair
	Councilman Marc Lazarow
	Councilwoman Karina Boto
COMMITTEE	
Fire and OEM	Councilman Marc Lazarow, Chair
	Councilman Sean Foley
	Councilman Vincent Kearney
COMMITTEE	
Community Development	Councilman Chase Padusniak, Chair
	Councilwoman Clarissa Nolde
	Councilman Marc Lazarow
COMMITTEE	
Public Works	Councilwoman Karina Boto, Chair
	Councilman Chase Padusniak
	Councilwoman Clarissa Nolde

COMMITTEE	
Police & Public Safety	Councilman Vincent Kearney, Chair
	Councilman Sean Foley
	Councilman Chase Patusniak
COMMITTEE	
Community Engagement	Councilwoman Clarissa Nolde, Chair
	Councilwoman Karina Boto
	Councilman Vincent Kearney
<u>OTHER or SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE MAYOR</u>	
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
Business and Industry/Chamber of Commerce	Carol Kearney
Planning Board Council Liaison	Councilman Vincent 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.

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 23, 2025** at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ to adjourn.

Time: _____