BOROUGH OF GARWOOD

UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
403 SOUTH AVENUE
GARWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07027

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

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 Borough Clerk of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law and received proposals on December 4, 2025, 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 Adam S. Abramson-Schneider, Esq., of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC, 169 Ramapo Valley Road, Oakland, NJ 07436 for the provision of professional municipal attorney servicesfor the Borough of Garwood; and

1. That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2026 Legal Fees in accordance with the 2026 Municipal Budget in accordance with the proposal dated November 20, 2025; and

2. 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 Officeof the Borough Clerk; and

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

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Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia Vazquez, Acting Clerk of the Borough of Garwood, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood at a duly convened meeting held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

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PATRICIA VAZQUEZ
Acting Borough Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-02

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL LABOR ATTORNEY

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 Borough Clerk of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law and received proposals on December 4, 2025 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 Adam S. Abramson-Schneider, Esq., of 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

2. That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2026 Legal Fees for Labor Counsel in accordance with the 2026 Municipal Budget in accordance with the proposal dated November 20, 2025; 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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-03

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY

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 Borough Clerk of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law and received proposals on December 4, 2025 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 Robert F. Renaud, Esq., of Renaud Colicchio, LLC, 190 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016, for the provision of professional services for tax appeal counsel for the Borough of Garwood; and

2. That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2026 Legal Fees for Tax Appeals in accordance with the 2026 Municipal Budget in accordance with the proposal dated November 20, 2025; 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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-04

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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 Borough Clerk of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law and received proposals on December 4, 2024, 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 Michael Disko of 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

2. That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2026 Engineering Fees in accordance with the 2026 Municipal Budget and Capital Budget and other related appropriations, in accordance with the proposal dated December 4, 2025; 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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-05

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES - AUDIT

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40:14B-66 municipal authorities shall cause an annual audit of its accounts to be made, and for this purpose it shall employ a registered municipal accountant of New Jersey or a certified public accountant of New Jersey to conduct an annual audit and provide other required accounting services and therefore the Mayor and Council have determined that there exists a need for professional auditing and consultant services to provide Auditing/Consultant services of a specialized nature to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with law and received proposals on December 4, 2025, 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 Suplee, Clooney & Company, 308 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090, for the provision of professional auditing and consulting services for the Borough of Garwood; and

2. That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed $45,400 for 2025 Statutory Audit; $8,875.00 for 2025 Annual Financial Statement, 2025 Annual Debt Statement; and Assistance with the 2026 Annual Municipal Budget preparation, including preparation of the budget document and budget amendments, and attendance at any budget meetings or public hearings; $425.00 per preparation of Supplement Debt Statements; $1,350.00 for review of the Borough's Deferred Compensation Plan, and telephone consultation as needed at no charge, which are included in proposal dated December 4, 2025; and

3. That the contract term is January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026; and

4. 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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-06

AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood are required to contract for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance withlaw and received proposals on December 4, 2025 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 Community Grants Planning &Housing, 1249 South River Road, Suite 301, Cranbury, NJ 08512, for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services the Borough of Garwood; and

2. That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed appropriations for 2026 Legal Fees inaccordance with the 2026 Municipal Budget in accordance with the proposal dated December 4, 2025; and

3. That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolutionand the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Officeof the Borough Clerk; and

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-07

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR BOND ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood has determined that there exists a need for professional legal services in connection with the preparation and management of municipal bonds in the Borough of Garwood; 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 L. Rogut, Esq., of Rogut McCarthy Troy LLC, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ 07016-2106, for the provision of professional legal bond counsel.

2. That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed $10,000.00; and

3. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as professional services pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

4. 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

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

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-08

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR REDEVELOPMENT ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that there exists a need for professional legal counsel services for the purpose of redevelopment and potential redevelopment in the Borough of Garwood; and

WHEREAS, the 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 Brian M. Chewcaskie of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs LLC, for the provision of professional legal counsel concerning redevelopment and potential redevelopment in the Borough of Garwood; and

2. That said Contractor shall receive fees in accordance with the proposal dated December 11, 2025; 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.

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Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-09

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR

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 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 Russell J. Huegel, Esq., 190 Middlesex Essex Turnpike, Suite 200, Iselin, NJ 08830 for the provision of professional services for municipal prosecutor services for the Borough of Garwood; and

2. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as professional services pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; 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.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-10

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER

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 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 Richard W. Hawkins, Esq. of Friend & Wenzel, LLC, 975 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013 for the provision of professional services for municipal public defender services for the Borough of Garwood; and

2. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as professional services pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; 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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-11

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that the governing body may, and if any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the Budget, shall, by resolution adopted prior to January 31st of the fiscal year, make appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the adoption of the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the list of temporary appropriations be made for the year 2026.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-12

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

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough of Garwood to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Garwood has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED by the council of the Borough of Garwood that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough of Garwood by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough of Garwood shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee, volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough's business or using the Borough's facilities or property.

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of the resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the local Borough to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough of Garwood.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Administrator shall stablish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by the resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Administrator shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Administrator shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the Administrator shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to the resolution to be communicated with the Borough of Garwood. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough's website.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Garwood in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough of Garwood's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-13

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2026 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the dates listed below be hereby designated for Borough Council meetings for the year 2026. All meetings will be held in the Municipal Courtroom in the Municipal Building, located at 403 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. unless unavailable. If conditions warrant, meetings will be held remotely pursuant to the provision of the New Jersey Open Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(B), by means of the use of electronic communications equipment at designated time listed below. However, 48-hour notice will be given if there is change in the meeting format

January 6, 2026 (Reorg – Tuesday)
January 22, 2026
February 12, 2026
February 26, 2026
March 12, 2026
March 26, 2026
April 9, 2026
April 23, 2026
May 14, 2026
May 28, 2026
June 11, 2026
June 25, 2026
July 9, 2026
July 23, 2026
August 13, 2026
August 27, 2026
September 10, 2026
September 24, 2026
October 8, 2026
October 22, 2026
November 9, 2026* (Monday)
November 23, 2026* (Monday)
December 3, 2026
December 17, 2026

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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S. Bianco						
K. Boto						
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-14

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that The Leader and the Union County Local Source are hereby designated as the official newspapers for the Borough of Garwood for the calendar year 2026, through February 28, 2026 as per P.L. 2025, c. 72.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as of March 1, 2026, all legal notices shall be made available on the Borough's official Municipal website, on the Legal Notices page: https://garwood.org/index.asp?SEC=2885EB56-8E66-42C9-9F82-CA7D6EDF59C5 or on the State of New Jersey's designated public notices platform to be determined.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPOSITORIES FOR ALL FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that:

Citizens Bank, Cranford Office shall be the depository for all Law Enforcement Trust, Current Account, Capital Account, Dog Tax Account, Payroll Deductions Account, Payroll Deductions Employee Contribution Account, Trust Account, Bond and Interest Account, Public Assistance Account, Unemployment Account, Payroll Account, Assessment Trust, Sports & Recreation Complex Trust, Government Trust Account of the Borough of Garwood, and the custodian shall be Sandra Bruns, CFO/Treasurer. All disbursements shall be made by check signed by Jennifer Blumenstock, Mayor, Sandra Bruns, CFO/Treasurer, and John Arthur, Borough Administrator.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-16

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPOSITORY FOR DEVELOPERS ESCROW FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Citizens Bank, Cranford Office shall be the depository for the Developers Escrow Account. All disbursements, upon approval of the Planning Board Chairman, shall be paid by check, signed by Jennifer Blumenstock, Mayor, Sandra Bruns, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, and John Arthur, Borough Administrator.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-17

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORY FOR MUNICIPAL COURT FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that:

Citizens Bank, Cranford Office, shall be the depository for the Municipal Court Bail Account and Municipal Court Regular Account Funds. All disbursements shall be made by checks signed by Judge Gary Bundy, and Cathy Frank, Court Administrator.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-18

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPOSITORIES FOR SAVINGS & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Depository for Savings Accounts or Investment Savings Accounts, be and hereby designate State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that John Arthur, Borough Administrator and Sandra Bruns, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer be and are hereby authorized and empowered to deposit, invest and transfer funds in any of the above depositories.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-19

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes the mileage reimbursement for attendance at meetings, approved and in correlation with the duties of a position up to the current IRS allowed rate.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-20

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DELINQUENT TAX PENALTY RATE

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood has heretofore by Resolution No. 93-107 provided for interest to be charged with respect to delinquent taxes and assessments; and

WHEREAS, by L. 1991, c. 75, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 was amended to permit the governing body of a municipality to fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of $10,000.00 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year, which penalty may not exceed six percent of the amount of the delinquency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that a penalty in the sum of six percent of any "delinquency" shall be charged to any taxpayer with a delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year. "Delinquency" shall be defined to mean the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters of years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Municipal Clerk to the Borough Tax Collector.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-21

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTEREST CHARGES ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum on the first $1,500.00 of the delinquency, and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of the said first $1,500.00 shall be charged and collected on all delinquent taxes and assessments, and for sewer user charges from and after their due date until paid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the same shall become payable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any installment received after the expiration of ten (10) days grace period shall bear interest from the due date, and if the 10th day shall fall on a Saturday or a Sunday, the final day of the grace period shall be the next business day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Borough Clerk to the Borough Tax Collector.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-22

RESOLUTION SETTING FEE FOR DUPLICATE TAX CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, P.L. 1990 c.90 was amended and signed into law that allows municipalities to issue duplicate tax sale certificates at a fee not to exceed $100.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on this 1st day of January, 2026 that a fee of $100.00 be instituted for the issuance of a duplicate tax sale certificate.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
K. Annarelli						
S. Bianco						
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF DELINQUENCIES LESS THAN $10.00

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1 empowers authorized municipal employees to process or cancel property tax refunds under Ten Dollars ($10.00), to cancel any property tax delinquencies under Ten Dollars, and to cancel any delinquent charges or fees imposed by the municipality under Ten Dollars ($10.00), and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to process or cancel tax refunds and/or tax and other delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars ($10.00), and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood further finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Borough of Garwood for the Municipal Tax Collector to be authorized to process or cancel tax refunds and/or tax and other delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars ($10.00) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD:

That the Municipal Tax Collector of the Borough of Garwood is hereby authorized to process or cancel tax refunds or tax and other delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars ($10.00) during the calendar year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17-1.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
K. Annarelli						
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CONDUCT A TAX SALE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to conduct a Tax Sale pursuant to Chapter 99, P.L. 1997.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRIMEPOINT LLC AS THIRD-PARTY PAYROLL PROVIDER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Primepoint LLC, 2 Springside Road, Westampton, NJ 08060 is a third-party payroll provider for Payroll/HR services for year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer, Sandra Bruns to sign the contract with Primepoint LLC, 2 Springside Road, Westampton, NJ 08060 for providing Payroll/HR services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood that Sandra Bruns, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, be and is hereby appointed the approval officer and person responsible for authorizing and supervising the activities of the payroll service and shall further be charged with the reconciliation and analysis of all general ledger accounts affected by the activities of the disbursing organization.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH PHOENIX ADVISORS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer, Sandra Bruns to sign the agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC, 625 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, NJ, 08505 for providing continuing disclosure agent services in accordance with law for $1,600 to include an inclusive fee for up to three (3) outstanding issues, plus $100 for each additional issue for which filings may be required.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-27

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood (hereinafter "Local Unit") has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq*.; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the "Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of a Risk management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the "Fund" has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of "Local Unit", in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough Council hereby appoints Acrisure, LLC, as local Risk Management Consultant.

2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement for the year 2026 in the form attached hereto.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-28

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION 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"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply 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," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq*., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the *Council* of the *Borough of Garwood*, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
K. Annarelli						
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GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO P.L. 2017, C.183 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"

GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES
NO PHOTO COPIES OF SIGNATURES

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF UNION

We, members of the governing body of the Borough of Garwood being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected members of the *Council* of the *Borough of Garwood* in the county of *Union*;
2. Pursuant to P.L. 2017, c.183, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of 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," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq*., (April 25, 2012);
3. We are familiar with the local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history;
4. We certify that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance.

(L.S.) Kathleen Annarelli	(L.S.) Chase Padusniak
(L.S.) Stephanie Bianco	(L.S.)
(L.S.) Karina Boto	(L.S.)
(L.S.) Vincent Kearney	(L.S.)
(L.S.) Clarissa Nolde	(L.S.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
_____day of _____
Notary Public of New Jersey

_____ _____
Notary Public Patricia Vazquez, Acting Borough Clerk

The Municipal Clerk (or Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as the case may be) shall set forth the reason for the absence of signature of any members of the governing body.

IMPORTANT: This certificate must be executed before a municipality or county can submit its approved budget to the Division of Local Government Services. The executed certificate and the adopted resolution must be kept on file and available for inspection.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-29

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR 2026

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rules of Order as hereinafter set forth be adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood to govern proceedings of the Borough Council for the year 2026.

FIRST: The regular meetings of the Borough of Garwood shall be at 7:00 P.M. on the second and fourth Thursday of each and every month at the Municipal Building, in said Borough, except when otherwise specified. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Mayor, or by two (2) Council persons, on due and timely notice. The most recent edition of the Robert's Rules of Order shall apply, except when modified, or overridden by vote of the Borough Council.

SECOND: The Order of Business shall be:

1. Moment of Silence
2. Salute to the Flag
3. Announcement of Notice of Meetings
4. Roll Call
5. Proclamations/Presentations/Appointments
6. Reports of Borough Engineer, Attorney, Administrator, and Mayor
7. Council Comment
8. Approval of Meeting Minutes
9. Communications
10. Ordinance – Adoption and Public Hearing
11. Ordinance – Introduction
12. Reports Council Standing Committee and Other Reports
13. Officer Reports
14. Public Comment
15. Consent Agenda – Resolutions
16. Resolutions Removed from the Consent Agenda
17. New Business
18. Payment of Claims
19. Executive Session
20. Adjournment

[*Recorded Vote of Council and Clerk Certification on following page*]

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
K. Annarelli						
S. Bianco						
K. Boto						
V. Kearney						
C. Nolde						
C. Padusniak						
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CERTIFICATION

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-30

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING APPOINTMENTS FOR THE GARWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the following appointments for the Garwood Fire Department be made, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

POSITION	NAME
Chief	John Scalzadonna
Deputy Chief	Brent Gregory
Captain	Tom Gesior
Lieutenants	Tom Digney
	Teddy Trojan

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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S. Bianco						
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-31

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD LIAISON

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Stephanie Bianco as Planning Board Liaison Class III, for January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
K. Annarelli						
S. Bianco						
K. Boto						
V. Kearney						
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CLERK CERTIFICATION

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-32

RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Ken Capobianco, as Emergency Management Director for a three year term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
K. Annarelli						
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-33

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Patricia Vazquez, Acting Borough Clerk as Assessment Search Officer for a term effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-34

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council that Patricia Vazquez, Acting Borough Clerk, be appointed as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-35

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TAX SEARCH OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, appoint Sandra D. Bruns as Tax Search Officer for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-36

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER TO STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund, a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A: 10-36 *et seq.;* and

WHEREAS, the Fund's Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Garwood that John Arthur, Borough Administrator be and is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for calendar year 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sandra Bruns, Assistant Administrator/Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer/Tax Collector be and is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for calendar year 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-37

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLEAN COMMUNITIES' COORDINATOR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Katya Lysak, Clean Communities Coordinator for the Borough effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-38

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DPW FOREMAN

WHEREAS, the Borough's contract with the Teamsters Local 11 for DPW workers requires the position of foreman; and

WHEREAS, said foreman must be on call 24-7 and carry a communication device; and

WHEREAS, the foreman must also be available for routine and emergency calls at all times during working and non-working hours.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Linwood Navarro as DPW Foreman for year 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foreman be compensated $10.00 per hour for said position in addition to compensation provided to laborers and in accordance with Teamsters Local 11 contract effective January 1, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-39

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A SHADE TREE OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council that Bill Nierstedt, be and is hereby appointed as Shade Tree Officer for the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at an annual salary of $ -0-.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-40

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS DURING 2025 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-N.J.C.P. for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood purchases commodities from authorized vendors under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program 1-N.J.C.P.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood purchases commodities from the State of New Jersey Distribution Center and State of New Jersey DeptCor; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood intends to enter into contracts with State Contract Vendors authorized by the New Jersey State Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property for use by municipalities through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood does have a Qualified Purchasing Agent and their bid threshold is $53,000, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9 (a); and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2 requires that all purchasing of materials, supplies or equipment that are in excess of the Borough of Garwood's bid threshold of $53,000 that are under State contract be approved by resolution of the governing body; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said authorization shall not expire with the current vendor's State contract but shall extend until the new State contract are issued, which shall be updated and made part and parcel of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Garwood authorizes the Administrator to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Garwood pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full

maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council, Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the aggregate purchases from any of the following State Contract Vendors in 2026 may not exceed $53,000.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
K. Annarelli						
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-41

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DATES FOR BULK PICKUP

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, in accordance with Borough Code, Chapter 99-12.1-B, C, hereby set forth the following:

1. The bulk pickup program will be held four times in 2026:

    - Spring pick-up will be held on Monday, April 6, 2026 and run for as many days as necessary to complete the program in accordance with the number of permits sold.
    - Summer pick-ups will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026 and Monday, August 17, 2026 and run for as many days as necessary to complete the program in accordance with the number of permits sold.
    - Fall pick up will be held on Monday, October 19, 2026 and run for as many days as necessary to complete the program in accordance with the number of permits sold.

2. The bulk permit program fee for 2026 is hereby set at $115.00 per permit, per household for the disposal of up to 750 lbs. of bulk type waste

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Borough Administrator to proceed to implement the above accordingly.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
K. Annarelli						
S. Bianco						
K. Boto						
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[*Clerk Certification on following page*]

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-42

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH OF GARWOOD AND GARWOOD PAPERBOARD URBAN RENEWAL ASSOCIATES, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood filed a resolution of participation in the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "Program") and a declaratory judgment action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et. seq. (the "Fair Housing Act"), entitled "In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Garwood," Docket No. UNN-L-359-25 on January 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court entered an order on March 27, 2025 setting the Borough's Fourth Round fair share obligations as a Present Need of thirty-one (31) units and a Prospective Need of eighty (80) units, which no party appealed, and ordering the Borough to file a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough having filed its HEFSP on or before June 30, 2025 ("Adopted HEFSP"); and

WHEREAS, Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") having filed a challenge pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(b) regarding the Borough's HEFSP on August 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Garwood Paperboard Urban Renewal Associates, LLC (Garwood Paperboard) having filed a challenge pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(b) regarding the Borough's HEFSP on August 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough, Garwood Paperboard and FSHC have agreed to amicably resolve the issues set forth in the challenges through a settlement agreement and to present this agreement for review by the Program and referral to the Union County Mount Laurel Judge pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(b) and Administrative Directive #14-24, which if approved will result in a compliance certification for the Borough for the Fourth Round;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the execution of a settlement agreement generally in the form of and in accordance with the settlement agreement attached to this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and any other appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to enter into and to execute said settlement agreement, in the form approved of by the Borough's affordable housing counsel, on behalf of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to immediately transmit a copy of this resolution after adoption to the Borough's affordable housing counsel.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Members	**Motion**	**Second**	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
K. Annarelli						
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