

**Borough of Garwood**  
**MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 18, 2024**

Time: 7:00 P.M

Moment of Silence

Salute to the Flag

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk advertised on January 4, 2024. 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 231, P.L. 1975).

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Mayor Blumenstock</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Councilwoman Boto</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Councilwoman Nolde</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Councilman Foley</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Council President Kearney</b>	<b>P</b>

**Also Present:**

Kyle Harris, Borough Administrator  
Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney  
Doug Stoffer, Chief of Police  
Mike Disko, Borough Engineer  
Cathy Cameron, Borough Clerk

Report of Borough Engineer

WEST STREET DRAINAGE IS A CONCERN TO #502 SPRUCE AVENUE. THIS TOPIC WAS DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY AT APRIL 25, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING. SEE ATTACHMENTS:

WEST STREET PLAN AND PROFILE PLAN SHOWING POSITIVE PITCH ALONG STREET, BUT ADVERSE PITCH ON CONCRETE DRIVEWAY APRON; 4/17/2023 PHOTOGRAPH; GOOGLE STREET MAP PHOTOS – 4/2016, 8/2018, 10/2020, 12/2021. POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS – RECONSTRUCT DRIVEWAY APRON WITH MATCHING PITCH OR RECONSTRUCT STREET PAVEMENT ALONG DRIVEWAYS. MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION WILL BE INSTALLING CONCRETE SIDEWALKS IN THE SPRING.

Discussion ensued. Mayor Blumenstock referred the matter to the Public Works Committee for their recommendation.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE DISCUSSION. COUNCILMAN KEARNEY ASKED THAT WE DISCUSS CORNER BUMPOUTS. WORK CONSISTS OF INCREASING CORNER SIDEWALKS AND BUMPING OUT THE CURBLINE INTO THE TRAVEL WAY. REFER TO PHOTOGRAPHS OF CRANFORD DOWNTOWN. ADVANTAGES/PROS: REDUCES PEDESTRIAN TRAVEL LENGTH; ACTS AS A TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE. DISADVANTAGES/CONS: CAN BE PROBLEMATIC FOR SNOW REMOVAL; CONFLICT CREATED FOR BICYCLE LANES, REFER TO STUDY. BUMPOUT CREATES DRAINAGE PROBLEM, MUST ADD INLET COST - SIMPLE IF NO DRAINAGE IMPACTS, MORE EXPENSIVE IF DRAINAGE NEEDS TO BE ADDED.

Discussion ensued. Mayor Blumenstock referred the matter to the Public Works for their recommendation. MAYOR BLUMENSTOCK ASKED ME TO INVESTIGATE DRAINAGE PROBLEM AT NORTH AVENUE/CENTER STREET/WALNUT STREET INTERSECTION CONTRIBUTING TO FLOODING UNDER RAILROAD. SPOKE TO LENNY NAVARO. LENNY INDICATED CATCH BASINS/STORM SEWERS ARE CLOGGED. I REACHED OUT TO EJ SARIKI OF NJDOT, AWAITING RESPONSE. REFER TO CENTER STREET SEWER MAP AND TAX MAP SHEET 1. LOT 8 IDENTIFIED AS BORO OF GARWOOD EXEMPTED.

Discussion ensued.

DESIGN WORK IN PROGRESS ON NJDOT MA23 PROJECT. WORK INCLUDES REPLACEMENT OF CURBS, MILLING AND RESURFACING OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS: BEECH AVENUE (CENTER TO RANKIN); HEMLOCK AVENUE (EAST TO LEXINGTON); MYRTLE AVENUE (MAPLE TO DEAD END). GRANT AMOUNT \$ 463,370. PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE \$602,840.

SOUTH AVENUE SPEED LIMIT RESOLUTION ON AGENDA. FORWARD TO UNION COUNTY.

### Report of Borough Attorney NO REPORT

### Report of Borough Administrator

Mr. Harris provided the following updates: property rental registration fees collected to date; Community Engagement Committee recommendation to implement late fees for unregistered rental properties as per State mandate; recommendation implementing meter tier parking in municipal lot #2. Borough Council consensus ruled in favor of both recommendations.

### Report of Mayor Blumenstock

A quick look at our agenda tonight: I'm very happy to see Ordinance 24-02 up for its introduction tonight. This is an ordinance changing the speed limit along South Avenue between East Street and West Street from 35 mph to 25 mph. We as a Council are always working to do whatever we can to increase safety for both pedestrians and drivers. There's been some incidents in our surrounding towns recently and of course Garwood is not immune to these sort of things, so while we will constantly be on the lookout for ways to mitigate these sort of accidents, I urge everyone, whether you walking or driving, to stay alert especially during the winter months when it's dark so much earlier. Also on our Consent Agenda, you'll see two resolutions 24-037 and 24-042 -- these are resolutions the Council has passed before and are a part of our work to get Garwood re-certified through Sustainable Jersey for our sustainability efforts, something each town has to do every three years to maintain its status. These resolutions re-affirm the Borough's commitment to supporting the re-establishment of the Green Team and to supporting sustainable land use, which is a crucial element of sustainability. I will be working with Green Team Chair Bill Nierstedt to complete the re-certification process, which if you go to [SustainableJersey.com](http://SustainableJersey.com), you will see is a comprehensive data gathering of the various actions we do in Garwood to keep our Borough Sustainable. These actions vary from Health and Wellness to Public Information to Waste Management. The certification process is a challenging work-intensive year-long process, but not only does it afford us the opportunity to apply for grants, such as the one we received to create the rain garden at the Rec Center, but it provides validation that our Borough is creating a sustainable environment for our residents which is of course, one of my top priorities. So there's been movement in the NJ legislature on hot topics that affect each municipality Something that I've spoken about several times before, the liquor license laws. There was new legislation signed by Governor Murphy this week that will make some changes to the laws for the first time since they were established after Prohibition. The new law will ease restrictions on breweries and distilleries, eliminating the mandatory tour, allowing them to sell food and non-alcoholic beverages and hold unlimited on-site private events. It also increases the number of barrels allowed for manufacture and allows them to directly sell product to customers for use off-site. Other changes to legislation include new provisions for pocket licenses or inactive licenses. Under the new law, license holders will no longer be able to indefinitely retain a retail consumption license without using it. If a license has remained inactive for two consecutive license terms -- a total of two years -- the license holder will now be required to either use the license or sell it. If neither option is exercised, the license can be transferred from one municipality to a contiguous municipality. The change will not increase the number of liquor licenses issued in New Jersey, but it could bring more than 1,300 inactive licenses back into circulation, increasing the state's stock of active licenses by roughly 15%. On another front, with affordable housing front, I met with other Mayors and the League of Municipalities to discuss the bill that is still under discussion in legislature. The next round of affordable housing is of course looming soon for July

2025, so there is pressure for this to for the elements of the bill to resolve themselves quickly. The Bill as it stands now would officially eliminate COAH which exists in name only at this point. It would replace it with two separate entities, a regional group of special masters from the Administration Office of Courts, and an Office of Appeals/Auditors which would review any challenges from municipalities over the obligation number. For those of you who want to go in the weeds on this topic, you can look up the Jacobsen opinion which is cited as the methodology that would be used to determine a municipalities obligation number. This bill speeding through the lame duck session of the legislature, but it has been slowed down so that municipalities and their advocates have more time to work with the legislators on it and ensure it has at the very least a better balance between providing much-needed housing in NJ and the needs of individual municipalities which obviously vary greatly. I will continue to keep you posted on this bill. Before I end, I just want to thank the Recreation Director and Committee for their help making MLK Day of Service another great community event. We had so many great volunteers show up, with some really great energy. Not to take away from Councilwoman Nolde's report, but I'm just so proud of the day. We made hundreds of sandwiches which were delivered to St. Joe's in Elizabeth, as well as hundreds of cards that will be mailed out to Color-A-Smile.org where they will be distributed to veterans and active military around the world as well as seniors around the US. We also created Garwood's very own Unity Link where kids and adults created people of all different colors and types that will be linked together and hung up for everyone to see. So thank you also to 5 Loaves Food Pantry at St. Anne's for their generous donations and to everyone who came out to help, it was a great day.

**Comments from the Council:**

Councilwoman Boto NO REPORT

Councilman Foley NO REPORT

Councilman Lazarow NO REPORT

Councilman Lazarow thanked Ms. Lysak for the MLK event.

Councilwoman Nolde NO REPORT

Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

Council President Kearney

Thank you, Mayor, it's still a little weird to hear "Council President", but I want to thank my colleagues here again for supporting me for the position this year. I promise to beat Councilman Lazarow's record if given the chance, but I'm glad that this night isn't going to be an attempt at that based on the number of things I have to report. We have a lot of things going on, even by the standards of January on the Council, which is always busy as all the new committees and new Council Members get organized, and work on the budget accelerates. There is one big item that I'd like to lead with in this meeting, as it will move to resolve an issue which has not only persisted, but worsened, through my entire first term on the Council: Public safety radio communications. Between 2021 and 2023, prior Councils did take some steps on this, including two consecutive years of applying for New Jersey Local Efficiency Achievement Program, or "LEAP" grants; however, to receive those grant monies, we were required to establish a shared service for emergency dispatch with Union County. Prior Councils were not interested in doing that. So, we are now in 2024, and this is no longer a can that can be kicked, as we are experiencing regular issues with radio communications between police and fire personnel and dispatch, utilizing a legacy analog repeater-based system which is over 25 years old. As someone who works in law enforcement, and who has worked with radio equipment

and systems throughout my career, I know that once established these systems should be examined and generally upgraded on a 10-year cycle. We are now approaching triple that timeframe. With that in mind, as well as the fact we are discussing especially critical equipment and systems, I've been working with first the Fire Chief, and now the Police Chief in my new assignment, on what's needed to bring our Dispatch and radio systems into the year 2024. We've looked at some preliminary numbers in the Police Committee on estimates for equipment which were provided by Police and Fire, and discussed the issue with Mr. Harris. We will need between \$350,000 to \$400,000 in capital funding to provide for upgrades to the dispatch consoles and new communications equipment for police and fire to use in the field. All this equipment would operate on the NJ Public Safety Interoperability System ("NJ PSIC"), which relieves the Borough of future costs of maintaining the underlying system infrastructure. 19 of the 21 municipalities in Union County, as well as the County itself, use this system for public safety radio communications. Due to supply chain issues, there can be significant delays in receiving radio equipment, where we'd be looking at a delivery timeframe of between 12-24 weeks from the date a Purchase Order is issued by the Borough. We need to have this equipment in place for our first responders, and it needs to happen in 2024. So, I'd like to have a bit of Council discussion on this topic, and if there is a consensus, we would need to move a Bond Ordinance very quickly in February to get this done.

#### **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on December 21, 2023.

Minutes of the Re-Organization Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on January 2, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilwoman Nolde, to accept the Regular Meeting minutes as presented. All in favor.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

##### **1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES**

- a) 12/22/2023, RE: Affordable Housing Moves; CY24 Budget Guidance; Lame Duck Activity  
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/219352>
- b) 12/29/2023, RE: Minimum Wage Increase; Brewery Waiver Extended; Show Off Your City  
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/219623>
- c) 1/10/2024, RE: Governor Delivers State of State Address  
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/220709>

##### **2) RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

- a) 12/26/2023, RE: Minutes

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##### **3) GARWOOD PLANNING BOARD**

- a) 01/11/2024, RE: Minutes for December 13, 2023  
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- b) 01/11/2023, RE: Year End Report for 2023  
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**ORDINANCES:**

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 24-01 by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "SPEED LIMITS", SECTION 13, ENTITLED "SPEED LIMITS".**

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord.\\_24-01-SPEED\\_LIMITS.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._24-01-SPEED_LIMITS.pdf)

A motion was made by Council President Kearney, second by Councilwoman Nolde, to introduce Ordinance No. 24-01.

Roll Call:

**Councilwoman Boto     AYE**

**Councilwoman Nolde     AYE**

**Councilman Foley     AYE**

**Councilwoman Salmon     AYE**

**Councilman Lazarow     AYE**

**Council President Kearney     AYE**

6-AYES Ordinance No. 24-01 was introduced.

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 24-02 by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-02**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF REGULAR POLICE OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD.**

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord.\\_24-02-POLICE\\_SALARIES\\_2023-2026.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._24-02-POLICE_SALARIES_2023-2026.pdf)

A motion was made by Council President Kearney, second by Councilwoman Boto, to introduce Ordinance No. 24-02.

Roll Call:

**Councilwoman Boto     AYE**

**Councilwoman Nolde     AYE**

**Councilman Foley     AYE**

**Councilwoman Salmon     AYE**

**Councilman Lazarow     AYE**

**Council President Kearney     AYE**

6-AYES Ordinance No. 24-02 was introduced.

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:**

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Foley, Chair**

The Finance Committee met to discuss the upcoming 2024 budget and one of the things we spent significant time discussing was Garwood's sewer infrastructure. We continue to see rising RSVA charges and this year is no exception, as the 2024 budget will see a \$123,000 increase over last year. We also obviously need to continue to invest in our sewer systems and to mitigate potential financial and infrastructural challenges that are inevitable as it ages. Particularly, we see instances on North and South Ave where our sewer system encounters blockages often and requires outside contractors to come in to remove them, obviously at a significant cost to the Borough. The finance committee which includes myself, Councilman Lazarow and Councilwoman Salmon discussed how to address these rising costs in the 2024 budget and also how to protect our finances against these challenges in the future. We don't want to continue to burden the taxpayer unnecessarily when issues do arise, as we have been doing. The committee discussed and unanimously agreed to discuss a separate flat sewer residential fee that can go to both offset rising RVSA costs as well as be designated to future repairs. In addition, we discussed the ability to start a sewer maintenance & cleaning program that would be added as a line item in our operating budget that some of the money received could go towards. We received an estimate that for approximately \$23,000 we could have 10% of our sewers cleaned and telescoped. This would allow us to complete a full clean of the entire borough over 10 years while limiting the financial impact of a sewer fee. As an aside, business and industry in Garwood already subsidize with a fee. Investing in our sewer system now will also

reduce the possibility of having to bond or do emergency bonds should a large situation with the sewer system arise. Many towns have implemented such a program many years ago, and while Garwood considered it, the Council then did not move forward. However, had this program been implemented, there would have been designated funds to pay for the many repairs and costs we've incurred since. All three committee members concurred that they don't want to continue to kick the can at the expense of the residents. The committee acknowledged the need for further detailed discussions and analyses. At this time the committee is moving forward with directing the BA to fill the position of sewer clerk. This will not be an additional position, but rather would be a part of the duties of the position currently held by Kathleen Wierzbinski, who will be retiring at the end of February. The final decision on the actual amount will be discussed in February. This meeting served as a starting point for the budget process. Our next steps include more comprehensive discussions and data gathering

**FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Lazarow, Chair**

The fire department in the month of December has a total of 14 incidents with 7 day time calls and 7 night time calls. Those calls consisted of 4 alarm activations, 1 down wires incident, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 assist for the GPD, and 2 pump outs. In addition, the department responded to mutual aid calls in Plainfield and Westfield for a total of 23 hours over 4 incidents. Total firefighter hours for the department was 114. I was unable to attend the first fire department meeting, but I look forward to meeting the entire department as their new commissioner at their first meeting in February. I will provide a full report of activities and training for January in my first report in February.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Councilwoman Salmon, Chair**

Starting off this new committee with Mayor Blumenstock we have meet with various professionals to get me brought up to speed regarding the paperboard and various topics regarding development. I met with our new redevelopment attorney Joe Demarco and our property maintenance officer Chris Czuba. I'm looking forward to meeting over the next month regarding the progress at the paperboard project.

**PUBLIC WORKS: Councilwoman Boto, Chair**

In addition to the regular garbage pickup, the DPW assisted the Recreation Director with bi-monthly inspections of Hartman Park and the Sports Complex; Setting up and taking down tables and chairs for numerous Recreation activities and events also at the Sports Complex; Continued to perform preventative maintenance on miscellaneous public works trucks and equipment; Cleaned up the common areas around the Municipal Complex; Completed the weekly bagged leaf pickup for the north and south sides and disposed of bagged leaves at the Fanwood Recycling Center; Began the annual residential Christmas tree pickup program and disposed of the trees at the Fanwood Recycling Center; Removed interior and exterior holiday decorations at the municipal complex; They removed street side decorations from utility poles along South and North Avenues and Center Street Using Fanwood's bucket truck; Assisted the Police Department moving and disposing of various materials; Installed signs and painted the parking stall numbers along the 300 and 400 blocks of Willow Avenue; Prepared the Departments' snow removal equipment for potential snow removal operations. DPW employees worked 16 hours of overtime during January 9<sup>th</sup>'s Nor'easter. They continuously inspected all stormwater inlets, cleaned up fallen branches and inspected areas historically subjected to localized flooding. A total of 87 hours of overtime were worked during and after the light winter snow events of January 6<sup>th</sup> and January 16<sup>th</sup>. On January 6: The deicing of all Borough streets, sidewalks, and parking lots. On January 16 they plowed all municipal streets and Borough owned sidewalks and parking lots. Additionally, they removed pedestrian crossing stanchions and replaced them once the storm was over. They also traveled to the Union County Public Works Facility and loaded each truck with deicing materials (salt) before and after the storm as

needed. We are extremely grateful and appreciate the work our DPW performs daily and specially during snowstorms.

**POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Council President Kearney, Chair**

The Police Committee met last week and thank you to the Mayor who sat in for Councilman Foley at my request due to a schedule conflict. We covered a number of topics to start the new year, including the radio system upgrades we've already spoken about earlier and updates to our Dispatch computer systems and protocols. We also had extensive discussion on the paid parking plan and the Ordinance required to set the time limits, fees and fines,, the status of the signage for the permit parking last year's Council expanded, and pedestrian and traffic safety. We discussed a "clean up" Ordinance for the Police Department chapter of the Borough Code, which will modify staffing at the ranks of Officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant to provide more flexibility in recruitment and hiring going forward. We have several senior personnel who either are, or will be, retirement eligible within the next few years. There may be situations where we need to carry an additional patrol officer or two during a transition period where interviews and/or police academy training is ongoing, or while promotions are moving through the process. As always, all positions will require Council action, both to fund the associated budget line and to appoint a candidate. With that in mind, a workup of the Code is in progress and will be circulated to the full Council prior to the next meeting, when I'd expect it to be up for Introduction. In addition to the discussion regarding the curb "bump outs", we touched on additional portable speed limit signs and pedestrian flashing crossing signals. The Chief is working on this and will follow up with us in a future committee meeting. The Police Department has begun working with our OEM Coordinator to organize a citizen volunteer team, similar to the federal "Community Emergency Response Team" (or "CERT") concept, which would be provided with some basic training and resources to serve in an assisting role in serious emergency situations, such as the widespread flooding from Hurricane Ida. We will have more on that in future reports. Drawing everyone's attention to Resolution 24-041 on tonight's consent agenda, we have the appointment of a new police officer. I'd like to officially welcome Officer Eric Melendez to the Garwood Police Department, he will be formally sworn in at our next meeting in February. Finally, I have the Garwood Police Department's most recent activity report: The Garwood Police Department has received **1061** calls for service since January 1st, 2024. These calls include: 51 motor vehicle stops; 15 parking complaints; 50 fixed traffic posts (Radar, Stop Sign, Distracted Driving); 132 building/property checks; 30 medical assists; 51 community policing posts; 21 walking posts; 13 criminal investigations. During these colder months, the Garwood Police Department would like to caution residents not to warm up your car and leave it unattended or leave it running in the lot of a business while you go in. If you do, make sure you lock the door and take the key fob. Car thieves are on the lookout for these vehicles. The Garwood Police Department would also like to remind the residents to make sure that the sidewalks are cleared by your home or business after the snow has stopped and to keep your snow on your own property, not on your neighbor's property or in the street.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Councilwoman Nolde, Chair**

Recreation: The recreation committee met on Jan. 8 to discuss upcoming programming for Spring, planning for Spring town-wide events, MLK day of service, and reviewed feedback and suggestions for December's events. The recreation committee is still seeking energetic volunteers to assist in planning and preparing townwide events. Here is what Katya and the committee have planned for Winter into Spring. **Special Events:** **Garwood Family Skate Night:** Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm at Warinanco Sports Center. This event is free and open to Garwood residents. Pre-registration is required. To sign up for this free event, visit: [www.garwoodrec.com](http://www.garwoodrec.com) . Skates are available for rent on-site for \$4/pair. **Youth Programs:** **Youth Basketball Program:** The Youth Basketball Program is in full swing. Games began the first week of January and the program will run until the end of February. **Kiddies Junior Robotics:** This program is run

by Kiddies Kaleidoscopes and is open to Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders. Registration is now open for the program that begins on February 12<sup>th</sup> and takes place for 4 Mondays from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

**Science Exploration:** This program is also run by Kiddies Kaleidoscopes and is open to Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders. Registration is now open for the program that begins on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and takes place on 4 Wednesdays from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. This program will incorporate new projects and experiments that are different from the fall program. **Programs that begin in April:** STEM Beginner Youth Python Coding Program and Soccer Program (Parent Assist Soccer and Soccer Squirts).

Adult Programs: **Adult Ceramics:** This program, provided by instructor Barbara Aliseo, will start up again on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm and will also take place Wednesdays March 6<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and May 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open. **Self Defense for Adults:** This one-time, free 45-minute class is provided by USA Karate and Fitness. It will take place on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Registration is now open. **Walking Challenge:** Stay tuned for more info on this challenge that will begin in March.

TryCAN: Garwood is a proud member of the TryCAN Collaboration! TryCan coordinates inclusive recreation and social development programs for children with special needs. These programs help teach sports and life skills, while focusing on building individual skills, teamwork, and fun! For more information about these programs, please contact David Guida from the City of Summit by emailing [dguidajr@cityofsummit.org](mailto:dguidajr@cityofsummit.org) or by calling (908) 277-2932.

Historical: No report. The next regular meeting of the historical committee will be Jan. 22.

GPAC: The Garwood Partnership for Arts and Culture met on Jan.8 to review all of the art submissions for the New Beginnings art show. Fourteen artists are featured in seven locations around town. The art on display is a collection that explores the idea of new beginnings. Please visit the Garwood Borough Website and Social Media to find a complete guide to the locations and artists in the exhibit. Art can be found at the following locations: 101 Center Street; Cozy Corner Bistro; 402 South Ave; Everbowl; 78 North Ave.; Crossroads; 411 Third Ave.; The Garwood Public Library; 348 North Ave.; Alonso's Café; 302 North Ave.; Elegance Barber Lounge; 345 North Ave.; Al's Deli.

### **LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow**

January 25 and February 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 6:30 pm – Adult Chess - Informal chess games for adults. No registration required. Limit 12. January 31 and February 14 and 28 at 3 pm LEGO CLUB - Be inspired by this month's theme or build whatever comes to mind. Some will be displayed in our showcase. Registration required Limit 12. February 1, 8, 15, 22 at 3:00 pm – Crayola: World of Design – Take a journey to the farthest reaches of the imagination while learning about the Arctic, the Rainforest, and Mars. Use design thinking to solve real-world problems while experimenting with art techniques such as sculpting, storyboarding, collage, and mixed media. For children in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration required. Limit 15. February 2, from 10 am to Noon - Ask Kiosk-Aging Services Kiosk – Union County Division of Aging Staff will be on hand to assist seniors (age 60+) or their caregivers with information on services, such as meal delivery, respite care, adult day care and support services for caregivers. February 6 at 3 p.m.- Virtual Kid's & February 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm Virtual Adult Craft - Pick up your craft supplies from the Library and then watch the Facebook tutorial at 3 pm. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 15 for kids and 10 for the adults. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone.

### **SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Council President Kearney**

The Garwood Board of Education held their annual reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Thank you to Councilwoman Boto for covering this meeting for me! Returning Board Members Christine Guerrero and Al DelConte, along with new Board Member Kristen Meza, were sworn into three-year terms. Congratulations to all, and welcome to Mrs. Meza! In split votes, the Board selected April Farrell to serve a second year as President, and Maureen Crawford to serve as Vice-President. I'm pleased to report



that Mayor Blumenstock and I have already held one meeting with Superintendent Kinney over the last week. Board President April Farrell was unable to attend last minute, so the Mayor and I have a meeting scheduled with her next week. In this first meeting, we touched on cooperation and discussed an updated policy regarding rental of the school gym which the Board will have up for a first reading this month. We also established a regular monthly meeting schedule with the Super and the Board President for 2024, to discuss areas of mutual concern. I'm very excited about this as this year's Council Liaison! I plan to work hard to foster an improved environment between the Borough and the school district. One with more substance and less distraction, as all of our elected members and professionals serve the exact same people: the residents of Garwood. Mr. Kinney has requested assistance from the Mayor & Council to recruit volunteers for a new program called "Mustang Mentor". The concept is to put people in our community who have a skill, trade or talent, in front of our students to share knowledge, experience and perhaps inspire future career or hobby choices. These can be one-off talks, or something with multiple sessions if the volunteer is willing and there is an interest from the students. I've requested this to go out on the Borough's social media, and I've also reached out to a few folks in town. For more information or to sign up as a Mustang Mentor, please email Mr. Kinney at [ckinney@garwoodschoools.org](mailto:ckinney@garwoodschoools.org). The Board's regular January meeting, which was originally scheduled on the 16th, was canceled due to the inclement weather earlier this week. The meeting has been rescheduled to next Tuesday, the 23rd, at the usual time of 7pm, so I'll have a report on both that meeting and our next meeting with the Superintendent, at our next meeting in February.

**GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Mayor Blumenstock**

Unfortunately, our meeting this week was cancelled due to the weather, so we're hoping for some warmer temperatures so we can meet on February 1st at 12pm at the Knights of Columbus.

**SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Council President Kearney**

The Garwood Small Business Association (GSBA) Executive Board held our first-ever industry specific networking event on Wednesday, January 3rd, which was generously hosted by Crossroads and featured Mayor Blumenstock as our special guest. This was an event for wellness related businesses, and we had about six business owners present, along with a number of the Board members. We had some good discussions, and a lot of interest in our upcoming Wellness Month event which I'll have more on in a minute. We had our 1st annual Board meeting on Tuesday, January 9th. The Board held the required annual reorganization at this meeting, so congratulations, or perhaps condolences, to new Board President Eric Weiss, VP Lee Frankel and the returning Secretary (this is what happens when you aren't there), Stefanie Savino! The following topics were covered:

**Wellness Month:** Wellness Month is officially happening! 1/27 through 2/24 have been set as this year's dates. Keep an eye on the Borough social media for details. We have a total of 8 Wellness type businesses signed up, so far, and there is still time to do so. The participating businesses will be offering an incentive or discount. Garwood's PIO is going to design a banner & poster, to be used for social media and to create a banner, which Crossroads will work to get donated to us at no cost. Posters will go out to participating businesses and for Board members to display. Cross promotion by all our participating businesses and Board Members will be key. **Sign Ordinance Update:** The Board has requested a review of the Borough Code relating to commercial signage. As this falls under Land Use, I've referred the new Board President to the Mayor for follow up and eventual discussion with the Planning Board. I'm in favor of giving this part of the Code a look, as it's an older section and many of our business owners have commented to me on how restrictive it currently is. **"Skip the Stuff"** This is an initiative from a group called Clean Water Action, looking to advance state-level legislation to limit plastic waste by having food service businesses only provide single-use plastic utensils and condiments to customers if requested. There was a bill up in the Legislature last session that did not move, it will be re-introduced in the new session (which

started this week). A lot of places are already doing this for delivery orders and for orders placed through apps like Uber Eats. Cranford has passed a local ordinance back in 2020, and several other towns are looking into it for this year. The Board was in favor of an ordinance enacting this in Garwood, so I will provide the model code to Ms. Cameron to circulate for Council review and discussion at a future meeting.

**Taste of Garwood:** Dates on this will be May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 25<sup>th</sup>. We want to have advertising ready to go for this by April 1<sup>st</sup> and to get the banners and posters up at least a month before, this is in progress with the PIO. We want to get the participation level back to what we had in 2021, the first year, so I will be asking all of our volunteer groups and the Council to get the word out! **Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, 2/26 at 7 PM, but we will all be working offline and by email to get this year's events and the sign code review moving.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH LIAISON: Councilman Foley**

At the recent meeting of the Garwood Board of Health on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we bid farewell to Kathleen Wierzbinski, who has been an invaluable member for over two decades. Her expertise and dedication have greatly benefited our board, and her contributions are deeply appreciated by all. At this time, I am excited to welcome Li Faustino as the new BOH President. With her extensive experience as a clinical psychologist in the mental health field, we are confident that Li will bring significant positive changes to both the board and the Garwood community. Key topics discussed at the meeting included: - The high rate of respiratory infections, alongside a decrease in hospitalizations. - Approval of RSV vaccines for both adults and children. - Current moderate levels of Flu and Covid activity. - A measles outbreak in Philadelphia and some cases in South Jersey. - The discovery of lead in applesauce, prompting a public health advisory. The FDA continues to investigate high lead levels in cinnamon applesauce pouches that were sold in the US. The agency says there have been at least 69 reports of illnesses – all in children under 6 linked to pouches sold under the WanaBana, Weis and Schnucks brands, and those products have been recalled. If you have any of these products, please dispose of them. We also discussed providing Flu and Covid vaccinations to homebound residents through Board of Health nurses. – The board emphasized the importance of community engagement, suggesting that the Board of Health participate in the Garwood Rocks event among other events. The board also delved into the concerning rise of smartphone and social media addiction and its impact on the nation's youth and families. Additionally, the meeting covered discussions on tobacco sales, focusing on a product called Zyn. This highly concentrated nicotine pouch, often promoted through social media influencers and algorithms, poses significant risks yet remains largely unnoticed by parents. So, parents please be on the lookout. These topics, among others, will be revisited in our next meeting for further discussion and action planning.

### **PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Salmon**

The planning board re-organization meeting was January 10<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Steven Greet for being elected chair of the planning board and for Kathy Villaggio for being elected Vice Chair. I would like to welcome David Beyer to the planning board this year and I am looking forward to another term on the board. The January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the planning board has been canceled. The next meeting will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Chief of Police Monthly Reports for November and December, 2023.

CFO/Tax Collector Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2023.

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report December, 2023

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/December\\_2023.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/December_2023.pdf)

Property Maintenance Report for December, 2023.

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property\\_Maint.\\_Dec.\\_Rpt.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property_Maint._Dec._Rpt.pdf)

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilman Foley, to accept Officer's reports. All in favor.

**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.

Jill Pall, 54 Third Avenue thanked Chief Stoffer for the safety measures added to Third Avenue and Oak Street. Ms. Pall requested the Garwood First Aid Squad be considered for radio services with the County if the Borough takes that direction.

Bil Nierstedt, 320 Hickory Avenue, suggested a bump out recommendation and commented on paid parking and bike racks.

Luciane Raibin, 315 South Avenue, commented on tiered parking and provided information regarding a wellness program.

Oleg Tkachenko, 3 Third Avenue, thanked Chief Stoffer for the safety measures added to Third Avenue and Oak Street; requested clarification regarding on sewer fees and on radio equipment.

John Bartolick, 231 Hemlock Avenue, commented on sewer fees.

Bruse Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, commented on RVSA and requested clarification regarding sewer fees and radio equipment.

Michelle Capobianco, 404 Myrtle Avenue, requested clarification regarding parking decal branding; radio equipment and sewer usage fees at Vermella.

A motion was made by Council President Kearney, second by Councilwoman Salmon, to close public comment. All in favor.

Mayor Blumenstock recommended the radio equipment matter to the Police Committee.

Mayor Blumenstock stated she will discuss bike racks with Mr. Nierstedt.

Mayor Blumenstock thanked Ms. Raibin for the wellness program information.

Mayor Blumenstock requested further clarification from Councilman Kearney regarding sharing radio equipment with the GFAS. Councilman Kearney provided additional clarification.

Mayor Blumenstock provided clarification regarding Vermella sewer fees and informed all in attendance that RVSA will be speaking at the February 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding sewer fees.

Mayor Blumenstock provided clarification regarding parking decals without branding.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-035**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Stephen D. Greet be and is hereby appointed Commissioner of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority from the Borough of Garwood for a five (5) year term commencing February 1, 2024 to February 1, 2029.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-036**

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce is hereby requesting authorization to close Center Street from South Avenue to Unami Park and Beech Avenue from Center Street to East Street additionally all intersections will be closed for 50 feet from Center Street between the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the purpose of conducting Garwood Rocks! Music, Cars, Shopping & Family Fun on Sunday, June 2, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce is also requesting that Municipal parking lots #1 and #2 be barricaded for use during the event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has also requested that police officers be present during this event.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the closing of said streets and Municipal parking lots for the purpose of conducting the Garwood Rocks! Music, Cars, Shopping & Family Fun on Sunday, June 2, 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body authorizes that Police Officers and DPW employees be present during this event in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief of Police and Superintendent of Public Works.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-037**

Resolution Pledging Sustainable Land Use

**WHEREAS**, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, poor land-use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead;

**NOW THEREFORE**, we the Council of the Borough of Garwood resolve to take the following steps with regard to our municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making the Borough of Garwood a truly sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in the next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update our land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly.

**Regional Cooperation** - We pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.

**Transportation Choices** - We pledge to create transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications. We will reevaluate our parking with the goal of limiting the amount of required parking spaces, promoting shared parking and other innovative parking alternatives, and encouraging structured parking alternatives where appropriate.

**Natural Resource Protection** - We pledge to take action to protect the natural resources of the State for environmental, recreational and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources. Further, we pledge to complete a Natural Resources Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning.

**Mix of Land Uses** - We pledge to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for our municipality and the region, particularly in downtown and town center areas.

**Housing Options** - We pledge, through the use of our zoning and revenue generating powers, to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, including single- and multi-family, for-sale and rental options, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels.

**Green Design** - We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.

**Municipal Facilities Siting** - We pledge, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bikeability, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types, and open space when locating new or relocated municipal facilities.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-038**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby directs the transfers of 2023 budget appropriations be and they are hereby made; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make necessary transfers prior to year-end and that these be ratified at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Body.

**2023 Budget Transfer #4**

**Resolution #24-038**

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	Group Insurance	Employer Active	3-01-23-220-200-1000	6,000.00
				<u>6,000.00</u>

<b>TO:</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	Police	Uniforms	3-01-25-240-200-0430	1,000.00
	Street Lighting	Regular Fees	3-01-31-435-200-1115	3,000.00
	Telephone	Wireless Communication	3-01-31-440-200-0165	2,000.00
			Total	<u>6,000.00</u>

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-039**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby approve the CFO/Treasurer to issue a check to refund the tax overpayment on the following property:

<b>PROPERTY OWNER/ADDRESS</b>	<b>BLK/LOT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Maciej W. Wicik 335 Beech Ave Garwood, NJ 07027	603/5	\$338.86

**REFUND TO:**

Maciej W. Wicik  
 335 Beech Ave  
 Garwood, NJ 07027

Amount of refund: \$338.86

EXPLANATION: Tax Assessor granted a Disabled Veteran Full Exemption on December 19, 2023. 2023 final taxes have been adjusted for the exemption resulting in an overpayment of 2023 taxes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-040**

**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 2024. Spring pick up will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024 and run for as many days as necessary to complete the program in accordance with the number of permits sold. Summer pickups will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024 and Monday, August 19, 2024 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 21, 2024 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 2024 is hereby set at \$115.00 per permit, per household for the disposal of up to 750 lbs. of bulk type waste

**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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-041**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoints Eric Melendez as a Step 1 Patrolman in the Garwood Police Department, effective January 22, 2024 at an annual salary of \$51,250.in accordance with P.B.A. Contract 2023-2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-042**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISHING A GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Garwood strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Garwood wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

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

**Section 1: Establishment.**

A group of citizens dedicated to the sustainability of the community and known as the Green Team, appointed by the Mayor is hereby established.

**Section 2: Purpose**

- a. To facilitate the successful completion of the requirements for certification of Sustainable Jersey;
- b. To educate and encourage all Borough employees, residents, and businesses to participate in green initiatives;
- c. To collaborate with public and private green committees to ensure the replication of best practices and to ensure a coordinated effort within the Borough of Garwood and with neighboring communities.

**Section 3: Membership**

- a. The Green Team will consist of no less than 10 members.
- b. The Green Team shall be persons who reside in or are employed by the Borough of Garwood and shall be appointed for a 3-year term commencing March 1, 2024 to March 1, 2027.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Salmon, second by Council President Kearney, to adopt Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilwoman Boto</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Nolde</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Foley</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Council President Kearney</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dorinda Dec	Elaina Ficarra	Green Team	01/18/2024—12/31/2026
Doug Stoffer	Len Navarro	Shade Tree Advisory	01/18/2024—12/31/2024
Imani Humphrey		Recreation Committee	01/18/2024—12/31/2024
Imani Humphrey		Small Business Advisory Committee	01/18/2024—12/31/2024
Imani Humphrey		Municipal Alliance	01/18/2024—12/31/2024

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND REFUNDS AS LISTED ON FILE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following claims as approved be and the same are hereby ordered paid when properly signed and verified; and the payment of payrolls as listed is hereby confirmed and ratified.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilman Foley, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

**Councilwoman Boto**    **AYE**  
**Councilman Foley**    **AYE**  
**Councilman Lazarow** **AYE**

**Councilwoman Nolde**    **AYE**  
**Councilwoman Salmon**    **AYE**  
**Council President Kearney**    **AYE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Thursday, February 8, 2024** at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. Information for meetings is posted on the Borough website:  
[https://garwood.org/gb\\_notices](https://garwood.org/gb_notices)

A motion was made by Council President Kearney, second by Councilwoman Salmon, to adjourn.  
Time: 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Catherine D. Cameron, R.M.C.  
Borough Clerk