

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Time:

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:

Mayor Blumenstock _____

Councilwoman Boto _____

Councilman Foley _____

Councilman Lazarow _____

Councilwoman Nolde _____

Councilwoman Salmon _____

Council President Kearney _____

Roll call staff and professionals:

Kyle Harris, Borough Administrator

Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney

Doug Stoffer, Chief of Police

Mike Disko, Borough Engineer

Steve Greet, RVSA Liaison

Mayor Blumenstock announces the first order of business as follows:

- Administer the Oath of Office to Patrolman Eric Melendez
- Presentation from RVSA

Report of Borough Attorney

Report of Borough Administrator

Report of Mayor Blumenstock

Comments from the Council:

Councilwoman Boto

Councilman Foley

Councilman Lazarow

Councilwoman Nolde

Councilwoman Salmon

Council President Kearney

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on January 18, 2024.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to accept the Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

All in favor, opposed?

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

a) 01/19/2024, RE: Affordable Housing Hearing, State Plan Process, Bills Signed
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/221565>

2) RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

a) 01/19/2024, RE: Minutes
[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/RVSA_Approved_Minutes\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/RVSA_Approved_Minutes(1).pdf)

ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION

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\(2\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._24-02-POLICE_SALARIES_2023-2026(2).pdf)

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 24-02.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 24-02.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 24-02.

Discussion:

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ to adopt Ordinance No. 24-02.

Roll Call:

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

INTRODUCTION

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 24-03 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 67, ENTITLED “BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES” OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY CREATING NEW ARTICLE VIII, “REGISTRATION OF RENTAL UNITS”.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._24-03_Rental_Registration_Late_Fee.pdf

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ to introduce Ordinance No. 24-03.

Roll Call:

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

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 24-04 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 34, ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT,” ARTICLE I, “ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND ADMINISTRATION.”

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._24-04_PD_Organization.pdf

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ to introduce Ordinance No. 24-04.

Roll Call:

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

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 24-05 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY CREATING CHAPTER 21, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, ARTICLE I “TRAFFIC AND PARKING”, NEW SECTION 21-8.8.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._24-05_-_Paid_Parking.pdf

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ to introduce Ordinance No. 24-05.

Roll Call:

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

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 24-06 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, ARTICLE I “TRAFFIC AND PARKING”, SECTIONS 21-7 “ONE-HOUR PARKING 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM” AND 21-8 “TWO-HOUR PARKING”.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._24-06_-_Amend_Hourly_Parking.pdf

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ to introduce Ordinance No. 24-06.

Roll Call:

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

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 24-07 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-07

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._24-07_-_SALARY_AMENDMENTS.pdf

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ to introduce Ordinance No. 24-07.

Roll Call:

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

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Foley, Chair

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Lazarow, Chair

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Councilwoman Salmon, Chair

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilwoman Boto, Chair

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Council President Kearney, Chair

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Councilwoman Nolde, Chair

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Council President Kearney

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Mayor Blumenstock

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Council President Kearney

BOARD OF HEALTH LIAISON: Councilman Foley

PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Salmon

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report for January, 2024

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/January_Zoning_Enforcement_Report.pdf

Property Maintenance Officer's Report for January, 2024

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property_Maint_Rpt_Jan.pdf

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

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. 24-043

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Imani Humphrey is hereby appointed as a part time Public Moderator, effective January 18, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-044

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood has heretofore adopted Ordinance No. 24-02.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-02

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

WHEREAS, said ordinance reflects changes of salaries and/or hourly rates to be paid to said employees of the Borough of Garwood for the year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Garwood that the CFO/Treasurer of the Borough be and is hereby authorized and directed to payrolls on Borough funds for the purpose of paying the annual base salaries and or hourly rates to the employees of the Garwood Police Department in the Borough of Garwood as set forth opposite each job classification. Said salaries to be paid bi-weekly less such deductions as in such cases made. The schedule of salaries hereafter set forth shall be effective as of January 1, 2023, or as indicated and in accordance with law.

NAME	TITLE/STEP		Base Salary
STOFFER, DOUGLAS	Captain		121,609.00
ROCCO, SAMUEL	Lieutenant		116,110.00
ROCCO, SAMUEL	Captain	effective 7/1/23	121,609.00
PERROTTA, DAVID	Lieutenant		116,110.00
WRIGHT, JOHN	Sergeant		111,523.00
LEWIS, PHILLP	Sergeant		111,523.00
HERZ, TODD	Step 10		102,508.00
KLEINSORGEN, JEFFREY	Step 10		102,508.00
ERIKSEN, SCOTT	Step 10		102,508.00
SUGGS, GEORGE	Step 10		102,508.00
CZACHOROWSKI, CHRISTOPHER	Step 10		102,508.00
PRIDY, JONATHAN	Step 10		102,508.00
CAMPOREALE, ROBERTO	Step 8		90,795.00
CAMPOREALE, ROBERTO	Step 9	effective 2/1/23	96,651.00
SANCHEZ, GREGORY	Step 6		79,080.00
SANCHEZ, GREGORY	Step 7	effective 11/1/23	84,937.00
SCHOENBERGER, ERICK	Step 2		55,651.00
SCHOENBERGER, ERICK	Step 3	effective 12/1/23	61,508.00
ZIMBARDO, DYLAN	Step 1		50,000.00

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

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by _____, second by _____, to adopt Resolution # 24-_____.

Roll Call:

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

NEW BUSINESS

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 _____, second by _____ to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Boto _____
Councilman Foley _____
Councilman Lazarow _____

Councilwoman Nolde _____
Councilwoman Salmon _____
Council President Kearney _____

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Thursday, February 22, 2024** at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

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