

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

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	P		
Councilwoman Boto	P	Councilwoman Nolde	P
Councilman Foley	P	Councilwoman Salmon	P
Councilman Lazarow	ABSENT	Council President Kearney	P

Also Present:

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

The first order of business was as follows:

- Marta Young of Clean Water Action presented the Organization's ReThink Disposable Program which supports eliminating disposable food ware. Following discussion, Council majority consented to introducing an Ordinance in support of the program.
- Stephen Dunn of Union County Connects presented an overview of the organization's mission of connecting Union County through a system of converting inactive railways into public recreation trails.

Report of Borough Engineer

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. MEETING WITH SHADE TREE (BILL NIERSTEDT) ON FEBRUARY 23, 2024. SUBMIT TO NJDOT NEXT WEEK.

SOUTH AVENUE SPEED LIMIT RESOLUTION ON AGENDA. FORWARD TO UNION COUNTY TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION ON AGENDA. REQUIRES RESOLUTION FOR BOROUGH OFFICIAL SIGNATURES. CONSIDER BLANKET TWA RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE OFFICIAL THAT CAN SIGN APPLICATIONS.

CONTRACTS 2023-1, 2023-2 & 2023-3 WILL REMOBILIZE IN SPRING WHEN WEATHER CONDITIONS PERMIT.

Report of Borough Attorney NO REPORT

Report of Borough Administrator

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the employees and volunteers who allowed me to be successful during my time in Garwood. I would also like to thank all the council members who have been supportive of me. I am very appreciative of having the opportunity to work under two great mayors who allowed me to perform my duties as the Borough Administrator at the highest level. I have learned so much during my time in Garwood and have created many

great memories and lasting friendships. I wish all the best for my coworkers, the governing body and the residents of Garwood.

Report of Mayor Blumenstock

First of course I want to say good bye and good luck to Mr. Harris. It was truly a pleasure working for you and you have certainly made your impact on Garwood. In a short time you have streamlined many Borough practices and saved Garwood tens of thousands of dollars by locating and fixing several inefficiencies. Your knowledge and your initiative has been beneficial for Garwood the past few years and New Hampshire is lucky to have you. We will miss you, but keep your phone on, you're still on speed dial. And I'm very excited to announce the hiring of John Arthur as you see in Reso 24-049 that I hope the whole Council supports. Mr. Arthur will start here in Garwood on April 1st. I will certainly have a bigger more detailed welcome for Mr. Arthur at his first meeting here in April, but for quick intro: Mr. Arthur will be coming to us from East Brunswick, where he served as Library Director of the East Brunswick Library System, where he managed almost 70 employees with almost 6 million dollar budget. He is extremely knowledgeable in the area of local government and I know he will be a great asset to our residents here in Garwood. He is here tonight to anyone who might want to say hello after the meeting. I'd also like to wish a very special person a Happy 100th birthday. Pauline Perlman, a resident at the Village Senior Housing and a member of the Garwood Senior Club is turning 100 years old this Saturday. I've gotten to know Pauline through my work with the senior club and she is truly a bright light. Always so positive, always singing and always wearing her glitzy sequined hats. I will be presenting Pauline with a Mayor's Proclamation at her birthday party this Saturday, but I'd just like to read it out loud here for everyone to hear and to know more about this great lady.

Comments from the Council:

Councilwoman Boto NO REPORT

Councilman Foley

As councilman, it is my primary duty to safeguard the well-being and security of Garwood. This responsibility extends beyond the mere physical; it encompasses the health of our community discourse and the integrity of our public square. In recent times, we have observed a disheartening trend where debate and discussion is tainted by the underhanded tactics of intimidation and harassment on social media.

Social media, while a tool of immense potential for connectivity and information sharing has increasingly become not a public square, but rather a combat arena. These platforms are not neutral. They are "outrage machines", inherently unsuited for thoughtful discussion and debate. Its algorithms are designed to amplify sensational content, prioritizing engagement over accuracy or nuance. This digital environment is fertile ground for misinformation and conflict, as it rewards quick, emotional reactions over calm reflection and deep thought. In this environment, harassment and histrionic behaviors thrive, thus damaging a community's civics and democratic norms. Not pluralism, but monism. Not deliberation, but noise. Not resolution, but combat.

Much like a noisy neighbor disrupting community peace with relentless music, unchecked barking dogs, or loud arguments, social media noise similarly erodes communal bonds. It's vital to differentiate between those seeking answers and accountability and internet bullies. The former aims for resolution and positive change, while the latter fluctuates between aggression and victimhood, targeting others in the community. In the cacophony of social media, where instant reactions drown out genuine understanding, the art of true listening fades. Speaking is effortless, yet true listening has become a lost art. After all, we are better listeners than talkers; we have two ears and one mouth for a reason. Our evolutionary history prioritized listening, a skill developed long before humans ever uttered their first words, and even a newborn learns to listen before articulating its first words, underscoring our innate predisposition towards active reflection.

Furthermore, recent assaults on our fire department volunteers have aggravated the situation, escalating risks, and compromising our communal safety. This aggression not only erodes the essence of volunteerism and community service, but also raises the specter of service gaps and significant disparities in our town's critical services, endangering the safety and lives of our citizens. During my campaign, I met numerous individuals who voiced their worries about the toxic discourse prevalent on Facebook and the potential harassment from community members should they choose

to engage in our town's civic activities. This represents a significant loss for both our town and the overall health of our community.

Finally, transitioning from the virtual realm to foster a more vibrant public square doesn't equate to reduced scrutiny for elected officials. In fact, it implies the opposite: greater scrutiny, enhanced dialogue, more conflict, and increased accountability for those of us in public service. This shift encourages a broader segment of our town's residents to participate in meaningful conversations and inspires more individuals to consider running for office. (I particularly disdain the notion of uncontested primaries; they're fundamentally undemocratic, and I say this as someone who is facing election this year and who is most likely running uncontested.)

In conclusion, the overwhelming flow of information, harassment, and noise on social media platforms stifles the possibility for meaningful, constructive dialogue, resulting in a public that becomes disengaged, overwhelmed, and apathetic. As we endeavor to create a public square fit for the 21st century, our focus should be on fostering constructive and respectful dialogue that propels our community forward.

Councilman Lazarow NO REPORT

Councilwoman Nolde

I would like to thank Kyle Harris for all he has done for the Borough of Garwood. Kyle always has gone above and beyond in everything he has done and it has been an absolute pleasure to work with you. I wish him the best for the future.

Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

Council President Kearney

I'm going to miss you, Mr. Harris. You're leaving big shoes to fill! Good luck with your move and I hope you get many relaxing hikes through the mountains! I really appreciate your patience, especially with Council Members, quiet professionalism, and service here; your new town is very lucky to be getting you!

A thank you is due to Chief of Police Doug Stoffer and Fire Chief John Scalzadonna. They were able to work quickly to get quotes, vet and compare alternatives with the Finance Committee, and get everything needed in place to prepare for a Bond Ordinance, which is on our Agenda for 1st reading tonight, also thanks to Mr. Harris. This bond represents our Borough upholding the inherent commitment we make with our first responders to provide everything they need to get their jobs done, and to have the best chance of coming home safely. In this case, by investing in up-to-date technology for two-way radio communications. It is absolutely essential equipment at this time, due to the age and decreasing functionality of our current system. I will be very happy to cast my vote for this bond, as it will finally address a concern I've had since I was first elected in 2020. I'd also like to thank Ms. Young from the Clean Water Fund for her presentation and attending tonight. I'm looking forward to seeing an Ordinance adopting this on a future agenda! The presentation from Mr. Dunn was also great! I'm also looking forward to supporting that initiative and I'm sure we'll be talking about bike lanes with you soon as well.

Finally, this is going to be parallel to what Councilman Foley had to say, but in a bit of a different lane. While I appreciate the consistent and fair coverage by the *Union County Hawk* of our meetings, and such coverage of local government is both so rare and so vital in 2024, I do take exception to a recent headline on an article they published online. To be crystal clear for the record; no one on this Council or in Garwood's local government is looking to "combat scrutiny". Public scrutiny of the government is inherent. I welcome scrutiny, comment, curiosity, feedback, and criticism. This is how we all learn and can continue to improve our community together through collaboration and shared understanding. There is one caveat: These things must be done in good faith to be productive. What I **do not** welcome is the warped and toxic version of so-called "oversight" being practiced by a small number of people, many of whom don't reside in Garwood, and it's all occurring on social media. In my opinion these escalations, along with the repeated innuendo that our town (or any of its departments) operate in an unsafe manner is disrupting the ability of our professionals to do essential work. We are also unfortunately seeing bullying and harassment of employees and volunteers by name, some of whom literally sign up to risk their lives on behalf of the general public for no pay as firefighters. While a level of enhanced scrutiny is to be expected for those of us in this room who hold elected offices, we are way over the line of what is acceptable even for electeds. We are far beyond discussions

over policy, budgets, or even different visions for Garwood. Instead, we see the same cynical tropes that play out every election session now showing up all year long and not just a couple of months before November. The constant refrain that the Mayor and Council are incompetent and can't manage the town (or one of its departments); we are horrible people, we have secret meetings and secret plots to "destroy the town", we gleefully waste taxpayer money, and so on. It defies common sense that anyone sitting up here wants to "destroy the town", really even defies belief, that anyone sitting up here wants to "destroy Garwood"! I don't understand why this conduct is being tolerated by our community, even though I have been heartened to see some brave residents step up and push back online even though it's a difficult thing to do because the entire system is not designed to facilitate conversation. What I stand against is not scrutiny or public oversight, I stand against division and anger. We all saw what division and anger did to our country on January 6th; so I will continue to stand against it here in Garwood. I invite any resident who wants to discuss issues affecting Garwood, to use their smartphone for the novel purpose of calling or emailing me. I'm happy to meet in person anytime I am available to do so. I promise you; it will be much more effective use of all our time than using that same smartphone to post on Facebook. Thank you.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on February 8, 2024.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on February 14, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Foley, second by Councilman Kearney to accept the Regular Meeting minutes and Special Meeting minutes as presented. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

- a) 02/19/24, RE: Assembly Passes Affordable Housing Overhaul Bill
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/223361>

2) TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

- a) 02/09/2024, RE: Ordinance
https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Township_of_Cranford_-_Introduced_Ordinance_No._2024--05.pdf

3) RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

- a) 02/16/2024, RE: January Minutes
[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/RVSA_Aproved_Minutes\(2\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/RVSA_Aproved_Minutes(2).pdf)

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ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION

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

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 24-01. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 24-01. NONE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nolde, second by Councilman Foley, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 24-01.

Discussion: NONE

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

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Boto	AYE	Councilwoman Nolde	AYE
Councilman Foley	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	ABSENT	Council President Kearney	AYE

5-AYES, 1-ABSENT Ordinance No. 24-01 was adopted.

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>

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 24-03. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 24-03.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Ave., requested clarification regarding Res. No. 24-057.

A motion was made by Councilman Foley, second by to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 24-03.

Discussion: Mayor Blumenstock and Mr. Harris clarified Res. #24-057.

A motion was made by Councilman Foley, second by Council President Kearney, to adopt Ordinance No. 24-03.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Boto	AYE	Councilwoman Nolde	AYE
Councilman Foley	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	RECUSE
Councilman Lazarow	ABSENT	Council President Kearney	AYE

5-AYES, 1-ABSENT, 1-RECUSE Ordinance No. 24-03 was adopted.

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\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord. 24-04 PD Organization(1).pdf)

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 24-04. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 24-04. NONE

A motion was made by Councilman Foley, second Councilwoman Boto, by to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 24-04.

Discussion: NONE

A motion was made by Council President Kearney, second by Councilman Foley, to adopt Ordinance No. 24-04.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Boto	AYE	Councilwoman Nolde	AYE
Councilman Foley	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	ABSENT	Council President Kearney	AYE

5-AYES, 1-ABSENT Ordinance No. 24-04 was adopted

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\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord. 24-05 -Paid Parking(1).pdf)

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 24-05. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 24-05. NONE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nolde, second by Council President Kearney, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 24-05.

Discussion: NONE

A motion was made by Councilman Foley, second by Councilwoman Nolde, to adopt Ordinance No. 24-05.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Boto	AYE	Councilwoman Nolde	AYE
Councilman Foley	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	ABSENT	Council President Kearney	AYE

5-AYES, 1-ABSENT Ordinance No. 24-05 was adopted

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\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord. 24-06 -Amend Hourly Parking(1).pdf)

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 24-06. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 24-06. NONE

A motion was made by Councilman Foley, second by Councilwoman Nolde, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 24-06.

Discussion: NONE

A motion was made by Councilman Foley, second by Council President Kearney, to adopt Ordinance No. 24-06.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Boto	AYE	Councilwoman Nolde	AYE
Councilman Foley	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	ABSENT	Council President Kearney	AYE

5-AYES, 1-ABSENT Ordinance No. 24-06 was adopted

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\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord. 24-07- SALARY AMENDMENTS(1).pdf)

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 24-07. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 24-07. NONE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Boto, second by Council President Kearney, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 24-07.

Discussion: NONE

A motion was made by Councilman Foley, second by Councilwoman Nolde, to adopt Ordinance No. 24-07.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Boto	AYE	Councilwoman Nolde	AYE
Councilman Foley	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	ABSENT	Council President Kearney	AYE

5-AYES, 1-ABSENT Ordinance No. 24-07 was adopted.

INTRODUCTION

Municipal Clerk to read Bond Ordinance No. 24-08 by title only:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 24-08

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$400,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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A motion was made by Council President Kearney, second by Councilman Foley, to introduce Ordinance No. 24-08.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Boto	AYE	Councilwoman Nolde	AYE
Councilman Foley	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	ABSENT	Council President Kearney	AYE

5-AYES, 1-ABSENT Bond Ordinance No. 24-08 was introduced.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Foley, Chair

The Finance Committee has reviewed the requirement for funding the upgrade of our emergency services radio communication system. After thorough discussion, we unanimously recommend the adoption of a bond ordinance to finance and update the radio system for our first responders. The enhancement of our radio system is critical for the safety and efficiency of our emergency response teams. In addition, the committee is actively engaged in the preparation for the 2024 budget. We are going to be involved in ongoing meetings with the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to focus on ensuring a robust, sustainable financial plan for the upcoming fiscal year. This process involves careful consideration of all revenue and expenditure forecasts to align with our municipality's strategic goals. We will continue this work throughout the month and plan to provide updates on our progress at the next couple of council meetings. Our commitment is to transparency and fiscal responsibility as we strive to meet the needs of our community. Our Special Budget Meeting will occur April 9th at 7pm and the budget will be up for adoption with a public hearing of our budget adoption is on May 9th at 7pm.

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Lazarow, Chair

Mayor Blumenstock read the following report: The Fire Committee met on Tuesday and were provided with an update on the status of required certifications for all of firefighters and officers. All of the firefighters that are on tonight's agenda for appointment to officer roles have provided the proper certifications and/or documentation to serve in their role. Any firefighters in the department that did not have the proper certification and/or documentation were informed and have been brought to the proper level. As soon as they provide the required certifications, they can be reinstated in their former position.

In terms of the ladder truck, we still do not have a quote, nor length of time it is out of commission. Our insurance does not cover rentals of any kind. We can rely on mutual aid for ladder truck needs as we did before we had purchased the ladder truck. When we get an update on this, it will be reported to the public. Finally, I just want to express my gratitude for the dedication and incredible sacrifice of time devoted to our town by our fire department. While public scrutiny is a necessary part of having equipment publicly funded, it doesn't mean that we shouldn't also consistently celebrate the contributions the department has made to our town. From Santa visits, spray downs in the summer, as well as their ability to grow the department to cover more day time shifts, we are so fortunate to have these individuals looking out to protect our residents from what can be a catastrophic event. Perhaps I am a hopeless optimist, but it is okay to celebrate and question at the same time. It makes our departments more accountable, but lets them know we support them too.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Councilwoman Salmon, Chair NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilwoman Boto, Chair

Thank you, Mayor. In addition to all their reoccurring duties. Public Works employees assembled and continued to install the permit parking signs in various locations of the Borough; Completed painting of the administrative offices and began to paint the common hallway in the municipal building; Prepared all plowing and deicing equipment for the forecasted snow. On February 13th Public Works employees worked a total of 30-man hours of overtime and a total of 68-man hours of regular time. They deiced and plowed all municipal streets and Borough owned sidewalks and parking lots before and after the storm; Traveled to the Union County Public Works Facility and loaded each truck with salt before/after the storms.; Provided residential garbage pickup on the North side of the Borough once plowing operations were complete. It was a long day for them. During the winter snow event of February 17th Public Works employees worked a total of 54.5-man hours of overtime; Removed stockpiled snow from around the school drop off zones. After each snow storm they performed repairs to all the snow plow equipment and washed all snow removal vehicles. Salting was performed as needed on the Borough owned sidewalks, parking lots and streets numerous times throughout the day due to freezing conditions. The Committee is meeting next week to review pending items and I will report back at our March 7th Council meeting. I would like to thank our Public Works Employees for their amazing work during the past snowstorms and daily tasks. Please know that your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. That is all for my report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Council President Kearney, Chair

I'm going to pull a few topics into the Police Committee that have come up since our last Council meeting. Several residents have reached out with concerns about violations of the ordinance concerning off-street parking during snowstorms, and I know the Mayor and a few other Council Members have heard from a few people as well. I've spoken with Chief Stoffer on this issue, and he's noted compliance with this is not as good as it used to be, and a lot of summonses have been issued during the last two snow events. I know we haven't had much snow over the last few years, and we do have a lot of new residents, but I'd like to discuss in committee how we can better spread awareness of this rule. I would also consider stepping up enforcement to get better results. The current Borough Code does provide for towing of vehicles in violation at an officer's discretion, and I know this has been done in the past when a vehicle has impeded the DPW's ability to properly plow a roadway. We've also been receiving resident feedback from a few blocks regarding the update to the permit parking area. I'm sure we will have a few other things before our next Police Committee meeting, which is scheduled for the first week in March, so I'll have a report on that at the next Council meeting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Councilwoman Nolde, Chair

The recreation committee held its regular meeting on Feb. 12 to discuss and plan our town-wide Easter celebrations. **Garwood Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, March 23rd at 11 am at the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex. Rain date is Saturday, March 30th at 3 pm. For toddlers through 3rd grade. **Easter Bunny Drive-Around:** The Garwood Recreation Committee and the Garwood Fire Department are excited to announce the Easter Bunny Drive-Around scheduled for Saturday, March 30th at 10 am. The Easter Bunny will make his way around town between 10 am and 12 pm. The Garwood Partnership for Arts and Culture held its regular meeting on Feb. 12 to discuss upcoming arts events. Up next in our Discover series is **Discover Art in Nature with Gabby Blevins:** Saturday, March 16th, 10 am to 12 pm, Ages 6-13. For this free event, all supplies will be provided. Walk around, observe nature, take notes, notice natural features, and create your own Nature Journal. Coming up in May, we will have **Discover the Art of Collage with Leona Seufert** on Saturday, May 4th at 5 pm, Adults, Free! Learn how to add 3-dimensional items such as lace and fabrics to your collage and with digital collage, altering photographs, and superimposing images. **Special Events: Garwood Family Skate Night:** Saturday, March 16th from 6 pm to 8 pm at Warinanco Sports Center. This event is free and open to Garwood residents of all ages. Pre-registration is required. To sign up for this free event, visit www.garwoodrec.com . Skates are available for rent on-site for \$4/pair. (we currently have 80 signed up). **Youth Programs: STEM Beginner Youth Python Coding Program:** This program is run by Zarembo Data Analytics and takes place during spring break 2024 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; April 3rd - April 5th from 9 am to 12 pm). Open to 3rd through 8th graders. Analyze pokemon cards using python; create a morse code translator in python and encrypt and decrypt messages in Morse Code; venture into data analysis with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, an intro into

recommendation algorithms, exploring pizza preferences of the turtles and visualization techniques leveraging Python. Laptops are provided. **Parent Assist Soccer:** This program, for ages 2 ½ to 3 ½, is run by US Sports Institute and runs on Saturday mornings from 9 am to 9:45 am. Starts April 13th and goes until May 18th. This program is a fun and positive introduction to soccer for young children with a helping hand from Mom or Dad! Children will have fun learning the fundamental skills of soccer through fun-based games and activities.

Soccer Squirts: This program, for ages 3 to 4 ½, is also run by US Sports Institute and runs on Saturday mornings from 9:50 am to 10:35 am. Starts April 13th and goes until May 18th. This program provides the fundamental skills of soccer including dribbling, passing, shooting, and defending. Classes will include a series of fun challenges, structured activities, and scrimmages adapted to ensure everyone achieves success. **Soccer Squirts:** This program, for ages 4 to 5 ½, is also run by US Sports Institute and runs on Saturday mornings from 10:40 am to 11:25 am. Starts April 13th and goes until May 18th. This program provides the fundamental skills of soccer including dribbling, passing, shooting, and defending. Classes will include a series of fun challenges, structured activities, and scrimmages adapted to ensure everyone achieves success. **Garwood Summer Camp:** June 24th – August 9th, 9 am to 12 pm, Grades K-8.

Adult Programs: Adult Ceramics: Registration is still open for the Wednesday March 6th, April 10th, and May 8th classes. **Walking Challenge:** Stay tuned for more info on this challenge.

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 or by calling (908) 277-2932.

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

Mayor Blumenstock read the following report: March 5 at 3 p.m.- Virtual Kid's Craft & March 12 at 3pm VIRTUAL ADULT CRAFT- Pick up your craft supplies at 3 pm and then watch the Facebook tutorial thereafter. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 15 participants for kids and 10 for adults. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone. March 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 3 pm – Brixology – Using Legos kids will build engineering themed projects each week. They will explore mechanical, structural, and nautical engineering. For kids in 2nd grade and older. Registration required. March 13 and 27 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

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Council President Kearney

The Garwood Board of Education met this past Tuesday, February 20th. Action taken specific to the Borough was an approval for Garwood Recreation to use the cafeteria on March 1, 2024 from 6:00-9:00 PM for the end of the year basketball pizza party and medal ceremony. In committee reports, the Board indicated policies regarding use of school facilities, which affect various Borough programs, were progressing. In his monthly report, Superintendent Kinney reported on numerous school activities, and also on a construction project which will start on or about March 22nd. The project will include the replacement of sidewalks alongside the school building, so there may be a need to plan an alternative walking route while the project is in progress. This will most likely last until a week after spring break. There is an overhead map of the project area shown in the full Superintendent's Report, which is posted on the Garwood Schools website, just click on "Administration" from the main page and follow the link under Mr. Kinney's name for the current report. I encourage everyone in Garwood, not just current parents with children in our schools, to check these excellent and detailed reports about our school district. Mayor Blumenstock and I are scheduled for our monthly meeting with the Superintendent and Board President on Wednesday, March 7th. We'll be following up on a number of topics we've been in discussion with the school district about including use of the facilities by our Recreation programs, use of the school for an alternate location due to weather during this year's summer Rec camp, and general follow up on policies and potential capital projects. The Board's next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th and put a pin on your calendars for the April 16th meeting, which will include the public budget hearing.

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Mayor Blumenstock

At our last meeting on February 15th, we said goodbye to Senior Director Kathleen Wierzbinski who we thank for years of service to Garwood and specifically the Seniors. Recreation Director Katya Lysak will now be assuming the duties of Senior Director and she stopped by to introduce herself and talk to the club a bit. We are looking forward to

working with her in that capacity. Our first meeting in March, March 7th has been cancelled. Our club meetings will resume on March 21st at 12 pm at the Knights of Columbus.

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Council President Kearney

Garwood Wellness Month is wrapping up this weekend! Please see the Borough's social media feeds or check Garwood.org/smallbusiness for a list of participating Garwood businesses, and their various promotional offers, while there is still time! A reminder to all, the official grand opening for Hotworx will be on Saturday, March 2nd at 11am. Our next SBA Board meeting has been moved to Tuesday, February 27th due to a schedule conflict, topics for discussion will include a review of Wellness Month, and preparations for our next promotion, my absolute favorite one, the Taste of Garwood, which is tentatively set for mid-May. That's all for this report!

BOARD OF HEALTH LIAISON: Councilman Foley NO REPORT

PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chief of Police Monthly Reports for January, 2024.
Police Department Year End Reports for 2023.
ALL RECEIVED AND FILED

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.

Russ Graham, 12 Liberty Court, thanked Mr. Harris for his service to the Borough. Mr. Graham stated his support for Bond Ordinance #24-08.

Bill Nierstedt, 320 Hickory Avenue, distributed aluminum water bottles to the Mayor and Council purchased by the Green Team.

Mr. Pritchard sang a song regarding veterans.

Tom Evelina, 256 North Avenue, commented on GFD certifications and officer appointments.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, requested clarification regarding GFD emergency meetings.

Bill Nierstedt, 320 Hickory Avenue, thanked the presenters and commented on the proposed Ordinance regarding elimination of food ware distributed by restaurants.

Michelle Capobianco, 404 Myrtle Avenue, commented on the RVSA presentation regarding excessive flow, and requested clarification regarding a fee ordinance for street openings.

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

Mayor Blumenstock clarified the GFD emergency meetings and certification concern.

Mayor Blumenstock clarified the excessive flow concern and fee ordinance for street openings.

Mayor Blumenstock directed Councilwoman Salmon to address comments regarding the consensus of an Ordinance to eliminate food ware distributed by restaurants.
Discussion ensued.

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. 24-046

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, 2024 through December 31, 2024:

POSITION	NAME
Chief	John Scalzadonna
Deputy Chief	Brent Gregory
Assistant Chiefs	Len Spina Mike Tharaldsen
Captain	Lou Cartnick
Lieutenants	Ed Laskinski Thomas Gesior
Recording Secretary	Robert Lawrence

RESOLUTION NO. 24-048

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2024, Kyle Harris submitted correspondence dated January 9, 2024, advising that he is resigning from his employment as Borough Administrator with the Borough of Garwood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris has advised that his resignation shall be effective February 23, 2024.

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

- 1) The Borough of Garwood hereby accepts and relies upon the January 9, 2024 correspondence informing of resignation from Kyle Harris.
- 2) Effective February 23, 2024, Kyle Harris shall have resigned from his position as Borough Administrator with the Borough of Garwood.
- 3) This resolution puts the Assistant Borough Administrator on notice to immediately process this resignation
- 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-049

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 5, Article VIII B, Section 5-51.21 - Appointment and Tenure of Borough Administrator, the Borough Administrator shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of Council, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-137.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Blumenstock be and with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint John Arthur as Borough Administrator effective April 1, 2024, in the Borough of Garwood, at an annual salary of \$125,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-050

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH OF GARWOOD TO EXECUTE A TREATMENT WORKS SEWER CONNECTION PERMIT APPLICATION (0-2000 GPD), RVSA # 2771-23-GW WITH RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING STATEMENT OF CONSENT FOR A CONNECTION OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM – BLOCK 501.1, LOT 8, POPEYES RESTURANT WITH DRIVE-THRU.

WHEREAS, 204 LF of 6" PVC sewer lateral, 3 cleanouts, a 1,500-gallon grease trap, a grinder pump, a doghouse sanitary manhole and a 1-1/4" SDR-11 HDPE sewer force main to service the proposed construction of a fast food restaurant with drive thru consisting of 2,537 SF and 24 seats, and it is necessary for the Garwood Chicken LLC to seek approval on behalf of the Borough of Garwood for an approval from the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) for a Treatment Works Sewer Connection Permit Application as a result of a **sanitary sewer extension** associated with the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough of Garwood to consent to the TWA permit application to be filed by the applicant with the RVSA; and

WHEREAS, the TWA permit application has been reviewed and approved by Michael Disko, the Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Borough of Garwood to execute the statement of consent as part of the TWA permit application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the statement of consent form which is part of the RVSA TWA (0-2000 GPD) RVSA # 2771-23-GW permit application concerning the project for the Block 501.1, Lot 8.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-051

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 refund check for the tax overpayments on the following properties:

PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS	BLOCK/LOT	AMOUNT
DOHERTY, BRIAN & MARJO	347 LOCUST AVE	412/4	\$2,255.14
CRINCOLI, FRANK	219 MYRTLE AVE	508/10	\$2,436.31

REFUND TO:

CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS

PO BOX 9202

COPPELL, TX 75019-9760

AMOUNT OF REFUND: \$4,691.45

EXPLANATION: 1Qtr 2024 taxes were paid by CORELOGIC Tax Services in excess of the amount due. Refund is made to the tax servicer on behalf of the homeowner.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-052

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, is required to establish and maintain a program of recognized public health activities and to meet the minimum standard of performance for such activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Borough of Garwood has recommended to the Mayor and Council that a contract be entered into with the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield in accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:A2-1, et. seq. and N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, an agreement has been agreed upon in Resolution No. 3330 dated, January 10, 1978, wherein the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield will provide certain health services of licensed personnel in the carrying out of public health activities in the Borough of Garwood.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the attached a three-year contract on behalf of the Borough wherein the Borough agrees to pay the following:

- (a) Westfield Township the sum of \$62,619 for the Public Health Services provided by Westfield for 2024. Payments shall be made quarterly on the fifteenth day of February, May August and November during the term of this Agreement. The quarterly required payments for 2024 are accordingly \$15,654.75
- (b) In 2025 through 2028, the annual fee shall be increased by three percent (3%); and an additional two percent (2%) administration fee and (ii) the cost of any mandated services or additional services requested by Recipient that were not requested in the first year of the term of this Agreement. Annual Fees in subsection (b) (i) above shall be as follows: 2025 - \$65,750; 2026--\$69,038; 2027--\$72,490; 2028--\$76,115
- c) If Recipient fails to make any quarterly payment within fifteen (15) days of its due date, Recipient shall pay to Westfield a late charge equal to four percent of the amount which is delinquent.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-053

RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICY FOR GRANTING TAX EXEMPTIONS UNDER N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 THROUGH N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.33

WHEREAS, the legislature in adopting N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30-3.33 has granted property tax exemptions for eligible veterans suffering from service-connected disabilities as declared by the United States Department of Veterans Administration and N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS, such exemption may be approved and granted by the Tax Assessor upon filing of the claim demonstrating the right of exemption and confirmation of eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the statute does not specify the effective date for granting of a disabled veteran tax exemption but rather states that the municipal governing body shall by resolution establish a policy for the granting of property tax exemptions under this statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood that the Tax Assessor shall be authorized to grant property tax exemption to veterans suffering from service connected disabilities as declared by the United States Department of Veterans Administration and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 upon the filing of a claim demonstrating the right to an exemption; such property tax exemption shall be effective as of the date the completed application is received in the Tax Assessor's Office.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-054

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accept the CFO's terminal leave calculation for Kathleen Wierzbinski based on benefits encompassed in the Code of the Borough of Garwood, Chapter 30, Section 5.D.(c), and Section 16.B.(2), for retirement benefits calculated as of February 22, 2024:

Hours	Description	Hourly Rate	Amount
15.00	2024 vacation hours due	29.66	444.90
151.67	terminal leave calendar month	29.66	4,498.54
63.25	terminal leave sick bank	29.66	1,876.00
	TOTALS:		6,819.44

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough will pay said employee's retirement benefit of \$6,819.44 in first pay cycle after retirement on February 29, 2024. If additional time is used prior to disbursement the retirement benefit will be adjusted accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to execute to the above.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-055

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector of the Borough of Garwood have determined that due to the retirement of the Clean Communities Coordinator and Senior Citizen Director-Programs & Grant Administrator that the Recreation Director/Public Information Officer will take on those responsibilities

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector hereby recommend that the assignment of those responsibilities to the Recreation Director/ Public Information Officer are hereby adjusted to reflect the salary as set forth below for the following employee of the Borough of Garwood and in the amount set forth opposite the job classification.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the council of the Borough of Garwood hereby acknowledge and accept the recommendation of the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector and adjust the new responsibilities and salary of said position for employee Recreation Director/ Public Information Officer in accordance with the recommendation.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NEW RESPONSIBILITIES</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Recreation Director/ Public Information Officer	Senior Citizen Director-Programs & Grant Administrator	Katya Lysak	\$73,750	March 1, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-056

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector of the Borough of Garwood have determined that due to the retirement of the BOH Secretary/ Licensing Official, Registrar of Vital Statistics and OEM Secretary that the Borough Clerk will take on those responsibilities

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector hereby recommend that the assignment of those responsibilities to Borough Clerk are hereby adjusted to reflect the salary as set forth below for the following employee of the Borough of Garwood and in the amount set forth opposite the job classification.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the council of the Borough of Garwood hereby acknowledge and accept the recommendation of the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector and adjust the new responsibilities and salary of said position for employee Borough Clerk in accordance with the recommendation.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NEW RESPONSIBILITIES</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Borough Clerk	BOH Secretary/ Licensing Official, Registrar of Vital Statistics and OEM Secretary	Cathy Cameron	\$75,135	March 1, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-057

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector of the Borough of Garwood have determined that due to the hiring of a Part Time Code Enforcement Officer and Rental Property administrator that the Accounts Payable Clerk will assist with those responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector hereby recommend that the assignment of those responsibilities to the Accounts Payable Clerk are hereby adjusted to reflect the salary as set forth below for the following employee of the Borough of Garwood and in the amount set forth opposite the job classification.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the council of the Borough of Garwood hereby acknowledge and accept the recommendation of the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector and adjust the new responsibilities and salary of said position for employee Accounts Payable Clerk in accordance with the recommendation.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Accounts Payable Clerk	Code Enforcement and Rental Property Administration	Janice Farrell	\$54,250	January 1, 2024

A motion was made by Council President Kearney, second by Councilwoman Nolde, to adopt Consent Agenda as amended,

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Boto	AYE	Councilwoman Nolde	AYE
Councilman Foley	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	ABSENT	Council President Kearney	AYE

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-047

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby set the rate for 2024 Recreation Summer Camp as follows: \$110 until May 24, 2024; \$135 between May 25, 2024 and June 16, 2024; \$160 late registration between June 17, 2024 and June 23, 2024.

Discussion ensued regarding discounted fees for multiple family enrollments.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nolde, second by Council President Kearney, to adopt Resolution # 24-047

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Boto	AYE	Councilwoman Nolde	AYE
Councilman Foley	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	NAY
Councilman Lazarow	ABSENT	Council President Kearney	AYE

4-AYES, 1-ABSENT, 1-NAY Resolution No. 24-047 was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Leslie Breen	Jon Jantsch	Green Team	02/22/2024-12/31/2026
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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 Foley, second by Council President Kearney, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Boto	AYE	Councilwoman Nolde	AYE
Councilman Foley	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	ABSENT	Council President Kearney	AYE

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Thursday, March 7, 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 Council President Kearney, second by Councilman Foley, to adjourn. Time: 9:00 PM