

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
February 24, 2022

Time:

Moment of Silence.....

Salute to the Flag.....

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk advertised on December 2, 2021. 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 Todisco _____

Councilman Graham _____

Councilman Kearney _____

Councilman Lazarow _____

Councilwoman Loffredo _____

Councilwoman Salmon _____

Council President Blumenstock _____

Roll call staff and professionals:

Kyle Harris, Borough Administrator

Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney

Mike Disko, Borough Engineer

John Scalzadonna, Borough Fire Chief

Report of Borough Engineer

Report of Borough Attorney

Report of Borough Administrator

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Todisco announces the first order of business is a department overview presentation from the Borough Fire Chief.

Report of Mayor Sara Todisco

Comments from the Council:

Councilman Graham

Councilman Kearney

Councilman Lazarow

Councilwoman Loffredo

Councilwoman Salmon

Council President Blumenstock

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on February 10, 2022.

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

All in favor, opposed?

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES**
 - a) 02/18/2022, RE: ETR Resolution, Budget Message, Lunch & Learns
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/164667>
- 2) **TOWN OF WESTFIELD**
 - a) 01/31/2022, RE: Ordinance
https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Westfield-Ordinance_Intro.pdf
- 3) **RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**
 - a) 02/22/2022, RE: Minutes
https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/RVSA_Approved_Minutes_012022.pdf

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 22-01 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-13 WHICH FIXES 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/22-01-AMENDING_SALARY_SR_BUS_DRIVER.pdf

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ to introduce Ordinance 22-01.

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair

FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: Councilwoman Loffredo, Chair

STREETS, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: Council President Blumenstock, Chair

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Graham, Chair

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Salmon, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney

BOARD OF HEALTH LIAISON: Councilman Graham

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chief of Police Monthly Reports for January, 2022.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to accept Officer's reports.
All in favor, opposed?

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.

Mayor Todisco requests a motion followed by a second to close public comment.

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. 22-047

WHEREAS by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey the Municipal Clerk was authorized to advertise for a bid entitled "JANITORIAL SERVICES"; and

WHEREAS on February 8, 2022, at the advertised time of 9:30 A.M. AAA Facility Solutions LLC, 11 Middlebury Road, Suite 2, Randolph, NJ 07869, submitted an annual cost amount of \$22,059.00, plus Alternate #2, price excluding cleaning supplies for \$1,838.25 per month, which is determined the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood that the contract be hereby awarded to AAA Facility Solutions LLC for \$22,059.00, which includes the annual cost amount, plus Alternate #2, price excluding cleaning supplies for \$1,838.25 per month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute an agreement in the form approved by the Borough Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-048

Resolution of Support from the Borough of Garwood Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey® Grant funded by PSEG

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS the Borough of Garwood is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants funded by PSEG;
THEREFORE, the Council of the Borough of Garwood has determined that the Borough of Garwood should apply for the \$2,000 aforementioned Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Garwood State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by PSEG.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-049

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby hire Tom Spera as a part-time bus driver for the Senior Transportation Bus Driver, commencing February 25, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-050

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 overpayment on the following property:

PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS	BLOCK/LOT	AMOUNT
WHITWORTH, MATTHEW	353 SECOND AVE	111/3	\$2,710.38
PROTICH, BORIS	351 PINE AVE	606/5	\$ 770.60

REFUND TO:

CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS
 PO BOX 9202
 COPPELL, TX 75019-9760

AMOUNT OF REFUND: \$3,480.98

EXPLANATION: 1Qtr 2022 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.

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

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:

Councilman Graham	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022**, 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: _____