

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

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 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	EXCUSED		
Councilman Graham	P	Councilwoman Loffredo	P
Councilman Kearney	P	Councilwoman Salmon	P
Councilman Lazarow	P	Council President Blumenstock	P

Also Present:

Kyle Harris, Borough Administrator

Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney

Catherine D. Cameron, Borough Clerk

Mike Disko, Borough Engineer

John Scalzadonna, Borough Fire Chief

Brent Gregory, Deputy Fire Chief

Mike Disko, Borough Engineer, provided the following report:

- NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID 2021 PROJECT WAS SUBMITTED TO NJDOT ON FEBRUARY 18, 2022. NJDOT WILL REVIEW THE PROJECT AND PROVIDE COMMENTS. PROJECT WORK INCLUDES RESURFACING OF:HAZEL AVENUE (CENTER ST. TO DEAD END) HEMLOCK AVENUE (EAST STREET TO DEAD END) SPRUCE AVENUE (CENTER ST. TO EAST ST.) THIRD AVENUE (MAPLE TO DEAD END)
- UNION COUNTY 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED ON FEBRUARY 14, 2022. GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 16TH. I HAVE PROVIDED A DRAFT GRANT APPLICATION FOR CURB IMPROVEMENTS ON SOUTH AVENUE. CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE \$196,000+/- . A \$40,000 +/-GRANT AWARD IS TYPICAL FOR GARWOOD.
- HARTMAN PARK ADA ACCESS PROJECT IN CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PHASE. ELEVATION FIELD WORK HASBEEN PERFORMED. A RAMP IS LIKELEY TO CONNECT THE STREET/SIDEWALK TO THE PARK PLAYGROUND/BASKETBALL COURT/WATER FOUNTAIN.
- TREE/SIDEWALK PROJECT, WHICH WAS FUNDED BY THE 2020 UNION COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT, AND CONSTRUCTED BY CIFELLI CONSTRUCTION, WAS COMPLETED IN 2020.
- MISCELLANEOUS PUNCH LIST WORK HAS BEEN PERFORMED BY AJM CONTRACTORS ON MULTIPLE STREETS. GRASS RESTORATION ON LOCUST AVENUE REMAINS.

Councilman Lazarow requested clarification regarding the curb improvement project.

Mr. Disko provided clarification.

Councilman Lazarow requested clarification regarding the grant amounts being requested.

Mr. Disko provided clarification.

Councilman Graham requested clarification regarding ADA parking at Hartman Park.

Mr. Disko provided clarification.

Council President Blumenstock requested clarification regarding the Hartman Park ADA bid.

Mr. Disko provided clarification.

Report of Borough Attorney NO REPORT

Report of Borough Administrator

1. Resolution 2-047: In mid-November of 2021, I received a call from the Marci Krasny, Business Administrator of the Garwood Public School regarding the shared service agreement between the Borough and the Board of Education. She informed me at that time, under the current shared service agreement, we were under paying the board of education for the services we were receiving. On November 22nd, I received an email from Marci Krasny, School Business Administrator that the estimate for the new shared service agreement would be \$46,246.62 per year, an increase of 47.7% from the \$31,307 we are currently paying under the agreement that expires on April 1, 2022. On December 7th, 2021 the joint committee of the planning board, board of education and the borough met, the shared service agreement was discussed and it was the recommendation of the board of education that the borough go out to bid and try to obtain a better price. The bid specifications were prepared in early January and the bid was advertised on January 21st. The new specs include additional cleaning of DPW restrooms and the Garwood Sports Complex as compared to the current shared service agreement. This was done for two reasons. The first reason, once a week cleaning of the DPW restroom was insufficient. The second reason is scheduling, the current schedule has small areas cleaned on Tuesday and Thursdays, it did not seem practical to have a service come in and clean one restroom on a Thursday. All cleaning will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays now. The bid opening occurred on February 8th, with three bids submitted. The lowest bid came in at \$22,059 which is 52.3% less than the proposed annual charge of the shared service agreement proposed by the board of education. Based on this information, I recommend the council approve resolution 22-047 awarding the lowest bidder AAA Facility Solutions the janitorial contract.
2. Resolution 22-049: I am happy to report we have a candidate for the part time bus driver this will get us through the month of March. Unfortunately, this driver will have limited availability starting in April. I would still support the council to introduce Ordinance 22-01, so that we hopefully hire the additional part time bus drivers that we need.

Councilman Graham requested clarification regarding the cleaning supplies referenced in resolution 22-047.

Mr. Harris provided clarification.

PRESENTATION:

Council President Blumenstock announced the first order of business is a department overview presentation from the Borough Fire Chief.

John Scalzadonna, Borough Fire Chief, provided a presentation which outlined the roles and responsibilities of each division within the Fire Department.

Council President Blumenstock thanked Chief Scalzadonna for his presentation.
Council President Blumenstock opened questions for the Borough Fire Chief to Council Members
Council Members thanked Chief Scalzadonna for the presentation and commended the services provided by the Fire Department.

Report of Mayor Sara Todisco

Council President Blumenstock read the report from Mayor Todisco:

Vermella:

As we can all see the work on Vermella is ongoing and new residents are joining our Garwood community. There are 42 leases of market rate apartments as of February 15, 21 one-bedrooms and 21 two-bedrooms. Of the 27 affordable units rented, there are 5 one-bedrooms, 17 two-bedrooms and 5 three-bedrooms. I will share a further report at the next Council meeting.

Meeting with School/PILOT:

We met with the Board of Education President Tracey Roland and Member Sal Piarulli today. They understand and support the decision to go with another cleaning service provider to save substantial money as Mr. Harris explained in his Administrator report tonight. As was explained when we were negotiating redevelopment agreements and PILOT payments, State law requires PILOT funds to go 95% to the municipality and 5% to the County. However, the municipality may make special agreements with the school to help them fund certain projects, such as ones that benefit the school and community as a whole. We know this is an extremely important topic and it's one we are dedicated to getting public feedback on before any decision is made with how to allocate the PILOT funds. We are anticipating receiving our first PILOT payment on May 1st and these payments are received quarterly just like tax payments. Therefore, I would like to propose a special meeting of the Council to have our redevelopment attorney make a short presentation about how PILOTs work and to invite members of the public to speak about. It appears March 21st at 7pm would be best to have the meeting. This way we can have feedback before introducing the 2022 municipal budget. I feel it is best to hold the meeting here in Borough Hall as we have the ability to livestream to YouTube and also to have people participate virtually from home.

COVID:

Our Health Department is transitioning to monthly COVID-19 updates, so I anticipate having an update on the pandemic at our next Council meeting. Councilman Graham has other important Health Department news to share in his report later tonight. As a reminder, the mask requirement for visits to Borough Hall and for Council meetings will be lifted effective this Monday, February 28th.

Girl Scouts:

I want to thank Daisy Troop 41005 for visiting Borough Hall last week as they set out to earn their Democracy and Good Neighbor badges. The girls were really interested in what we do here at Borough Hall along with what the Police Department does. When asked if they could change the Garwood seal, a number of girls suggested a unicorn. A couple others said stars. It was fun listening to their ideas and answering their questions. Do not worry--this doesn't mean we would actually change the seal. Thank you to Troop Leaders Vanessa Schubring and Kim Salmon for bringing the girls here.

Flooding:

As some of you might have seen, we've received some great news regarding a grant from the federal government to fund a feasibility study on the upper portion of the Rahway River, which aims to reduce flooding throughout Union County. An allocation of \$1.54 million will enable the study to be completed. I want to thank all of our federal representatives who worked to bring the Army Corps of Engineers back to the table to help our area deal with the flooding issue that has only become more prevalent in the last decade or so. We advocated for this help through a resolution by this Council as well as our work on the Rahway River Mayors

Council. I will continue working alongside my fellow mayors and our representatives at the county, state, and federal level to bring a real solution.

Comments from the Council:

Councilman Graham NO REPORT

Councilman Kearney

Just to echo what was in the Mayor's Report, I'm excited about the great news regarding the Rahway River study. This is long overdue, and local elected officials across our entire region have been advocating for it since I was in grade school. Congressman Malinowski was one of the driving forces behind getting this done since 2018, so I'd like to thank him and the rest of our federal representatives who helped finally get the funding for this essential study over the finish line.

Councilman Lazarow NO REPORT

Councilwoman Loffredo NO REPORT

Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

Council President Blumenstock

You may notice that Resolution 22-048, authorizing submission for the Sustainable Jersey grant, is similar to the one passed at the February 10th meeting. However, Sustainable Jersey very recently changed their resolution standards to include the fact that PSEG is a funding partner as well as the specific money amount of the grant. Unfortunately, this change seems to have come right after I had already communicated about the resolution with our Municipal Clerk and I did not find out about it until last week. Thus, I have to ask the Council to re-vote on the resolution for the grant. But it is the same grant, not an additional one, again with just those technical changes in the resolution.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on February 24, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Kearney, to accept minutes as presented. All in favor.

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

ALL RECEIVED AND FILED.

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 Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilman Graham, to introduce Ordinance No. 22-01.

Roll Call:

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

6- AYE, Ordinance No. 22-01 was introduced.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair

The Finance committee met yesterday for nearly three hours to continue to discuss priorities and the budget for 2022. The Committee came to an agreement that we need to meet in an executive session to determine funding priorities for specific departments at our next meeting. We will be meeting again next week before a meeting with our auditor the following week to really break down the numbers. I look forward to presenting the budget on Thurs. March 31st at 7:00pm (Special Budget Hearing) with the Mayor and full Council.

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair

I have one item regarding fire inspections which came to my attention recently that I'm looking into and will have more to report on in a future meeting. I have nothing else for tonight other than another thank you to Chief Scalzadonna and all the firefighters who assisted him in preparing the excellent presentation earlier.

FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: Councilwoman Loffredo, Chair

Good evening to Council President Blumenstock, Members of Council and the Public. Last week, I had two meetings – One with the Finance Committee and one with the Buildings and Grounds Committee to discuss outstanding projects that we have been discussing in the past recent weeks. At the moment, we are moving forward with the Hartman Park Cameras and Rec Complex Access Door Control, utilizing the matching Kids Trust Grant money received in 2021. The remainder of that grant will be used to cover the ADA ramp at Hartman Park. Borough Engineer Mike Disko is currently working on getting this expedited. The following projects were discussed to be part of a general multi use bond ordinance: Garwood Sports Complex Cameras, Borough Hall and Fire Department Doors and Windows and Access Door Control for Borough Hall and Firehouse. The Finance Team will be presenting our thoughts on this at the Budget Presentation meeting to Mayor and Council on March 31, 2022. If approved, these projects would be able to start 20 days after the bond ordinance is written. The timeframe would be around Late Spring or Summer 2022. We are also including a minimal cost lighting quote in the general operational budget to fix the 4 lights at the Recreation Center. We are moving forward with this in the meantime. In regards to the current DPW building, the 2 most pressing issues are mold and ventilation. A quote was received for Mold Remediation last week. This will be

the second visit to remediate mold issues. The Hurricane Ida mold issues were remediated once prior. The current mold issues stem from regrowth and also possible roof leak issues. We will include this current quote under regular operating expenses in 2022 budget and are pressing forward to get this completed. In addition, we discussed buying industrial fans for general ventilation and a dehumidifier for their workshop where the mold currently resides. We are also setting up a roof inspection and patch service to hopefully control any current roof leak issues. We also discussed putting plastic sheeting over current exposed insulation where the employees take their breaks and also removing insulation in tool room to be able to visually see moisture issues and hopefully contain them before they get worse. Finally, because the topic of asbestos came up in the last council meeting, we are making sure that our architectural firm, DMR includes this their inspection of the DPW building. More to come when we get their final reports. Last but not least, I am happy to announce that the Garwood Clock has been fixed. Councilman Kearney has been offering me many of his Clock jokes but I'll let him handle that for me. That's all I have for this evening. Thank you.

STREETS, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: Council President Blumenstock, Chair

In addition to regular garbage pickup, the department performed pothole repairs on the North and South side of the Borough including but not limited to the following areas:

- Intersection of East Street and Willow Avenue
- East Street
- Center Street in-between North and South Avenue(s).
- 300 Block of Spruce Avenue
- Intersection of Locust Avenue and East Street.

Due to the unseasonably warm temperatures, the department was able to do some street sweeping. They swept the following locations:

- Center Street including the underpass.
- Hickory Avenue
- Hemlock Avenue
- Hazel Avenue
- Pine Avenue
- Odd side of Beech Avenue

They also performed the following mechanic operations in-house: They installed new decking/lighting/wiring and re-painted one of the department's small utility trailers, performed hydraulic repairs to the backhoe, repaired the heater fan for the sidewalk snow removal machine and installed new trip edge springs on one of the snowplows. Public Works employees worked a total of 37 man hours of overtime during the winter snow event on February 13th and they have readied all of the equipment in preparation for tonight's snowstorm.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Graham, Chair

- Since the last meeting of Mayor and Council on February 10, 2022 the Garwood Police Department has recorded the following activity:
 - Initiated 54 motor vehicle stops
 - Conducted 52 building/property checks
 - Initiated 19 Community Policing posts
 - Assigned to 17 fixed traffic posts (Radar, Stop Sign, Distracted Driving)
 - Responded to 15 calls for medical assist
 - Responded to 8 business/residential alarms
 - Assisted 4 motorists with disabled vehicles

- Conducted 4 wellbeing checks
- Responded to 3 motorists lockouts
- Plans for The Garwood Police Department Youth Academy are being finalized. The dates of the youth Academy will be August 15th through the 19th. Applications for youths entering the 5th through 8th grades will be available starting March 1, 2022 on the Garwood PD website as well as in person at the police desk.
- Auto thefts are on the rise throughout the area. The overwhelming majority of these thefts occur when the key fobs are left in unlocked vehicles. Please stay alert and remember to lock your doors and take the keys with you.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Salmon, Chair

Celebrations met on Feb. 16th and reviewed their upcoming Easter events. Please keep an eye on their Facebook page, Garwood Celebrations, for announcements.

Recreation is excited to start their first ever bowling program on March 4th at the Garwood Lanes. So far 42 children are signed up and there is still time to register. Receptions spring program is available online or here at Borough Hall and is packed with fun-filled programs. Tonight I would like to discuss an ordinance set for revision of the rental rates at the Garwood Recreation Complex. There are a few changes to what was originally drafted which everyone should have. The Garwood Recreation complex room now known as the "Garwood Recreation Meeting Room" will be \$50/hr. for the first 2 hours and \$25 each additional hour. This is a decrease to our residents of \$25 over a 4 hour rental. The main focus is the revision of rates for out of town organizations, as this has not been revised since its inception. Changes have been implemented across all fees as well as a structured 3 fee category system, Resident, non-resident and organization. A section has also been added to the ordinance giving our Borough administrator discretion to waive fees for Certain Garwood based Non-Profits. Such as Garwood girl or boy scout troops etc. Added in that section was an exclusion for political non-profits. Political non-profits can rent the complex but at the organization rate. Changes were also discussed regarding security deposit. The current security deposit will remain the same but should an individual or organization need to drive a vehicle on the turf field for set up or breakdown an additional security deposit of \$750 bring the total security deposit to \$1,000 will be required. As this obviously poses and increase liability. I would like to ask council for their support to get this ordinance on the agenda for our next meeting.

Councilman Graham requested clarification regarding non-resident and organization categories.

Councilwoman Salmon provided clarification.

Discussion ensued.

Councilman Lazarow requested clarification regarding Letter N, Item 1 in the revised ordinance.

Councilwoman Salmon provided clarification.

Mr. Harris provided clarification regarding turf fees.

Councilman Graham requested clarification regarding trash collection following events.

Councilwoman Salmon provided clarification.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Harris requested Council Members provide their consensus to introducing the ordinance at the next Council meeting.

Council Members stated in in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney

We have two items pending, the "GovPilot" proposal and a calendar/online system for town activities which have both been referred over to Finance to see if they fit into this year's budget. Hopefully I'll have good news to share on those topics in the near future.

BOARD OF HEALTH LIAISON: Councilman Graham

The Garwood Board of Health met on February 16th in the Council Chambers.

- Li Faustino was nominated for President and Jennifer Ryan for Vice President of the Board for year 2022.
- Agent's reports were received and read. There was lengthy discussion concerning Covid-19 Vaccines and Boosters.
- The proposal for 2022 health service agreement with Westfield Regional Board of Health was reviewed by the Board.
- 2022 proposal health service agreement is proposing a 4% increase totaling \$57,819. This is a \$2,224 increase from 2021.

The current contract has a 2% increase listed for year 4 of the contract but there is a clause stating that there may be an increase above that for additional services. The pandemic response is expected to continue well into this year, leading to the additional services that will continued to be provided.

The Board accepted the proposed agreement. The next meeting will be held in March 16th.

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

March 8, at 3 pm - Virtual Kid's Craft Pick up supplies for the craft and then watch the craft tutorial on the Library's Facebook page at 3 pm. The video will be available for viewing thereafter. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 15 participants. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone.

March 9, 16, 23 and 30 - Dancing in the Streets Coding Program - Join us on a trip across the dance floor, exploring dances from around the world, while creating and coding your own animated dances using age-appropriate coding language. For kids in grades K- 3rd. Registration required. Limit 10. Once registered a Zoom link will be provided.

March 9 at 7 pm – Writing and Publishing Join Mark Vogel, author, psychologist and professionally trained chef as he discusses the basics of writing, publishing and marketing your book. Once registered a Zoom link will be provided.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

The Garwood Board of Education had their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15th. There were presentations to students who met the requirements for the Honor Society, to Linda Koenig in honor of her over 25 years of service to the Board as a member, and by Dr. Quigley with an update to the 2021/2022 school goals. Dr. Quigley also provided an overview of the school administration, special services department and the Child Study Team. The Board also discussed and approved the purchase of two new buses, one 54-passenger and one 16-passenger. That's all for my report.

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

We had a great Club meeting last week on February 17th. We got to celebrate a little late Valentine's Day, with cards and crafts from Lincoln School. Thank you to all the children at Lincoln School and to the Garwood PTA for organizing the card-making as a part of their Week of Love. I can tell you the seniors really appreciated the children thinking of them, and they loved reading their messages. If you go on the Garwood

PTA's Facebook page you can even see some pictures of the club members enjoying the cards. We also had a visit from Police Chief Wright and Officer Rivera to talk about some of the most recent phone scams targeting seniors. Thank you to both the Chief and Officer Rivera for providing that information and also spending the time to talk about some general happenings in Garwood with our seniors. Also, as you can see on the agenda, Resolution 22-049 is to hire Mr. Spera as a bus driver. However, I just want to point out that he is providing some temporary help to us just for the month of March. We unfortunately had no drivers for March, which would have left some of our seniors unable to go grocery shopping. Mr. Spera was generous enough to fill in for us for those shopping days in March to ensure that doesn't happen, and we thank him, and I hope you'll join me in supporting that resolution. Unfortunately, we are still short on drivers overall. I am hoping that raising the salary does help, but again please if you or anyone you know has their CDL license and would like to help, please reach out to me or our Borough office. So some good news to counter that. I am happy to announce some dates for additional senior activities starting in April. Some of the seniors expressed an interest in bringing back card games, so we have reserved some days at the Knights of Columbus for them to get together and play various games. Starting April 14th, any senior who'd like to get a game together can join us one a month. I will be working with our Senior Director to add some fun games like rummi-kub and pokeno into the mix, so please check out your spring senior calendars for those days when they get mailed out. Also, we will have twice monthly classic movie showings at the library, starting April 8th and 29th. A classic movie will be shown from starting at 12pm with some light refreshments served. Please check the spring senior calendars for those dates, as well. Thank you to Kyle Harris, Kathleen Wierzbinski and MaryAnn Duffy, Garwood Library Director, for helping me make these events happen. After a long couple of years with Covid, it's nice to have these events to look forward to!

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

We are looking forward to our March 9th kickoff event at Crossroads. Doors open at 6:30 PM and of course everyone is welcome to stop by and meet the Small Business Advisory Board! Invitations will be sent both digitally, by social media and in some cases by hand delivery in an effort to reach all Garwood small businesses in the next few days. One of our longer-term goals is to get a solid phone/email contact at every small business in town so we can provide assistance and also blast out information. We also had our very first intake of a request for assistance, which is in progress and that's all for my report.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chief of Police Monthly Reports for January, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow 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.

John Pritchard, 410 Spruce Street, sang a song regarding veterans.

John Bartolick, 231 Hemlock Avenue requested clarification regarding the legal parameters as related to the distribution of last year's budget summary at the special budget meeting.

Mr. Bartolick requested clarification regarding rental fees for the basketball court.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, to close public comment. All in favor.

Council President Blumenstock thanked Mr. Pritchard for commending first responders.

Council President Blumenstock requested Mr. Abramson provide clarification regarding the legal parameters as related to the distribution of the budget summary.

Mr. Abramson stated he will provide clarification at an upcoming Council meeting.

Council President Blumenstock stated the basketball court rental fees inquiry will be referred to the Recreation Director for clarification.

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.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, to adopt Consent Agenda as amended.

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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.

Resolution No. 22-050 will be placed on the March 10th meeting agenda for passage.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

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 Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Lazarow, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

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

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 **Councilman Graham**, second by **Councilman Lazarow**, to adjourn.

Time: 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:


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