

# Borough of Garwood Meeting of the Mayor and Council

## AGENDA

February 28, 2019

Moment of Silence.....

Salute to the Flag.....

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader, advertised on January 3, 2019, notification was sent to the Star Ledger and prominently posted on 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 Benoit \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman Blumenstock \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Graham \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Ince \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman McCormack \_\_\_\_\_

Council President Lazarow \_\_\_\_\_

### **MINUTES:**

Regular, Workshop and Executive Minutes of the Mayor and Council held on February 14, 2019.

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.** Mayor's Advisory –

- i. 02/12/19, RE: Daily Update (MONDAY)
- ii. 02/19/19, RE: Weekly Round-Up
- iii. 02/20/19, RE: Daily Update
- iv. 02/22/18, RE: Weekly Round-Up

2) **UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS** – 02/22/19, RE: Ordinance 805-2019.

3) **TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS** – 02/13/19, RE: Resolution 78-2019

### **ORDINANCES:**

NONE

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

**POLICE: Councilman Ince, Chr.**

**STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Councilwoman Blumenstock Chr.**

**FIRE: Councilman McCormack, Chr.**

**FINANCE: Council President Lazarow, Chr.**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Graham**

**LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilman Benoit**

**RECREATION: Councilman Benoit**

**GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Councilwoman Blumenstock**

**LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Council President Lazarow**

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Blumenstock**

**CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON: Councilman Benoit**

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Councilman Graham**

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Jim Wright, Chief of Police: report for the month of January 2019

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.  
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. 19-167**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby hire:

**Leonard DiStefano  
803 Center Street  
Garwood, NJ 07027**

As a part-time bus driver for the Senior Citizen Bus Program, commencing February 28, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$19.00 per hour.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-168**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, The Garwood Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Garwood Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Garwood Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Union;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Garwood Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Garwood Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 14,202
Cash Match	\$ 3,550
In-Kind	\$ 10,652
2. The Garwood Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-169**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to sign a contract with:

**Great Blue Lake and Pond Management  
980 Old Foundry Road  
Newton, NJ 07860**

Contract: 2019 Vegetation Management Program

Cost of contract: \$1,300.00

The service includes:

- One Application
- All labor and materials

For vegetation control in the Garwood Brook

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-170**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)  
IN THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey on July 11, 2000 adopted Ordinance No. 00-10, a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP Program) to enhance the ability of the Garwood Fire Department and Garwood First Aid Squad to retain and recruit volunteers for their respective agencies and;

**WHEREAS**, in the General Election of the State of New Jersey on November 7, 2000, the legal voters of the Borough of Garwood overwhelmingly approved the establishment of a LOSAP Program with a vote count of 1083 YES and 242 NO; and;  
**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 14-190 on April 2, 2014 increasing the LOSAP contribution amount from \$1,150 to \$1,589, the maximum amount allowed; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 15-172 on March 24, 2015 increasing the LOSAP contribution amount from \$1,589 to \$1,614, the maximum amount allowed; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 17-084 on March 28, 2017 increasing the LOSAP contribution amount from \$1,614 to \$1,635, the maximum amount allowed; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 18-094 on March 27, 2018 increasing the LOSAP contribution amount from \$1,635 to \$1,648, the maximum amount allowed; and  
**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the Governing Body desires to amend the LOSAP Eligibility Document in order to further enhance eligibility and the effectiveness of the LOSAP Program; and,  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey that:

1. The maximum LOSAP contribution amount shall be increased by 1.6% from \$1,648 to \$1,674 in accordance with the annual CPI adjustments for CY 2018 as authorized by the Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.9, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185(f) and LFN 2019-03.
2. Amendments to the LOSAP Eligibility Document are hereby made in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-14 and shall be submitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services of the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs along with a certified copy of this resolution.
3. These amendments shall be effective retroactively to the start of the LOSAP benefit year, 01/01/18 to 12/31/18.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-171**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby set the following dates for Special Budget Meetings.

Tuesday, March 12 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council to discuss 2019 Budget  
Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 403 South Avenue, Garwood

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council to discuss 2019 Budget  
Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 403 South Avenue, Garwood

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-172**

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2017, per Resolution No. 17-231 the council hired Amy Rivera as part-time Accounting/Payroll Clerk in the Office of the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator/Clerk and CFO/Tax Collector have recommended that the position be extended to full time status effective March 1, 2019 at an annual salary of \$39,000.00.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Amy Rivera, Accounting/Payroll Clerk be elevated to full time status as recommended at an annual salary of \$39,000.00

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

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Benoit</b>	_____	<b>Councilman Ince</b>	_____
<b>Councilwoman Blumenstock</b>	_____	<b>Councilman McCormack</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Graham</b>	_____	<b>Council President Lazarow</b>	_____

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PROCLAMATION:**

National Nutrition Month: March 2019  
Youth Art Month: March 2019

**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:

<b>Councilman Benoit</b>	_____	<b>Councilman Ince</b>	_____
<b>Councilwoman Blumenstock</b>	_____	<b>Councilman McCormack</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Graham</b>	_____	<b>Council President Lazarow</b>	_____

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_, to adjourn. Time: \_\_\_\_\_