

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
March 10, 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

Clint Dickson, Borough Superintendent of Public Works

Report of Borough Attorney

Report of Borough Administrator

PRESENTATION:

Westfield Chamber of Commerce - Recognition of the Borough of Garwood

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Todisco announces the first order of business is a department overview presentation from the Borough Superintendent of Public Works.

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 24, 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) 02/25/2022, RE: ETR in Senate, Legislative Map Adopted, Cyber Attack Warning
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/165257>
- b) 03/02/2022, RE: S330, Energy Tax Receipts Tax Relief Fund Restoration
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/165666>
- c) 03/04/2022, RE: ETR Restoration, Zoning Preemption, Opioid Settlement
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/165750>
- d) 03/07/2022, RE: Communications Survey - Help the League Provide Better Resources
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/166012>

2) TOWN OF WESTFIELD

- a) 02/25/2022, RE: Ordinances
https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Town_of_Westfield_Ordinances.pdf

3) TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

- a) 02/25/2022, RE: Ordinances
https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Adopt_2022-03_to_Surround_Comm_and_UC.pdf

ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION

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\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-01-AMENDING_SALARY_SR_BUS_DRIVER(1).pdf)

List correspondence concerning Ordinance 22-01.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance 22-01.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance 22-01.

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

Discussion:

Roll Call:

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

INTRODUCTION

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 22-02 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 126, ENTITLED "PARKS, FACILITIES, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION".

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-02-Amending_Chapter_126_Recreation_Fees.pdf

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ to introduce Ordinance 22-02.

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

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:

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report for February, 2022.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Addendum_February_2022.pdf

Property Maintenance Officer's Report for February, 2022.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property_Maintenance_Report_02-22.pdf

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. 22-051

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union State of New Jersey hereby approve the proposal from: MOTT MACDONALD, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, NJ 08830

FOR: The preparation and filing of the NJDEP Soil Remedial Action Permit #RAP150001 Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Report for submission by April 20, 2022 for a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-052

WHEREAS, the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce is hereby requesting authorization to close Center Street from South Avenue to Unami Park and subsequent cross streets between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting Garwood Rocks, Music, Cars, Shopping & Family Fun on Sunday, June 5, 2022 between 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce is also requesting that Municipal parking lots #1 and #2 be barricaded for use during the event; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has also requested that police officers be present during this event.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the closing of said streets and Municipal parking lots for the purpose of conducting the Garwood Rocks, Music, Cars, Shopping & Family Fun on Sunday, June 5, 2022 between 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body authorizes that Police Officers be present during this event in accordance with the recommendations of Chief of Police James H. Wright.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-053

SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND JOBS4BLUE

WHEREAS, the Garwood Police Department has engaged Jobs4Blue to administer their off duty program, and is desirous of renewing their service agreement with the company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby authorize the Garwood Chief of Police or his designee to execute the attached agreement with Jobs4Blue.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-054

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that David Barakat and Nicholas Petito are hereby appointed as Special Police Officer, Class "B" School Crossing Guards effective March 14, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-055

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD THROUGH THE GARWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE GARWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the United State Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting law enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county law enforcement agencies to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county law enforcement agencies, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union that the Garwood Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for a one-year period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Garwood Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the next twelve months, based on the needs of the Garwood Police Department, without restrictions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Garwood Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following "DEMIL B through Q" property, if it shall become available in the next six months: utility trucks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of the Garwood Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Garwood Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire "DEMIL A" property that may be made available through the 1033 Program until December 31, 2022 and requests to acquire "DEMIL B through Q" property that may be made available through the 1033 Program until December 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-056

Resolution Authorizing the Garwood Fire Department to Donate Surplus Fire Gear and Equipment to the Clifton Fire Department for Shipping to Ukraine

WHEREAS, the Clifton Fire Department has organized a Statewide collection of surplus fire gear and equipment for donation to Ukraine's Firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the following surplus gear and equipment formally used by the Garwood Fire Department has been determined to be inoperable and obsolete; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to donate the surplus gear and equipment to the Clifton Fire Department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby donate the following surplus gear and equipment:

19 jackets, 14 pants, 18 masks, 14 helmets, 4 pairs of gloves, 3 hoods, 26 - 4500 30 min bottles, 11 - 4500 packs (SCBA) and 4 - 2216 packs (SCBA)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this equipment is donated to Clifton Fire Department, 880 Clifton Ave, Clifton, NJ 07013.

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:

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 Resolution No. 22-050

Discussion:

Roll Call:

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

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Resolution No. 22- _____.

Discussion:

Roll Call:

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

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 24, 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: _____