

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 10, 2022

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Moment of Silence:

Tonight, it is with a heavy heart that I ask for our Moment of Silence to be dedicated to Carolyn Warchol. She was a lifelong Garwood resident who deeply loved this community and gave back to it. Carolyn had a great love of reading and brought her talents and interests with her as a longtime member of our Library Board of Trustees. She is part of some of my earliest memories as she was a volunteer arts and crafts teacher for an after school program for Lincoln School students. To this day, I still have some of the crafts I made with her and I'm sure the others do as well. Carolyn was also a big part of the Garwood Centennial Committee that planned amazing activities for our town wide celebration in 2003. I am honored to have known her and express my sincerest condolences to her husband, Dennis, her children, grandchildren and all her family and friends. She will be deeply missed. Also, since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, many people of all ages have lost their lives in the war. I'd like us to remember them during tonight's Moment of Silence as well.

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	P		
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
James Wright, Borough Chief of Police
Clint Dickson, Borough Superintendent of Public Works

Gene Jannotti, Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Carol Kearney, Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce

Report of Borough Attorney NO REPORT

Report of Borough Administrator:

Resolution No. 22-051: Mott-McDonald serves as our Licensed Site Remediation Professional. The Soil Remedial Action Permit for the Garwood Sports Complex requires an inspection and monitoring report to be prepared every two years.

Resolution No. 22-053: Jobs 4 Blue handles all scheduling, invoicing and collections of all extra duty assignments for the Police Department. J4B deals with the utility companies and contractors directly and schedules the officers through an app on the employee's phones. When the work has been completed J4B invoice the contractors for us and add a handling fee to the end which is assumed by the contractor. There is no-cost service to the Borough as the fee is paid by the contractor requesting the officer. The borough has been using this service for several years.

PRESENTATION BY GREATER WESTFIELD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Gene Jannotti and Carol Kearney of the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce presented a plaque to the Mayor and Council in recognition of the Borough's ten year membership.

Mayor Todisco thanked Mr. Jannotti and Ms. Kearney for the presentation of the honorary plaque.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW PRESENTATION:

Clint Dicksen, Borough Superintendent of Public Works, provided a presentation which outlined the services provided by the Borough's Department of Public Works.

Mayor Todisco thanked Mr. Dicksen for the presentation.

Councilman Graham thanked Mr. Dicksen for the presentation.

Councilman Graham requested Mr. Dicksen to provide the status of pothole repairs on North Avenue.

Mr. Dicksen stated he will check with NJ DOT because they are responsible for the road maintenance on North Avenue.

Council President Blumenstock thanked Mr. Dicksen for his presentation.

Mr. Dicksen thanked the Council for supporting the DPW.

Report of Mayor Sara Todisco

COVID:

I can't say enough how happy I am to be here without a mask on tonight. March 4, 2022 marked the two year anniversary of the first COVID case identified in New Jersey and March 14, 2022 will mark the two year anniversary for us here in Garwood. We have come such a long way. According to the data that our Health Officer shared with me, we've had a total of 807 reported cases since the pandemic started. Now we are looking at just having 7 new cases for the month of February, which is down from the 132 in January. New Jersey's rate of transmission is at .77, which is below the benchmark of 1.

PILOT Meeting:

I would like to encourage everyone to attend our Special Meeting on March 21st at 7pm regarding the PILOT funds we will be beginning to receive this year from Vermella. I appreciate the Council's support for this meeting expressed at the last Council meeting. The public can join us here at Borough Hall or participate via Zoom. Our redevelopment attorney, Bill Northgrave, will make a short presentation about how PILOTs work at the beginning of the meeting. Then, I will open it up to questions and comments from the public. This meeting will be especially helpful at this time as the Finance Committee is still working hard on the budget and we have our Special Budget Meeting for the whole Council to discuss on March 31st.

At this time, we have a conservative estimate of \$450,000 to be received, which I understand the Finance Committee has earmarked as revenue this year to offset the tax impact. This is in addition to the land taxes of approximately \$110,000 for this year that Vermella will be paying and it will be distributed like all other taxes to the municipality, school, county, and library. Just yesterday, I received an email from the Board of Education President requesting \$150,000 for the school to use in its budget this year. While they asked for an answer by tomorrow, we need to get more information first. We asked for more data on enrollment and their needs, such as capital projects, when we met with their team on February 24th. I believe once we have

this information and we get to hear from the public on March 21st, we will be able to come to an agreement. As I've said all along, I am committed to helping the school.

New Business:

Last weekend, I had the honor of attending the grand opening of Spyda Maui Thai, a martial arts, kickboxing, and soon to be yoga studio, at 55 South Avenue. I want to thank Council President Blumenstock and Councilman Graham for attending as well. As always, representatives of the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce were there to extend a warm welcome to a new business. I wish the owner, Jean, and his entire team of instructors and staff much success.

Mayor Todisco stated that annual donations are made by Council at this time of year.

Mayor Todisco stated the donations being made this year will be to the Garwood Baseball League in the amount of \$21.43 for each Council Member, and to the Garwood Education Foundation in the amount of \$14.29 for each Council Member.

Council President Blumenstock informed the Council of an upcoming fundraiser being held for Barbara Tweedle on the evening of May 12, 2022, which conflicts with a Council meeting. Council President Blumenstock suggested changing the meeting date so that Council Members are available to attend the fundraiser. Council President Blumenstock requested Mr. Harris provide an alternative Council meeting date.

Mr. Harris recommended moving date to Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

Mayor Todisco requested and received Council members' consensus to reschedule the Council meeting date from Thursday, May 12, 2022 to Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

Comments from the Council:

Councilman Graham reminded all in attendance to utilize the pedestrian safety traffic signals when crossing streets and intersections in the Borough.

Councilman Graham stated his support for resolution #22-056.

Councilman Kearney

Greetings to everyone, but especially Councilman Graham, as I am broadcasting live from sunny Disneyland, Florida and finally taking the family vacation we originally scheduled in March of 2020. Looking forward to the Force being with us all as well as a quick meeting tonight, since I will be waiting for Galaxy's Edge to open first thing tomorrow morning with my two little Star Wars fans.

I want to take a quick moment to highlight S-330, sponsored by the Senator from our neighboring Union County district and Senate President, Nick Scutari. This Council previously passed a resolution urging our representatives in Trenton to support this bill, which recently passed in the State Senate 39-0. I'd like to thank Senator Scutari for his efforts moving this bill much closer to the finish line, because it will help provide real property tax relief by returning local energy tax revenue back to local government, and also our Senator Jon Bramnick for his vote. The bill has been received in the Assembly, where I hope our district representatives in that chamber will also vote for it and help get it to the Governor's desk quickly.

Councilman Lazarow NO REPORT

Councilwoman Loffredo NO REPORT

Councilwoman Salmon

Tonight, the ordinance is up for introduction for the recreation complex rate increase for non-Garwood residents. I did glance over a few past rental agreements one last time, just pulling a few of those agreements, not all, we missed a revenue of over \$55,000 within a one-year span, again this is not all rentals within that year. These funds could have been used to upgrade the security system at the rec complex, as that is a current topic with building and grounds for this year's budget. We also could have used these funds to match the recreation grant the Borough received in 2020. Instead the burden has shifted to the tax-payer. While I understand we don't live in the past, I am glad we are taking this opportunity to learn, so Garwood can take a strong step forward.

Council President Blumenstock

April 3-April 9 is Local Government Week in NJ, and though we haven't been able to celebrate it the past two years due to Covid, I am happy to announce that we are bringing it back this year. All throughout the week, there will be events dedicated to showcasing our municipality, both the employees and volunteers from our departments, as well as its wonderful residents. A full program will be available soon online but, just to give you some highlights: on April 3rd there will be Breakfast with the Mayor here at Borough Hall, on April 4th, Chief Wright will be hosting Coffee with a Cop, our Mayor's Wellness Campaign will be having an exercise class on April 8th, our Celebrations Committee is having their Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt on the 9th and, back by popular demand, the Mayor and Council will be hosting a Bingo game open to all residents to sign up for on April 5th! We are also trying to coordinate a Students in Government Night with Lincoln School's Student Council and the Garwood Library will also have many events going on throughout the week that we'll advertise in the program as well. So some fun events to look forward to! Please be on the lookout for the full list of programs on the Garwood website and Facebook page. I'm really excited to get back to this, the inaugural year for it here in Garwood a few years ago was a lot of fun, so it will be great to bring it back again.

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 Council President Blumenstock, to accept minutes as presented. All in favor.

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

ALL RECEIVED AND FILED.

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. NONE

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

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

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow, to adopt Ordinance 22-01.

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call:

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

6-AYE, 0-NAY Ordinance 22-01 was adopted.

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 Councilwoman Salmon, second by Council President Blumenstock, to introduce Ordinance 22-02.

Roll Call:

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

6-AYE, 0-NAY Ordinance 22-02 was introduced.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair

The finance and personnel committee met yesterday to continue our discussions for the 2022 municipal budget. We met with our auditor, CFO, and borough administrator and have started to get closer to the finish line in preparation for our March 31st special budget meeting. I want to commend our team for ambitiously working tirelessly to find cost savings and creative solutions to make this year's budget impact fair to all taxpayers but also maintain key requested increases to insure all services are provided. We will be meeting again in two weeks to finalize the numbers and look forward to presenting budget highlights at the 3/31 meeting.

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair

I had a productive meeting with the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief and the Borough Administrator yesterday, with follow-up discussion on budget requests and the resolution of several pending items along with one emergent Fire Department issue.

Bringing the Council's attention to Resolution 21-056 on the Consent Agenda, I've been working with Chief Scalzadonna and the Borough Administrator since January regarding the disposition of old, outdated and expired equipment which was funded by the Borough. It recently came to the Fire Department's attention through a contact at the Clifton Fire Department that there was a way to donate fire equipment to firefighters in Ukraine, who are in desperate need of personal and protective equipment. Clifton Fire's FMBA Local 31 is facilitating this process and will accept the gear listed on the Resolution to forward it as a donation. To be clear, all of the equipment listed is expired and no longer serviceable or usable in the United States and our Fire Department needs to clear space for incoming equipment. So, I hope to have the entire Council's support for this Resolution.

I also have February's Fire Department Activity Report:

There were 13 calls for service in Garwood along with 3 mutual aid calls for a total of 127 firefighter hours for all alarms. The regular February meeting was held as scheduled on Wednesday, February 3rd with 24 firefighters in attendance for a total of 36 hours. Additional activity as follows:

Drill on 2/25/2022: Right to Know & Bloodborne Pathogen Training, 24 firefighters for a total of 48 hours.

FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: Councilwoman Loffredo, Chair

Good Evening Mayor, Members of Council and Members of the Public. Tonight, my report is short and sweet. 2 updates. First, a Purchase Order has been issued for the lighting upgrades at the Rec Center. The work is being currently scheduled be completed by next week weather permitting.

Second, a roofing vendor had given us a time and material quote for the current dpw roof repairs. A PO will be issued once a formal quote is received. In the meantime, a rain storm last week caused a new section of the roof to leak. The DPW has temporarily fixed this issue while we wait for the contractor to come later this month.

Finally, For the Shade Tree Committee- We applied for a seedling from the Salem Oak- a 600-year-old tree that died a couple years ago. It will be planted in the rec complex. Also, our application for the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign was approved. We can start planning the distribution event for Earth Day.

That's all I have for tonight. Thanks.

STREETS, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: Council President Blumenstock, Chair

Just a thank you once again to our DPW Superintendent for a well-done presentation. The department has been busy with various task in addition to regular garbage pickup. Some of these include changing out the winter banners in the downtown, tightening the canopies at Hartman Park and disposing of approximately 50 yards of vegetative waste, brush and branches at the Fanwood Recycling Center. The department also trimmed and elevated shade trees within the following areas:

- 200 and 400 block of 2nd Avenue
- 300 block of 3rd Avenue
- Winslow Avenue
- Dead end of Center Street (one removal)

Fanwood's bucket truck was used to complete the work.

Some mechanic operations performed in-house included the following: Perform preventative maintenance and install new belts on the senior's bus

- Installing new sidesteps on the senior's bus.
- Performing preventative maintenance to the newest garbage truck.
- Rebuilding a backpack blower that was damaged by the flood waters from tropical storm Ida
- Installing new brakes and rotors on the Dodge SUV.

The department continued salting operations as needed and began the annual storm water inlet cleaning program as required by the NJDEP and Stormwater Management Regulations.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Graham, Chair

Since the last meeting of Mayor and Council on February 24, 2022 the Garwood Police Department has recorded the following activity:

- Initiated 41 motor vehicle stops
- Conducted 81 building/property checks
- Initiated 19 Community Policing posts
- Assigned to 11 fixed traffic posts (Radar, Stop Sign, Distracted Driving)
- Responded to 12 calls for medical assist
- Responded to 8 business/residential alarms
- Responded to 8 false fire/co alarms
- Conducted 2 wellbeing checks
- Responded to 3 motorists lockouts

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:
Councilwoman Salmon, Chair**

Celebrations posted their Easter Egg Brunch and has opened up registration for residents via Event Bright. The brunch will be held on April 2nd at the Columbian Club from 11-1. It is \$20 to sign up and offers a full brunch buffet along with music, games, face painting, crafts and photos with the Easter Bunny.

The first ever Garwood Recreation Bowling program was a huge success. The 6-week program has 64 children registered and it was a blast. Many residents did reach out to me over the past week with great feedback, and are looking forward to the upcoming weeks of bowling. The Garwood Lanes was thrilled to have a packed house with this sold-out event! Recreation has also sold-out young Rembrandts, hip hop, and ceramics. Historical Committee met last week and has a lot of fun ideas coming. They have updated the Boro website with not only new information but new sections and links. Please make sure to check that out at garwood.org. That's all for my report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney

Communications has been reviewing changes proposed to the Borough's social media policy by the Borough Administrator, which is part of the employee handbook. Committee discussion continues on this topic. I'm hoping we have everything ironed out and a draft resolution to present to the full Council for comments and review at the March 24th regular meeting, so we can move forward on this topic with a Resolution in April. We also had preliminary discussion on a few items to work on once we're beyond budget season, so I expect this Committee will be as busy and productive as it was last year. That's all for my report.

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

I just wanted to report that I attended the viewing of 30 year library board member Carolyn Warchol. Having served on that committee for the last 5.5 years, it has been an honor to see such an amazing commitment to the library. At the last library board meeting I floated the idea of considering naming part of the community center at the paperboard site being named in her honor. Part of this community center was designed to be for adult programming and when the construction is done, honoring her in this way would be an appropriate gesture for someone so integral to advocating for the library.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

The next Board of Education meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, March 15th at the Lincoln School.

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

The Senior Club met on March 3rd and had guests from our First Aid Squad come to talk about overall safety and also programs that the seniors could help with. They also introduced the program Vials for Life, where important medical information is kept in the refrigerator in a medicine bottle so that in case of emergency where the senior isn't conscious, the EMT's know where to look to get lifesaving information. Each senior was given a vial and magnet to put on their fridge to alert EMT's. It's a great program and if you would like to know more about it, you can give the Squad a call on their general number. Lunch and Bingo followed, and it was a great afternoon.

I was also able to give the seniors dates for some new activities. The first upcoming date of the Classic Movie Screenings is April 8th at the Library. And join us for some card games on April 14th at the Columbian Club. We'll have a variety of games to choose from or bring your favorite!

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

The Small Business Advisory Board regrettably had to postpone the event planned for yesterday evening at Crossroads. The Board is working on a new event date in April. We are also working out a meeting date in late March, where I am looking forward to discussing both the event as well as the return of Garwood Restaurant Week. That's all for my report.

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 Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Graham, 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, stated his support for fire fighters, and sang a song regarding veterans.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, requested clarification regarding the amount of PILOT funds being requested by the Board of Education.

Mr. Paterson requested clarification regarding items accepted by the Fanwood Recycling Center.

Mr. Paterson requested clarification regarding the items being donated to Ukraine as per resolution #22-056.

Clarissa Nolde, 414 Locust Avenue, requested clarification regarding the recreation complex rental fees.

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

Mayor Todisco thanked Mr. Pritchard for his support of fire fighters.

Mayor Todisco provided clarification regarding the formula used for PILOT funding.

Mayor Todisco recommended the Westfield Conservatory Center for items not accepted at the Fanwood Recycling Center.

Mayor Todisco provided clarification regarding the fire fighter equipment being donated to Ukraine.

Mayor Todisco requested Councilwoman Salmon provide clarification regarding the recreation complex rental fees.

Councilwoman Salmon provided clarification regarding the recreation complex rental fees.

Mayor Todisco thanked Councilwoman Salmon for providing clarification regarding the recreation complex rental fees.

Discussion ensued.

Council President Blumenstock stated support for priority extended to Garwood organizations scheduling events at the recreation complex.

Councilman Graham provided information regarding the effectiveness of the fire department equipment being donated to Ukraine.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Todisco thanked Councilman Graham for providing the information regarding the effectiveness of the fire department equipment being donated to Ukraine.

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 Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock, to adopt Consent Agenda.

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.

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow, to adopt Resolution No. 22-050

Discussion: NONE.

Roll Call:

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

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 Graham, second by Councilwoman Loffredo, 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 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 Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, to adjourn.
Time: 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:


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