

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

Time:

Moment of Silence.....

Salute to the Flag.....

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk advertised on December 2, 2021. Notification was sent to the Star Ledger, and is posted on the Municipal website, the Municipal public bulletin board, and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk informing the public of the time and place according to the Provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Todisco _____

Councilman Graham _____

Councilman Kearney _____

Councilman Lazarow _____

Councilwoman Loffredo _____

Councilwoman Salmon _____

Council President Blumenstock _____

Roll call staff and professionals:

Kyle Harris, Borough Administrator

Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney

Ralph Bernardo, Borough Director of Recreation

Report of Borough Attorney

Report of Borough Administrator

PRESENTATION:

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

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 March 10, 2022.

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

All in favor, opposed?

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

- a) 03/08/2022, RE: Share Auto Theft Prevention Tips, Municipal Salary Guide Available
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/166080>

- b) 03/08/2022, RE: Governor Delivers FY 2023 Budget Address
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/166227>
- c) 03/11/2022, RE: Budget Address, ETR Restoration, BIL Guidebook for NJ
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/166460>
- d) 03/21/2022, RE: RSIS Resolution; State Aid Certification, Lunch & Learn Webinars
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/167092>

2) TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

- a) 03/07/2022, RE: Senate Bill S-330 and Assembly Bill A 1012: Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts Property, Tax Relief Fund
https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/SCOTCH_PLAINS_CORRESPONDANCE.pdf

3) TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

- a) 03/11/2022, RE: Ordinances
https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Adopted_to_Surrounding_Comm_Ord_2022-02.pdf

4) GARWOOD PLANNING BOARD

- a) 03/16/2022, RE: Minutes: January 12, 2022
https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/1_12_2022_PB_Minutes.pdf
- b) 03/15/2022, RE: Minutes: February 23, 2022
[https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/2_23_2022_PB_Minutes\(1\).pdf](https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/2_23_2022_PB_Minutes(1).pdf)

5) RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

- a) 03/18/2022, RE: Minutes
https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/RVSA_Approved_Minutes_021722.pdf

ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION

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/22-02-01-Intro_-_Amending_Chapter_126_Recreation_Fees.pdf

List correspondence concerning Ordinance 22-02.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance 22-02.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance 22-02.

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

Discussion:

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

PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Salmon

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chief of Police Monthly Reports for February, 2022.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to address the Mayor and Council please step to the microphone, and state your full name and address. Please limit your comments to five minutes.

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

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ to close public comment.
All in favor, opposed?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA

(Adoption upon Roll Call)

Consent agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion; any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of funds; any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda; all Consent Agenda items will be reflected in the full minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-057

NJ LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, RECOGNIZING NJ LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK, APRIL 3-9, 2022, AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, local government is the government closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, local government provides services and programs that enhance the quality of life for residents, making their municipality their home; and

WHEREAS, local government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, local government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along the understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, NJ Local Government Week offers an important opportunity for elected officials and local government staff to spread the word to all citizens of New Jersey that they can shape and influence this branch of government; and

WHEREAS, the NJ State League of Municipalities and its member municipalities have joined together to teach citizens about municipal government through a variety of activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY GOVERNING BODY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council encourage all citizens, local government officials, and employees to participate in events that recognize and celebrate NJ Local Government Week.

Section 2. That Garwood encourages educational partnerships between local government and schools, as well as civic groups and other organizations.

Section 3. That Garwood supports and encourages all New Jersey local governments to actively promote and sponsor NJ Local Government Week.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-058

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby approves the list of members eligible for 2021 LOSAP Benefits from the Garwood First Aid Squad

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the list attached be and is hereby made part of this resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 22-059

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby approves the list of members eligible for 2021 LOSAP Benefits from the Garwood Fire Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the list attached be and is hereby made part of this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-060

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

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:

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

Discussion:

Roll Call:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor's Appointment:

Clarissa Nolde Library Board of Trustees 3/25/22 -12/31/22 (unexpired term)

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, April 7, 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: _____