

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
April 7, 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	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

Roll call staff and professionals:

Kyle Harris, Borough Administrator
Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney
Kathleen Wierzbinski, Senior Citizen Programs Director
William Northgrave, Esq., Borough Redevelopment Attorney

Report of Borough Attorney

Report of Borough Administrator

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Todisco announces the first order of business is a department overview presentation from Kathleen Wierzbinski, Senior Citizen Programs Director

RESOLUTION NO. 22-062

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND MATTERS OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE RELATING TO THE ABOVE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A., 10:4-12, Closed session, Meetings open to public; exclusion of public; subject of matter.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood to conduct an executive session closed to the public in order to discuss the above listed matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby move to go into executive session in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq., for the purpose of discussing the subject stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in and minutes of the closed session shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Action will not be taken after the Executive session.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Resolution 22-062.
All in favor, opposed?

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adjourn the executive session and to resume the regular session.
All in favor, opposed?

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Todisco announces the second order of business is a presentation from William Northgrave, Esq., Borough Redevelopment Attorney.

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 Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on March 21, 2022.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on March 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) 03/25/2022, RE: FY 2023 Budget Details, Cannabis Licensing, DOT Grants
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/167627>
- b) 04/04/2022, RE: Primary Deadline Changes, Budget Testimony, Lunch and Learn
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/168189>

2) BRUCE PATERSON, CITIZEN

- a) 03/23/2022, RE: Letter to the GW Mayor and Council, the GW Board of Ed and Professionals
Ref: The PILOT service charge/revenue appropriation meeting of 3/21/22.

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 22-03 by title only:

CALENDAR YEAR 2022
ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-03-01_Intro-Cap_Bank.pdf

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ to introduce Ordinance 22-03.

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 March, 2022.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Addendum_March_2022.pdf

Property Maintenance Officer's Report for March, 2022.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/PROPERTY_MAINT.REPORT_MARCH_2022.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. 22-063

The 2022 Municipal Budget Resolution is attached hereto and made part hereof.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-064

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoint Jerome Palmer, Theodore Trojan and Kevin Donnolly as Fire Fighters for the Garwood Fire Department effective April 7, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-065

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2022 the Borough Administrator received correspondence from Chief of Police James Wright dated March 9, 2022, advising that Lisa Desimone is resigning from her position as Police Dispatcher with the Borough of Garwood; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Desimone has advised that his resignation shall be effective on April 1, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood as follows:

- 1) The Borough of Garwood hereby accepts and relies upon the April 1, 2022 notice of resignation from Lisa Desimone.
- 2) Effective April 1, 2022, Lisa Desimone shall have resigned from her position as Police Dispatcher with the Borough of Garwood.
- 3) This resolution puts the Chief of Police and Borough Administrator on notice to immediately process this resignation.
- 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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:

Caroline Sardinias	Celebrations Committee	4/7/22-12/31/22
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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 _____
Councilman Kearney _____
Councilman Lazarow _____

Councilwoman Loffredo _____
Councilwoman Salmon _____
Council President Blumenstock _____

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Tuesday, April 26, 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: _____