

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 7, 2022

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Moment of Silence:

It is with a very heavy heart I share the passing of long-time Garwood volunteer firefighter, including past Chief, Bill Toth. It was truly an honor to have known him. Bill was a member of our Fire Department since 1971 and served as Fire Chief from 1986 to 1988. Also, he was the Garwood Fire Official from 1984 to just a few years ago. He was a coach and equipment manager in the Garwood Little League from 1966 to 1986. As a long-time Garwood resident and volunteer, Bill made an incredible difference in our community. He, along with his beloved wife Joan, were recognized as People Making a Difference in the Garwood community by the Education Foundation of Garwood in 2017. Bill has also been recognized by other community organizations, including the Knights of Columbus. He will be missed so deeply by all who knew him and especially by our Fire Department that he gave so much of his time and dedication to. Please keep his wife, Joan, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, entire family, and friends in your prayers as I do the same. Tonight, we remember Bill Toth in our 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	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
Sandy Bruns, CFO/Treasurer
James Wright, Chief of Police
Kathleen Wierzbinski, Senior Citizen Programs Director
William Northgrave, Esq., Borough Redevelopment Attorney

Report of Borough Attorney NO REPORT

Report of Borough Administrator

1. Today we had the bid opening for the 2021 Municipal Aid Project. This projects includes Third Avenue from Maple St to Westfield boundary, Hazel Avenue from Center St to Westfield boundary, Hemlock Avenue from East St to Westfield boundary and Spruce Avenue from Center Street to East Street. Borough Engineer Disko will be at the April 26th meeting to provide a recommendation as well as provide an update on the South Avenue Curbing Project and the Hartman Park Accessibility
2. Borough Hall will be closed on Friday April 15th for Good Friday.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW PRESENTATION:

Kathleen Wierzbinski, Senior Citizen Programs Director, provided the following report:

Good Evening Mayor & Council, professionals and members of the public

I've been invited here tonight to give you a brief understanding of what my duties are as Garwood's Senior Citizen Director.

The Senior Programs that I run are supported by the Union County CDBG Grant. The cycle for the grant starts September 1st of each year ending August 31st of the following year.

My responsibilities include:

- Reaching out to various instructors and vendors to set up dates for the monthly calendars of activities.
- Once dates places and times are confirmed with each instructor I create monthly calendars of events.
- Approximately 200 calendars get printed and mailed to all Garwood Seniors that are on my mailing list.
- For Grant year 47, which is the year we are in now the activities included:
 - A Welcome Back Party at the Knights of Columbus in September
 - Monday's Beginner Line Dance
 - Tuesday's Zumba Gold & Bowling
 - Wednesday's Exercise Class
 - Thursday's Fitness
 - Ceramics Class is held 2 Fridays a month

As of now all activities with the exception of Line Dance are held at the Recreation Center. Line Dance will continue to be held at the Firehouse. And Bowling is held at Garwood Lanes. I don't think Ralph would be happy if there were bowling balls being thrown around the recreation center.

- I publish information concerning available activities for Garwood seniors in the Garwood Times and Senior News along with information on how to get my mailing list and information on how to join the Garwood Senior Club.
- I have many other responsibilities in the office but when time allows I do make the effort stop by the Garwood Senior Club meetings.
- I make the arrangements for the annual summer picnic that is held in June. The **tentative** date for the picnic this year is Thursday, June 2nd @ 12:00.
- Also I oversee the senior bus drivers and their schedules. We have regular contact with each other. Lenny D. really goes above and beyond for our seniors. We are so lucky to have him as our lead bus driver. Speaking of... if anyone in the audience or online listening is interested..... we are currently looking for a part time bus driver that holds a CDL license with passenger indorsement or that may know someone that may be interested, you can contact me at kathleen@garwood.org for more information on the position. Or the information is also on garwood.org under the government tab, and click on job opportunities.
- Lastly I submit the quarterly drawdowns to the county.
 - Weekly I receive sign in sheets from the instructors for the classes that were took place.
 - Monthly I receive the invoices for the classes from each vendor.
- Once checks have been cut to the instructors, a copy of the paid purchase orders, sign in sheets and invoices, along with the Payroll Registers for the Director and Sr. bus drivers get scanned and uploaded to the onto the Neighborly Software Program and is electronically submitted.

With all of this said I thank you for having me speak tonight on my duties as Senior Director. It's such a pleasure to know I can help to bring socialization and healthy activities to our most treasured residents. The Senior Citizens of Garwood. We really have a great bunch!

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.

At 7:17 P.M. a motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Kearney, to adopt Resolution 22-062.

Roll Call:

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

6-AYES, 0-NAYS Resolution 22-062 was adopted.

At 7:27 P.M. a motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Council President Blumenstock, to resume the regular session.

All in favor.

PILOT PROGRAM PRESENTATION:

Mr. Northgrave informed all in attendance that a correction to the amount of PILOT funds allocated for disbursement to the Borough in 2022 has become necessary following his initial presentation of the Borough's PILOT Program held on March 21, 2022.

Mr. Northgrave clarified the correction is due to an over projection of anticipated revenue based on the certificates of occupancy issued to date at Vermella.

Mr. Northgrave explained how the PILOT funds initially projected will be forthcoming in 2023 and 2024.

Report of Mayor Sara Todisco

Local Government Week:

I wanted to start by saying how wonderful I think Local Government Week is going. I know Council President Blumenstock will report more on this in her report since she is spearheading it. It was great to have my Mayor's breakfast return for the first time since the pandemic and I look forward to having another this year. Bingo was a big hit like it was when we did this in 2019. Everyone said how much they liked the food and everyone clearly enjoyed the bingo games. Last night's Students in Government Night was one of the best. The students were so well prepared, well spoken, and confident. They truly were impressive. I want to thank their advisor and my former teacher, Mrs. Benc, for all she does to get the Student Council ready for the mock Council meeting.

Daughters of Ireland:

Last Friday, Council President Blumenstock and I attended the Union County Daughters of Ireland Awards Dinner. I want to congratulate Garwood resident Sue Baron for being named Irish Woman of the Year as well as Arielle Cassidy, the owner of the Juice House here in Garwood, for being recognized as the Distinguished Service Honoree.

EFG Dinner:

I'd like to remind everyone that the 18th Annual Education Foundation of Garwood Appreciation Dinner will be on Thursday, April 28th from 6 to 9pm at The Westwood. Feel free to contact me for more information or for directions on how to get tickets. This year's Educator of the Year is Ms. Planer and this year's People Making a Difference Award recipients are Lenny and Cheryl DiStefano. Lenny is a retired Garwood Police Captain and current Zoning Code Enforcement Officer. Lenny and Cheryl have also been longtime bus drivers for the Borough. Due to the dinner being on April 28th, our next Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 26th.

Comments from the Council:

Councilman Graham NO REPORT

Councilman Kearney

Thank you, Mayor. You know, I had prepared a statement to read tonight regarding my service on the Finance Committee and this year's budget process, but at this moment I am not going to read it. Instead, I'm going to hold the statement and let's see what the night brings us.

Now, while I have you Mayor, I'd like to ask you this as a long time veteran of the Council and a former Finance Chair yourself: Can you explain in detail for everyone here tonight and watching at home how the Capital line item works, what the process is with down payments for Bond Ordinances and why it's of benefit to all of Garwood to increase funding in this area, particularity in this year?

Councilman Lazarow NO REPORT

Councilwoman Loffredo NO REPORT

Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

Council President Blumenstock

Local government week has been going really well. Thank you to Mayor Todisco for hosting her breakfast on Sunday and for those that attended. Coffee with a cop was also a lot of fun. A big thank you to Chief wright and his department for coming out to Dunkin' Donuts to speak with residents. Tuesday night was bingo night, as the Mayor said, and it was a great success! We had about 50 people attend to try and win some great baskets donated by the mayor and council. I've had a lot of request to have nights like that for the town more often, so we'll see about making that happen. Last night the mayor and council hosted the Lincoln School student council as they got a chance to see what it was like to be up here and hold a council meeting. Whether acting as mayor and council or as some of our professionals, the student did an amazing job and really represented Lincoln School well. I think one of our Councilmen said last night he has hope for the future after seeing these kids and I have to agree. The way they spoke about what they love about Garwood really warmed my heart. Tomorrow please join us at the rec complex at 5 o'clock for a low impact workout suitable for every age and every ability hosted by the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. Tony Bianchino who runs Out Run Your Fork and is a member of Mayor's Wellness will be getting our heart rates up a little bit. So please contact me by phone and email if you'd like to come or feel free to show at the door. And then of course we have a great Saturday planned with the Celebrations Committee's Easter

egg scavenger hunt as children will be headed to marked locations around town to hunt for their Easter eggs. The Fire Department and the Celebrations Committee will also be escorting the Easter bunny around town to wave to everyone. So thank you to everyone who has helped this week, thank you to all of our Borough employees and volunteers who have given their time to showcase our departments and our wonderful committees and thank you to the residents for joining in.

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 Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Kearney, to accept minutes as presented.

All in favor.

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.

ALL RECEIVED AND FILED.

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 Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Lazarow, to introduce Ordinance 22-03.

Roll Call:

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

5-AYES, 1-NAY Ordinance 22-03 was Introduced.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair

Last Thursday we held our special budget meeting where we discussed the 2022 municipal budget and came to a general consensus to propose a 75 dollar tax increase on an average \$400,000 valued property. Tonight we will be voting to introduce the budget which includes increased parking enforcement hours, a 17th police officer, and \$70,000 in capital improvement funding to help fund a variety of essential police and fire equipment as well as road projects. I do hope to see full support from the mayor and council on this vote.

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair

I want to extend my condolences to both the family and the entire Garwood Fire Department on the passing of former Chief Bill Toth. He was a person who made a difference in this community, and I thank him and his family for his many years of dedicated service.

The monthly meeting of the Garwood Fire Department has been rescheduled to next week, but I do have the monthly activity report for March:

There were 16 calls for service in Garwood along with 5 mutual aid calls, including 30 hours of service at a 5-alarm fire in the City of Elizabeth, for a total of 140 firefighter hours for all alarms. The regular March meeting was held as scheduled on Wednesday March 2nd, with 20 firefighters in attendance for a total of 30 hours. Additional activity as follows:

- Drill on 3/14 and 3/15: Standpipe and hand line operations in a mid-rise structure, namely the very popular tonight Vermella at Garwood Station; 28 firefighters for a total of 112 hours over both nights of training.
- Public Service on 3/19: Collection and delivery of out-of-date and out-of-code turnout gear and equipment to the Clifton Fire Department to be donated to firefighters in Ukraine; 5 firefighters for a total of 13 hours.

I'd also like to welcome our three new firefighters Jerome Palmer, Theodore Trojan and Kevin Donnolly to the Garwood Fire Department and wish them all good luck with their training and to stay safe on the job. I'd appreciate the support of the Council for the corresponding Resolution on the Consent Agenda, number 22-064.

FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: Councilwoman Loffredo, Chair

Good Evening Mayor, Council and Members of the Public –A few quick updates for Buildings and Grounds: Roof Repairs were completed at the DPW building and the Fire house.

Mold Remediation at the DPW is scheduled for April 18th and 19th

A time and material bid will be open on April 21 for electrical services. We have run into multiple issues with contractors not showing up including the promised rec center lighting corrections. We are pursuing this option to avoid issues like this happening in the future.

April is going to be an active month for the shade tree advisory, we will be meeting on April 19th to discuss all:

4/13/22 9AM Pick up Salem Oak Seedling –Jeff will be planting at Sports Complex

4/22/22 10AM RC Kids Academy Tree Planting 10AM at Sports Complex

4/30/22 10AM to 12PM Tree Seedling Giveaway at Municipal Complex

That's everything for tonight. Thank you!

STREETS, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: Council President Blumenstock, Chair

Streets and Ecology:

In addition to regular garbage pickup, the department installed new mulch in the landscaping beds at the Sports Complex as well as new topsoil, seed and mulch in various areas of the park and new stone dust on the Sports Complex walkways. The department also removed shade trees in the following areas:

- 445 Myrtle Avenue
- 425 Pine Avenue
- 300 Hazel Avenue

Fanwood's bucket truck was used to complete the work and the material was brought to the Fanwood Recycling Center for disposal. There were also some mechanic operations performed in-house which included installing new window regulators in one SUV and garbage truck and installing protective plating for the fuel transfer tank in the pickup truck. The DPW was also able to perform some street sweeping operations due to nice weather. They were in the following areas of the Borough:

- South side of the Borough with the exception of New and Oak Streets.
- Center Street in between North and South Avenues.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Graham, Chair

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

- Initiated 45 motor vehicle stops
- Conducted 100 building/property checks
- Initiated 16 Community Policing posts
- Assigned to 26 fixed traffic posts (Radar, Stop Sign, Distracted Driving)
- Responded to 24 calls for medical assist
- Responded to 7 business/residential alarms
- Responded to 27 false fire/co alarms

G.P.D. will once again take part in the nationwide distracted driving campaign called UDrive, UText, UPay! The purpose of the campaign is to undertake visible, targeted enforcement during April, which is National Distracted Driving Month. Enforcement activities will focus on driver behaviors that distract from the task of driving, such as talking on a hand-held cell phone or sending text messages. All motorists are advised to keep their heads up and phones down.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

AFTER CONDUCTING A DETAILED EXAMINATION BY POLICE CHIEF WRIGHT AND MYSELF I HEREBY REQUEST THAT ADMINISTRATOR KYLE HARRIS REVISE THE PARKING ORDINANCE THAT SPECIFICALLY CALLS FOR 50' YELLOW BOX PARKING EXCLUSION ZONES FROM INTERSECTIONS TO INCLUDE THE INTERSECTION OF CEDAR AND SECOND STREET.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Salmon, Chair

Recreation is pressing along with the newly implemented fee scheduled and form, for the recreation complex. I am looking forward to seeing an increase in revenue to AFC trust account. Spring programs are in full swing and our recreation director is prepping for summer recreation.

Celebrations held their annual Easter Bunny Brunch and it was a huge success. Over 40 residents and children attended and enjoyed a large brunch buffet. Thank you Councilwoman Loffredo for attending, the kids seemed to have a great time. I want to give a special thanks to the girls from Girl Scout troop 41290 that

came out so volunteer their time to help clean up. This Saturday April 9th from 1-3 is the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt. The hunt will take place all over Garwood! It will be a fun filled day. Please check out celebrations Facebook page for the details and directions on how to sign up.

The Historical committee met last week and reviewed their upcoming plans. The committee is bringing back "Garwood Rocks" at Garwood rocks and is working on plans for more fun events. They have implemented a new link on the Boro website for trains please be sure to check that out under the "about" section "Garwood and the railroad"

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney

Unfortunately, I had to cancel the meeting we had planned for earlier this evening due to a last-minute scheduling conflict. We will work out a date to get together before the next meeting so we can clear our agenda and move forward to the next set of initiatives over the summer. So, I hope to have a full report at our next meeting.

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

LIBRARY HOURS: The Garwood Library has new hours. The Library will be opening one hour later on Wednesdays and Thursdays through the month of June to accommodate Lincoln school students. The new hours will be as follows: Monday from 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday from 9 am to 8 pm, Wednesday 10 am to 5 pm. Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Friday 9 to 4:30 pm and Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

APRIL EVENTS

April 8 and 29 at noon. Classic Movie Friday – Join us for the first in a series of Classic Movie Fridays featuring memorable movies from the 50s and 60s. Light refreshments will be served. **April 9 from 1-3 pm Scavenger Hunt.** – The Library will be one of the stops on the town wide Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt. Come by and take home an egg and a bunny hat.

April 13 at 7 pm – Jamie Novak, 3 Steps to Get and Stay Organized - If you can't open your drawers, if clutter topples out of closets, and paperwork covers your tabletops then log on for this not-to-miss program. Join Organizing Humorist and bestselling author of Keep This Toss That, Jamie Novak, when she shares her laugh-out-loud funny approach for what to do with all the stuff – without getting overwhelmed. Once registered a Zoom link will be provided.

April 23 at 10:30 an – Bag It – The Garwood Green Team and the Library team up to bring you a film about a man trying to go a day without plastic. In this touching and often flat-out-funny film, we follow "everyman" Jeb Berrier as he embarks on a global tour to unravel the complexities of our plastic world. Information will also be available on New Jersey's plastic bag ban set to take effect May 4.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

The next Board of Education meeting will be held the week after Lincoln School's Spring Break, on Tuesday April 26th.

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

Today's club meeting was a fun one, with lunch and bingo of course. We discussed raising the fees to four dollars for lunch and eliminating member fees for any member over 90 for next year, which God bless we have several members in that age bracket, which is so great to see. We also found out about a trip on May 17 to the Brownstone, where we will have a great lunch and entertainment. So we are looking forward to that. Please contact me if any Senior would like to sign up for that trip. Just to note, tomorrow there will be a screening of a classic movie at the library at 12 PM and next week on Thursday the 14th, join us at the Knights of Columbus for card games.

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

The Small Business Advisory Board will be hosting its introductory event next Wednesday, April 13th at Crossroads, beginning at 7 PM. Our Board members should all be in attendance, and all small business owners in Garwood have been invited to attend to learn about the Board, discuss future initiatives by the Borough to support our local business community and of course network! The Board members have gone personally door to door to businesses, and a thank you to Chief Wright for having one of his Officers update the business list for the town, the Board split the list up into pieces and is going around hopefully making friends!

The Mayor and Council are of course welcome to attend as well, so I hope to see many of us and our businesses represented there next week.

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 Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock, 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.

Kathy Villaggio, 313 Fourth Avenue, commented on the PILOT funding discrepancy.

Ms. Villaggio commented on a letter sent to the Governing Body regarding the budget and tax hike proposed for 2022.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, requested clarification regarding the status of Vermella's 2% administrative fee.

Mr. Paterson requested clarification regarding the subject matter of the Executive Session held at the start of the Council meeting.

Mr. Paterson requested clarification regarding the assurance of PILOT monies.

John Bartolick, 231 Hemlock Avenue, requested clarification regarding revenue sources for 2023.

Michelle Capobianco, 404 Myrtle Avenue, requested clarification regarding the traffic pattern/traffic count at Vermella.

Ms. Capobianco requested clarification regarding traffic, parking and public safety as related to Vermella.

Ms. Capobianco commented on the Borough's fire inspection process as related to the occupancy status required for the sale of homes versus home rentals.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock, to close public comment.

All in favor.

Mayor Todisco clarified revenue sources for 2023 and stated areas that can be further reviewed for cost savings in 2023.

Mayor Todisco clarified assurance of PILOT monies will be in the form of a written final agreement from the developer.

Mayor Todisco requested executive session clarification from Mr. Abramson.

Mr. Abramson provided clarification.

Mayor Todisco stated the traffic study conducted prior to construction at Vermella supports data collected the Police Department.

Mayor Todisco stated the fire inspection process will be further considered.

Mr. Harris clarified resident parking is clearly outlined in the parking ordinance.

Mayor Todisco commented on budget debt increases/discretionary funding.

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 Donnelly 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 Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilman Kearney, to adopt Consent Agenda as amended.

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. 22-063

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

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Council President Blumenstock, to table Resolution No. 22-063.

Discussion ensued regarding tabling Resolution No. 22-063.

Roll Call:

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

6-AYES Resolution No. 22-063 was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor's Appointments:

Caroline Sardinas	Celebrations Committee	4/7/22-12/31/22
Rob Bilyeu	Shade Tree Committee	4/7/22-12/31/22

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 Council President Blumenstock, 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 **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 Councilman Kearney, second by Council President Blumenstock adjourn.
Time: 9:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:


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