



BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
April 22, 2025

Time: _____
Moment of Silence
Salute to the Flag

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk and advertised on December 26, 2024. Notification was sent to the Local Source Union County, 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 241, P.L. 1975).

ROLL CALL:

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| Mayor Blumenstock | _____ | | |
| Councilwoman Boto | _____ | Councilman Lazarow | _____ |
| Councilman Foley | _____ | Councilman Padusniak | _____ |
| Councilman Kearney | _____ | Council President Nolde | _____ |

Roll call staff and professionals:

John Arthur, Borough Administrator
Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney
Doug Stoffer, Chief of Police

Reports:

Report from Borough Engineer
Report of Borough Attorney
Report of Borough Administrator
Report of Mayor Blumenstock

Comments from the Council:

Councilwoman Boto
Councilman Foley
Councilman Kearney
Councilman Lazarow
Councilman Padusniak
Council President Nolde

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 10, 2025 and Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held on April 2, 2025.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to accept the Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes as presented.

All in favor _____, opposed _____?

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. RVSA approved minutes regarding 3-20 regular meeting, Flow Rights report 2-2025 and User Charge Report 2-2025
https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/RVSA_approved_minutes_re_3-20_Regular_meeting_Flow_Rights_Report_2-2025_and_User_Charge_Report_2-2025.pdf

ORDINANCES:

FINAL ADOPTION AND PUBLIC HEARING:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 25-14 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-14

**CALENDAR YEAR 2025 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/Ord. 25-14 Cap Bank.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._25-14_Cap_Bank.pdf)

Any correspondence received concerning Ordinance No. 25-14

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No 25-14

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 25-14.

All in favor: _____, opposed: _____

Discussion:

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Ordinance No. 25-14

ROLL CALL:

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|--------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| Councilwoman Boto | _____ | Councilman Lazarow | _____ |
| Councilman Foley | _____ | Councilman Padusniak | _____ |
| Councilman Kearney | _____ | Council President Nolde | _____ |

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 25-15 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, ARTICLE I “TRAFFIC AND PARKING”, SECTION 21-8.8 “LIMITED BUSINESS PARKING”.

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._25-15__Amending_Chapter_21-8.8_Limited_Business_Parking\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._25-15__Amending_Chapter_21-8.8_Limited_Business_Parking(1).pdf)

Any correspondence received concerning Ordinance No. 25-15

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 25-15

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 25-15.

All in favor: _____, opposed: _____

Discussion:

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Ordinance No. 25-15

ROLL CALL:

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|--------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| Councilwoman Boto | _____ | Councilman Lazarow | _____ |
| Councilman Foley | _____ | Councilman Padusniak | _____ |
| Councilman Kearney | _____ | Council President Nolde | _____ |

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 25-16 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-16

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 115 “MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES”,
ARTICLE III “EMERGENCY ALARMS”**

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._25-16_-_Amending_Chapter_115_Article_III_Emergency_Alarms_-_False_Alarms.pdf

Any correspondence received concerning Ordinance No. 25-16

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 25-16

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 25-16.

All in favor: _____, opposed: _____

Discussion:

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Ordinance No. 25-16

ROLL CALL:

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| Councilwoman Boto | _____ | Councilman Lazarow | _____ |
| Councilman Foley | _____ | Councilman Padusniak | _____ |
| Councilman Kearney | _____ | Council President Nolde | _____ |

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Foley, Chair

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Lazarow, Chair

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Councilman Padusniak, Chair

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilwoman Boto, Chair

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Kearney, Chair

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Council President Nolde, Chair

LIBRARY, MAYOR’S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Mayor Blumenstock

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

BOARD OF HEALTH LIAISON: Councilman Foley

PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

OFFICER’S REPORTS: PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

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.

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. 25-90

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NJDOT PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation proposes to establish a Handicapped Parking Zone along westbound Route NJ 28 (North Avenue);

WHEREAS, they propose the following:

HANDICAPPED PARKING:

The certain parts of State Highway Route NJ 28 described in this subsection are hereby designated and established as “Handicapped Parking Space” for the use of persons who have been issued special vehicle identification cards, plates, or placards by the Motor Vehicle Commission in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 39:4-197.5

| <u>Name of Street</u> | <u>Side</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|---|
| Route NJ 28 (North Avenue) | Westerly | Beginning at a point 478 feet west from the centerline of Cedar Street and extending 22 westerly therefrom. |

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood concurs that any approved regulations in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution be rescinded upon approval of the Traffic Regulation order.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Garwood supports the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for a Handicapped Parking Zone as described in this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-91

RETIREMENT PAYOUT – S. ROCCO

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accept the CFO’s terminal leave calculation for Captain Samuel Rocco based on time due as submitted by Douglas Stoffer, Chief of Police, in the Department of the Police, for retirement benefits of the Borough of Garwood as follows:

| Hours | Description | Hourly Rate | Amount |
|--------|--|-------------|------------------|
| 40 | 2025 Holiday Hours - prorated | 62.46 | 2,498.40 |
| 190 | Compensatory Time balance | 65.86 | 12,513.40 |
| 80 | 2025 Vacation Hours - prorated | 65.86 | 5,268.80 |
| 20 | 2025 Sick Hours - prorated and paid at 50% | 65.86 | 1,317.20 |
| 510.25 | Terminal Leave Sick Bank - paid at 50% | 65.86 | 33,605.07 |
| 184.17 | Terminal Leave Calendar Month | 65.86 | 12,129.22 |
| 184.17 | LTDB Entitlement Due | 65.86 | 12,129.22 |
| | | | 79,461.30 |

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough will pay said employee's retirement benefit of \$79,461.30 in first pay cycle after retirement. If additional time is used prior to disbursement the retirement benefit will be adjusted accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to execute to the above.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-92

**RESOLUTION TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR THE
 CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Commissioners plans to make available a total of \$6,000,000 to Union County's twenty-one municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the grant program is designed to support large-scale municipal capital projects that hold economic, transportation and governmental significance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood is desirous in participating in the grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Garwood's Governing Body of the Borough of Garwood has determined that Garwood should apply for the aforementioned Grant in an amount to be determined.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Garwood's Governing Body of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, authorizes the submission of the aforementioned Union County Capital Project Grant Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-93

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIREFIGHTER ZACHERY KORNBERGER

WHEREAS, Zachery Kornberger has passed all physical and background requirements to become a firefighter for the Liberty Hose Co. #1, Garwood Fire Department, and;

WHEREAS, no work which requires certification shall be undertaken until the certificate from the fire academy and/or certification from the Division of Fire Safety is obtained, as per the email from the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety on December 4, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoints Zachery Kornberger as Fire Fighter for the Garwood Fire Department **effective April 23, 2025**.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-94

RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR IT SUPPORT SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et. seq.* and N.J.A.C. 5:34, *et. seq.*, the Borough of Garwood (“Borough”) solicited bids for IT support services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received bids on March 27, 2025 for IT support services; and

WHEREAS, the bids must be rejected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2d, as the Borough seeks to substantially revise the specifications for services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood that all bids received on March 27, 2025 are hereby rejected and the Borough QPA is directed to revise the specification for services to require substantial in-person IT support; inclusive of possible in-house weekly hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough QPA will repost a notice for a new solicitation of bids in accordance with the substantially revised specification of services.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Consent Agenda.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL:

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| Councilwoman Boto | _____ | Councilman Lazarow | _____ |
| Councilman Foley | _____ | Councilman Padusniak | _____ |
| Councilman Kearney | _____ | Council President Nolde | _____ |

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by _____, second by _____, to adopt Resolution # 25-_____.

Discussion: Mayor and Council

ROLL CALL:

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| Councilwoman Boto | _____ | Councilman Lazarow | _____ |
| Councilman Foley | _____ | Councilman Padusniak | _____ |
| Councilman Kearney | _____ | Council President Nolde | _____ |

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND REFUNDS AS LISTED ON FILE:

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:

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| Councilwoman Boto | _____ | Councilman Lazarow | _____ |
| Councilman Foley | _____ | Councilman Padusniak | _____ |
| Councilman Kearney | _____ | Council President Nolde | _____ |

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Municipal Clerk to read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-95

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING 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.

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 may be taken.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Resolution #25-95.

All in favor _____, opposed _____?

ROLL CALL:

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| Councilwoman Boto | _____ | Councilman Lazarow | _____ |
| Councilman Foley | _____ | Councilman Padusniak | _____ |
| Councilman Kearney | _____ | Council President Nolde | _____ |

RE-OPEN MEETING:

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to resume the regular session.

All in favor _____, opposed _____?

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **May 8, 2025 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.

All in favor _____, opposed _____?

Time: _____