

**Borough of Garwood**  
**MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA**  
**APRIL 23, 2024**

Time:

Moment of Silence

Salute to the Flag

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk advertised on January 4, 2024. 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:**

<b>Mayor Blumenstock</b>	_____		
<b>Councilwoman Boto</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Nolde</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Foley</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	_____	<b>Council President Kearney</b>	_____

**Roll call staff and professionals:**

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

Mayor Blumenstock announces the first orders of business are as follows:

- Community Spirit Award
- Historical Committee Grant Presentation
- Capital Budget Presentation

Report of Borough Engineer  
Report of Borough Attorney  
Report of Borough Administrator

**Report of Mayor Blumenstock**

**Comments from the Council:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 9, 2024.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 11, 2024.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the Special Budget Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, opposed?

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**1) TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD**

- a) 04/12/2024, RE: Ordinance  
[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Township\\_of\\_Cranford\\_-\\_Adopted\\_Ordinance\\_No.\\_2024--05.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Township_of_Cranford_-_Adopted_Ordinance_No._2024--05.pdf)

**2) LETTER TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

- a) 04/15/2024, RE: Audit Information

**ORDINANCES:**

**ADOPTION:**

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 24-11 by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-11**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 27, ENTITLED "FIRE DEPARTMENT", ARTICLE I "GENERAL PROVISIONS", SUBSECTION 27-2 "ORGANIZATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS" AND SUBSECTION 27-6 "CHIEF TO BE FIRE MARSHALL, FIRE INSPECTOR, FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER".**

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord.\\_24-11-\\_Amend\\_Chapter\\_27\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._24-11-_Amend_Chapter_27(1).pdf)

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 24-11.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 24-11.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 24-11.  
Discussion:

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Ordinance No. 24-11.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilwoman Boto</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Nolde</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Foley</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	_____	<b>Council President Kearney</b>	_____

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 24-12 by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-12**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2024 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.\\_24-12-\\_CAP\\_BANK\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._24-12-_CAP_BANK(1).pdf)

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 24-12.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 24-12.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 24-12.  
Discussion:

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Ordinance No. 24-12.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Boto \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilman Foley \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilman Lazarow \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman Nolde \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilwoman Salmon \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President Kearney \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:**

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Foley, Chair**

**FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Lazarow, Chair**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Councilwoman Salmon, Chair**

**PUBLIC WORKS: Councilwoman Boto, Chair**

**POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Council President Kearney, Chair**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Councilwoman Nolde, Chair**

**LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow**

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Council President Kearney**

**GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Mayor Blumenstock**

**SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Council President Kearney**

**BOARD OF HEALTH LIAISON: Councilman Foley**

**PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Salmon**

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

GPD Report for March, 2024.

CFO/Tax Collector Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2024.

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.

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. 24-082**

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application from the Statewide Insurance for CEVO (Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator) Train the Trainer classes for the Fire Department

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Borough of Garwood, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to submit a grant application from Statewide Insurance in the amount of \$2,020.20 on behalf of the Borough of Garwood Fire Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Garwood Fire Department and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-083**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby hires Tyree Dumas as a Seasonal Laborer in the Department of Public Works effective April 29, 2024 at a salary of \$20.00 per hour.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-084**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby hires Patricia Vazquez as a part time Administrative Assistant in the Borough Administration office effective April 29, 2024 at a salary of \$25.00 per hour.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-085**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 26, 2024 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD**

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS**, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, each year the Borough of Garwood plants trees as a way of teaching its citizens, young and young at heart, of the benefit of trees to our environment; and

**WHEREAS**, in observance of Arbor Day 2024 two Eastern Redbud trees will be planted at the Washington and Lincoln School properties; and

**WHEREAS**, I am proud to dedicate Arbor Day to our Residents, Employees, Business Owners, Stakeholders and Shade Tree Advisory Board for their commitment and dedication to the Borough of Garwood.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Jennifer Blumenstock, Mayor of the Borough of Garwood, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 26, 2024, as "Arbor Day 2024" in the Borough of Garwood.

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

Roll Call:

<b>Councilwoman Boto</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Nolde</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Foley</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	_____	<b>Council President Kearney</b>	_____

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to adopt Resolution # 24-\_\_\_\_\_.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilwoman Boto</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Nolde</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Foley</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	_____	<b>Council President Kearney</b>	_____

**NEW BUSINESS**

**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:

<b>Councilwoman Boto</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Nolde</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Foley</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	_____	<b>Council President Kearney</b>	_____

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Information for meetings is posted on the Borough website: [https://garwood.org/gb\\_notices](https://garwood.org/gb_notices)

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn. Time: \_\_\_\_\_