

**Borough of Garwood**  
**MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA**  
**May 11, 2022**

Time:

Moment of Silence.....

Salute to the Flag.....

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk advertised on March 17, 2022. 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

Report of Borough Attorney

Report of Borough Administrator

**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 April 7, 2022.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 26, 2022.

Minutes of the Executive Session held on April 26, 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) 04/22/2022 RE: Cannabis Rules for Police, Sign Decision, Grants & Webinars

<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/169828>

b) 04/29/2022 RE: Budget Hearings; Federal Funding Opportunities; DOT Lunch & Learn

<https://njslom.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/170421>

- 2.) **RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**
  - a) 04/22/2022, RE: Minutes  
[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/FW\\_RVSA\\_Minutes.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/FW_RVSA_Minutes.pdf)
- 3.) **TOWN OF WESTFIELD**
  - a) 05/03/2022 RE: Ordinance  
[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Westfield\\_Ordinance\\_Intro.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Westfield_Ordinance_Intro.pdf)
- 4.) **MRS. TOTH, CITIZEN**
  - a) 05/03/2022, RE: Thank You Card

**ORDINANCES:**

**ADOPTION:**

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 22-04 by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 21-1 (PARKING PROHIBITED) IN ARTICLE I (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) IN CHAPTER 21 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD.**

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-04-01\\_Intro\\_-\\_Traffic\\_and\\_Parking\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-04-01_Intro_-_Traffic_and_Parking(1).pdf)

List correspondence concerning Ordinance 22-04.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance 22-04.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Ordinance 22-04

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**

**UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD: Councilman Graham**

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report for April, 2022.

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Addendum\\_April\\_2022.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Addendum_April_2022.pdf)

Property Maintenance Officer's Report for April, 2022.

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property\\_Maintenance\\_Report\\_04-2022.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property_Maintenance_Report_04-2022.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. 22-074**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR AND THE TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY TO FILE AN APPEAL REGARDING BLOCK 301, LOT 1, 550 SOUTH AVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, an appeal on property known and designated as Block 301, Lot 1, on the tax map of the Borough of Garwood, commonly known as 550 South Avenue has been filed by the taxpayer, A C P Partnership, under Docket Number 004818-2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Garwood asserts that the property is under assessed and that the assessed value of said property should be increased; and

**WHEREAS**, a method exists in the Tax Law for the Municipality to counterclaim from the current assessment to seek an increase in the assessed value;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood that the Tax Assessor, Jennifer Sherman, and Tax Appeal Attorneys, Renaud DeAppolonio LLC, be and are hereby authorized and directed to file such

counterclaims or appeals and/or take such other actions as are appropriate to increase the assessed value of said property to the value which the Tax Assessor deems to more properly reflects the value of said property for the year 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-075**

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2022 the Borough Administrator received correspondence from Andrew Wiecek dated April 30, 2022, advising that he is resigning from his position as Public Information Officer with the Borough of Garwood; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wiecek has advised that his resignation shall be effective on May 13, 2022.

**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 30, 2022 notice of resignation from Andrew Wiecek.
- 2) Effective May 13, 2022, Andrew Wiecek shall have resigned from his position as Public Information Officer with the Borough of Garwood.
- 3) This resolution puts the Borough Administrator on notice to immediately process this resignation.
- 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-076**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby hire Cheryl DiStefano as a part-time bus driver for the Garwood Senior Citizen Transportation Program, commencing June 1, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-077**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Lisa Desimone and Maria Theresa Almeida are hereby appointed as per diem police dispatchers, effective May 11, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour.

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

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Graham</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Loffredo</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Kearney</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	_____	<b>Council President Blumenstock</b>	_____

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Resolution No.

Discussion:

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Graham</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Loffredo</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Kearney</b>	_____	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	_____	<b>Council President Blumenstock</b>	_____

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jay Schroeck	Recreation Committee	5/11/22 - 12/31/22
Shari Littman	Small Business Advisory Committee	5/11/22 - 12/31/22
EJ Gaub	Small Business Advisory Committee	5/11/22 - 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 \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

**Councilman Graham**  
**Councilman Kearney**  
**Councilman Lazarow**

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**Councilwoman Loffredo**  
**Councilwoman Salmon**  
**Council President Blumenstock**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **THURSDAY, May 26, 2022**, at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

**THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET ON THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. OR SOON THERE AFTER.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_