

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

Time: 7:00 P.M.

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	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

Report of Borough Attorney NO REPORT

Report of Borough Administrator

We received the spring 2022 shade tree maintenance quotes back yesterday. This is to complete tree work that DPW cannot complete safely or is not capable of doing with the Fanwood bucket truck. Even if Garwood purchased a bucket truck this work will still need to be contracted out. Quotes ranged from \$22,000 to over \$47,000. We are seeing a significant price increase in tree maintenance from last year. We have a shade tree maintenance budget of \$15,000 this year. I have come up with the following options:

- a. On the lowest quote of \$22,000 the breakdown is \$16,000 for tree removal and tree maintenance (9 trees) and \$6,000 for stump grinding (26 stumps). We could complete all of the tree removal work using a \$1,000 from the tree planting sub account and not complete any of the stump grinding this year or we could increase this line by 10% and still do the tree planting. Either option here would leave the stumps in front of resident's homes for another year.
- b. The second option would be to increase the buildings and grounds by 10% (\$10,000) and charge some of the tree work to this line. This would give us an additional \$3,000 for any emergency tree work that comes up during the rest of the year.

I want the council to be fully aware that there are at least a half dozen trees that are being closely watched due to their health and a summer storm could easily cause tree damage that DPW could not handle.

Discussion regarding the shade tree maintenance services ensued.

Mayor Todisco recommended approving Option 2 as outlined in Mr. Harris' report.

Mayor Todisco stated a Special Council Meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers to discuss the 2022 Capital Improvement budget.

Report of Mayor Sara Todisco

Fire Department:

Last night, myself and the Council attended the traditional memorial service held by the Fire Department. Due to the pandemic, they were unable to have it the past couple of years and so the last one held was in 2019. I continue to be so moved by this tribute they have for firefighters and Ladies Auxiliary who have passed away. I am proud that the whole Council attended last night. I am very honored to have been invited to by the keynote speaker last night and as Chief Scalzadonna said, it is not common for them to ask Mayors to do so. The theme of my talk last night was that time is the most precious gift and I expressed how thankful I am for our volunteer men and women, both past and present, of our Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary. I thank them and their families for giving Garwood so much of the most precious gift they can give.

While I am speaking about the Garwood Fire Department, I want to congratulate Firefighters Tim Digney and Rob Juchnik for graduating from the Fire Academy a couple weeks ago. Thank you both for choosing this form of public service. We are proud to have you.

Paving Update:

I am happy to share that after much anticipated paving, the 600 block of Willow Avenue has been paved curb to curb by New Jersey American Water. The main reason for the delay was to ensure the two new homes constructed on that block could open up the road for utility connections before the paving. I appreciate the water company working with us to hold off on paving until this work was completed and any settlement was done. This is a testament to our work with the utility companies to restore roads in a smarter, more efficient manner. If it wasn't for this planning, the 600 block of Willow would have already been paved and then ripped up again when the two homes were constructed.

Unfortunately, we have all witnessed numerous streets worked on in town by Elizabethtown Gas Company, including on some streets already paved by us as a municipality and by the water company. While this is unfortunate because of the condition of the road, this necessary work provided upgrades to gas lines, which ultimately is a safety issue. We will be continuing to work with the gas company to get as many streets fully restored as possible. They are obligated to repave any street that they open that has been paved within the last 5 years, but we work with them to get additional blocks fully paved as we did with the north side of town in the past couple of years. Borough Administrator Harris and Engineer Disko will be meeting with their representatives on May 26th with the hopes of finalizing some plans for restoration work.

Vermella Update:

I have received an occupancy and rental update dated early May regarding Vermella. As of the beginning of the month, 41.9% of the entire property has been leased and 26.4% is occupied. By unit type that means the 1 studio apartment is not yet leased. Out of the 1-bedroom units, 61 are leased and 36 are occupied. Out of the 2-bedroom units, 57 are leased and 36 are occupied. There are only six 3-bedroom units as they are required to be there to meet affordable housing obligations and all are leased and occupied. Speaking of affordable units, there are a total of 30 units. 15 of those are occupied with another 12 applications approved and 3 outstanding.

Special Meeting Monday 5/16

We will be having a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council on Monday, May 16th here at Borough Hall at 7pm. As always, the public is invited to join in person or via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss capital items requested by our department heads. While we already started this conversation at the Special Budget Meeting on March 31st, Mr. Harris and I felt it was imperative we meet to make final decisions as we have already gone out for bids on the South Avenue curb project and we need to begin planning bond ordinances in order to fund capital needs the Council approves of this year. As always, the

public will have the opportunity to speak at the public hearings of bond ordinances before they are voted on for adoption as well as any Council meetings before those points in time.

Comments from the Council:

Councilman Graham

5/6 "WE VALUE OUR VETERANS" MEETING

I MET WITH DON TRETOLA OF THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS THE GOVERNORS WVOV PROGRAM. DON PROVIDED WITH ME WITH SOME BACKGROUND ON THE PROGRAM AND PROVIDED ME WITH A COMPLETE APPLICATION WHICH DETAILS ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO QUALIFY. THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET SHORTLY IN ORDER TO STUDY THE APPLICATION AND PLAN OUR COURSE OF ACTION.

Councilman Kearney

Thank you, Mayor. This is a message I've delivered a few times in my comments since last year, but it bears repeating. So, a reminder to everyone here with us in person tonight, joining us by Zoom or watching the replay of this meeting later on, that contact information for Mayor Todisco, all members of this Council and all the professional staff are located on the Borough website. Please reach out to any of us with comments or concerns.

Councilman Lazarow NO REPORT

Councilwoman Loffredo NO REPORT

Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

Council President Blumenstock

Just a few things I wanted to bring up for the Council to look into. Since we are having a special capital meeting on Monday, I do have an item that the Council may want to consider. You may notice as you drive around Garwood that some of the street signs, the actual street names, are faded and hard to see. I bring this up not merely for the aesthetic but because this is a safety issue. These signs are not up-to-code as per the DOT. The lettering has to be larger and reflective. DOT has done North Avenue, and of the County has done South Avenue, and we have been able in Garwood to replace the street signs on Center and East. But there are 27 more intersections that need to be replaced and Chief Wright has gotten an estimated cost of about \$5000 to do that, hardware and poles included. I'd like to see the Council consider this when making decisions on Monday. I know we usually put sign replacement in the operating budget yearly, but that is usually used to replace broken or faded traffic signs that inevitably crop up, and I'd like to see this finally done all at once; perhaps it's something we could add to a road project.

Another item that has been brought to me recently by residents again is door-to-door solicitations. We've spoken before about this and a "Do Not Knock" list was, I believe, brought up but it hasn't had any legs. I'd like to see about adding an ordinance that would prohibit solicitors from visiting households who have registered for this, of course making exceptions for religious and political groups. Kenilworth has such an ordinance, as does Roselle Park and Fanwood to name a few more. I would like to send over these ordinances to Mr. Harris to distribute to the Council and perhaps we could discuss at the next meeting whether it would be something we'd like to possibly proceed with and get resident feedback on?

The last thing I would like the Council to look into is installing an electric vehicle charging station at one of our municipal parking lots. Obviously, as a part of the Green Team, we'd like to encourage more electric vehicles and in fact we are seeing more and more of them as the infrastructure for them improves. I've done

quite a bit of research already and while there are a few state grants, given the size of our municipality and some of the limitations on these grants, we may be better served doing a public/private partnership, similar to the one Westfield has entered into, where the company covers the cost of the equipment and installation through advertisements on the machine's screen. Since buildings and grounds and streets and roads have the same committee members, if everyone's in agreement to look into this, I'd like to have the Streets and Roads committee look at some of the research and options and then perhaps when we get a better feel for it, present it to the Council. In the meantime, I'd encourage everyone, Council member and all residents, to take a look at the ones located in Westfield and there are also some Tesla charging stations on the Cranford/Roselle Park border as well.

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 Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock, to accept minutes as presented. All in favor.

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

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

4) MRS. TOTH, CITIZEN

- a) 05/03/2022, RE: Thank You Card

ALL RECEIVED AND FILED.

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. NONE
Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance 22-04.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance 22-04.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Council President Blumenstock, to adopt Ordinance 22-04

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call:

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

6-AYES, Ordinance 22-04 was adopted.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair

Just want to remind the council and public we will be having a special meeting to discuss capital projects on Monday 5/16 @ 7PM.

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair

Last night, as the Fire Commissioner, I had the honor of being invited to speak by the Garwood Fire Department at their annual memorial service for members of both Liberty Hose Company #1 and the Garwood Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary who have passed away. The service was well presented and moving, especially the "roll call" where the names of every member of both the Company and the Ladies' Auxiliary who have passed, dating back to the inception of the Department in 1903, were read aloud with the silence only being broken by the names and the tolling of a bell for each member. I was also struck by the number of departed members with the same last names, clearly showing the proud tradition of public service that is known to run through generations of first responders is quite strong in our town. As I said last night, the dedication of these men and women to Garwood now and over the years simply can't be overstated, and again, thank you all for your service.

Our firefighters, along with Engine 3, were deployed starting yesterday afternoon to provide coverage in the City of Elizabeth, where Elizabeth Fire and just about every fire department in Union County are battling a massive 5-alarm blaze at a waste transfer station. As of my last conversation with the Chief, our firefighters had not been deployed to the scene but were providing coverage for other calls for service while EFD is fully committed to the fire scene, and they returned to the Borough around 1 in the morning after being initially deployed around 3 in the afternoon.

I'll have the monthly activity report for April in our next meeting.

FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: Councilwoman Loffredo, Chair

Good Evening Members of Council, Mayor and Members of the Public.

One update this week.

Multiple false fire alarms have been activated within boro hall in recent weeks. The fire panel in Borough Hall dates back to the original construction of the building. The service company came out and did not find any issue with the panel. We are now waiting on a quote for replacement.

That's all for tonight. Thank you.

STREETS, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: Council President Blumenstock, Chair

Spring is in full swing in our Department of Public Works. The Department installed new topsoil, seed and mulch in various areas of the Sports Complex and Kennedy Plaza as well as new certified playground mulch at the Sports Complex and Hartman Park. They installed new “Do Not Enter” signs at the intersection of Maple Street and 2nd Avenue, the new LED stop signs at the intersection of Cedar Street and 2nd Avenue and put up the “Garwood Rocks” banners throughout the business district. The in-house mechanic operations included re-building the entire bed of the older mason dump truck, which consisted of cutting out the old steel bed and cross members and welding in new material, as well as installing new tires on the UTV and the Toro mower. Street sweeping operations have begun with no parking signs being put up and taken down accordingly. Monthly overnight sweeping of the downtown area and underpass will continue this season, as well. Please check out the schedule of services for your street’s scheduled days and sign up for Nixle to receive reminder alerts.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Graham, Chair

Since the last meeting of Mayor and Council on April 28, 2022 the Garwood Police Department has recorded the following activity:

- Initiated 49 motor vehicle stops
- Conducted 114 building/property checks
- Initiated 26 community policing posts
- Assigned to 25 fixed traffic posts (Radar, Stop Sign, Distracted Driving)
- Responded to 13 calls for medical assist
- Conducted 8 wellbeing checks
- Responded to 4 business/residential alarms
- Responded to 3 minor structure fires
- Responded to 19 false 911/fire/co alarms
- Responded to 3 motor vehicle lockouts

There are still spots available for the upcoming Youth Academy schedule for August 15th to the 19th. Applications can be found at the police desk or online at GarwoodPD.org. Children entering grades 5th through 9th are eligible to attend.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Salmon, Chair

Councilwoman Salmon provided an update on each committee.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney

Two quick items tonight. The policy review I mentioned in my last report is ongoing. The Committee had some questions which were referred to the Borough Attorney that are still pending.

Also, I’ve received a number of complaints regarding the audio quality over Zoom and/or livestream for our last meeting. I watched the video replay on YouTube and did hear several people with very distorted voices at times during the meeting. Mr. Harris and I looked at all the audio system settings today, and everything appears OK on our end. I spoke to everyone prior to the meeting about placement of the microphones up here and will work with Mr. Harris and our Moderators to keep an eye...or literally an ear...on this for the next few meetings.

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow
MAY EVENTS

May 9 through May 31 Bookmark Contest The Library wants you to design a summer reading bookmark, combining this year's theme (oceans) and reading. One student from each grade will have their bookmark printed and distributed by the library for everyone to enjoy! Please check our website and watch the Friday Folder for contest rules. This contest is open to Garwood residents only.

May 13 and 27 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. Registration required.

May 17 at 3pm – Virtual Adult Craft. Pick up your craft supplies from the Library and then watch the Facebook tutorial at 3 pm. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 10 participants. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone

May 16 at 1pm - Book Discussion Group Join us in the library for a lively discussion of this month's book "Mexican Gothic" by Silvia Moreno Garcia.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

The Garwood Board of Education met on April 26th, where the budget was presented and adopted for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board voted 8-1 to adopt the budget as presented, which included a tax increase of \$175.56 per household with the average assessed home value of \$403,814. The budget presentation this year did not provide a per pupil cost, but it did highlight a number of non-discretionary budget increases that this Council also struggled with during our budgeting process, including Salaries, Health Insurance, Transportation, contractual costs along with Social Security. The presentation also referenced the use of shared services by the district as a source of savings. The total budget for the district comes in at 10.5 million dollars.

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

At our last meeting on May 5th, we were joined by representatives from the Union County Division on Aging. They were able to provide our seniors with many resources from doctors who can do at-home visits, to at home eye exams and free hearing aid programs. There was also information on meal delivery or take home meal options at a number of nutrition sites. I have a packet of the information and will be providing our senior director with it so that anyone who wants information on these services can have easy access even if they aren't able to go online, which was something that the club discussed, getting access to help, certain numbers and information even if they aren't able to use the internet. So please feel free to give me a call or call our senior director at Borough Hall if there if you have any need or require assistance in getting information, we are always there to help. On another note, we will be gathering for cards and games at 1pm on tomorrow at the Knights of Columbus and we have another classic movie showing on Friday at the library at 12pm.

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

The next meeting of the Small Business Advisory Board is scheduled for Monday, June 6th where we will discuss initiatives for the summer and fall.

I'm also happy to welcome another new business here to Garwood, where I like to say that not only are we "small town, big heart" we are also "small town, open for business". I may have "borrowed" that turn of phrase from the Mayor. I'm looking forward to attending the Ribbon cutting for Moxie Salon and Beauty Bar, operated by Kelly Dunn and located at 504 North Avenue. That will be on Wednesday May 18th, so I hope we get a good turnout to support a new local business!

UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD: Councilman Graham

STEPHEN DUNN REPORTED ON THE 9/11 MEMORIAL TRAIL WHICH IS PART OF THE EAST COAST GREENWAY THAT LINKS NYC, SHANKSVILLE, PA AND THE PENTAGON. STEPHEN GOES BY “THE BIKING FIREMAN” AND HAS BEEN A PROPONENT OF THE EXTENSIVE TRAIL FOR BIKERS AND HIKERS. IT IS CLEARLY MARKED AND HAS A JUNCTURE IN NEARBY UNION CITY.

JENNIFER COSTA OF THE ELIZABETH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORTED ON THE ELIZABETH FAST FERRY THAT WILL CONNECT ELIZABETH WITH PIER 15 IN LOWER MANHATTAN. THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN ON 8/15 AND EVENTUALLY FEATURE ZERO EMISSION ELECTRIC FERRIES. THE BASE FARE IS GOING TO BE \$28.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Kearney, 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.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, commented on EV stations being added to the Borough.

Mr. Paterson requested clarification regarding the budget CAP.

Mr. Paterson commented on the shade tree maintenance services as related to the budget.

Mr. Paterson commented on the Borough’s PILOT contribution to the Garwood Board of Education as related to tax relief.

Mr. Paterson commented on the NJ State Bill A-4454/S-2781 matter.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Kearney, to close public comment. All in favor.

Mayor Todisco provided information regarding the EV charging stations for the Borough.

Mayor Todisco provided information regarding the occupancy and leasing at Vermella.

Mayor Todisco clarified the budget CAP.

Mayor Todisco clarified the shade tree maintenance services budget concern.

Council President Blumenstock clarified the stump grinding process used in Fanwood.

Mayor Todisco clarified how the PILOT funds allocated to the BOE will provide tax relief.

Mayor Todisco stated support for retaining the NJ State Bill A-4454/S-2781 matter with the Board of Education.

At 8:13 P.M. a motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Lazarow, to recess the Council meeting.

At 8:22 P.M. a motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Lazarow, to resume the Council meeting.

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 Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow, to adopt Consent Agenda.

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: NONE

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 Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, 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 **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

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Lazarow, to adjourn.
Time: 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:


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