

**Borough of Garwood
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 16, 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 May 12, 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
Sandy Bruns, CFO/Treasurer
Catherine D. Cameron, Borough Clerk
James Wright, Chief of Police
John Scalzadonna, Fire Chief
Clint Dickson, DPW Superintendent
Mike Disko, Borough Engineer

The Borough Clerk read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-078

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the agreement with South Avenue Urban Renewal LLC, 570 Commerce Blvd., Carlstadt, NJ 07072 for the 2022 and 2023 Annual Service Charge payments schedule in accordance with the Financial Agreement among the parties dated October 17, 2017.

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

2022 CAPITAL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Harris provided a Power Point presentation summarizing the Borough's 2022 capital improvement plan, which included schedules and projected costs for each department.

Mayor Todisco requested Chief Wright provide the timeframe in which the 911 enhancements and radios are needed by the Police Department.

Chief Wright provided the timeframe for the equipment requested.

Discussion ensued.

A summary of capital items being requested was provided by each Borough department head.

Mayor Todisco requested consensus from Council members regarding the capital items requested. The capital items listed below were approved for purchase in 2022:

- Fire Department: Water Rescue Equipment; SCBA Equipment; Assorted Fire Equipment; Fire Chief Vehicle
Total cost: \$482,000
- Police Department: (3) Speed Radar Signs; (3) Pedestrian Safety Beacons
Total cost: \$55,000
- Buildings & Grounds: Disability Access @ Hartman Park; Borough Hall/Fire Department doors & windows
Total cost: \$27,500
- Engineering & Roads: South Ave. curb repairs; sidewalk installation; road paving
Total cost: \$ 580,000

Discussion regarding authorization of a Bond Ordinance for curb replacements on South Avenue ensued. Mayor Todisco requested consensus from Council members to introduce the bond ordinance at the May 26, 2022 Council meeting.

All in favor.

At 9:41 P.M. a motion was made by Councilman Kearney second by Councilman Graham, to recess for five minutes.

All in favor.

At 9:47 P.M a motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Council President Blumenstock, to resume the meeting.

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.

John Bartolick, 231 Hemlock Avenue, commented on the order of the special meeting agenda items.

Mr. Bartolick requested clarification regarding a post action Tropical Storm Ida report.

Mr. Bartolick requested clarification regarding post action Tropical Storm Ida budget status.

Mr. Bartolick requested clarification regarding the curbing expense as related to the Vermella development and PILOT funding.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, requested clarification regarding the debt ratio.

Mr. Paterson requested clarification regarding the water rescues made during Tropical Storm Ida.

Mr. Paterson requested clarification regarding grants used for capital items.

Mr. Paterson requested clarification regarding bond life span.

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

All in favor.

Mayor Todisco clarified the reason for items requiring action at the special meeting.
Mayor Todisco clarified post Ida actions as related to the budget.
Mayor Todisco clarified the curbing expense as related to PILOT funds.

Fire Chief Scalzadonna provided details regarding the several water rescues made by the Fire Department during Tropical Storm Ida.

Ms. Bruns clarified the bond fess and useful life span for capital item purchases such as vehicles and equipment.


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.

Information for meetings is posted on the Borough website: https://garwood.org/gb_notices

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Kearney, to adjourn.
Time: 10:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:


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