

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 26, 2022

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Moment of Silence

Our moment of silence tonight is offered in the memory of the 19 children and 2 teachers who lost their lives to senseless gun violence two days ago in Uvalde, Texas. Just ten days earlier, 10 people lost their lives in Buffalo, New York in a mass shooting. Please join me in remembering these children and adults with their lives cut short during our moment of silence tonight

Salute to the Flag

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk advertised on December 2, 2021. 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 (*Remote)
Councilman Kearney	EXCUSED	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

Sandy Bruns, CFO/Treasurer

Warren Korecky, Auditor

Report of Borough Attorney NO REPORT

Report of Borough Administrator:

1. On tonight's agenda we have bond ordinance 22-05. This is the bond ordinance discussed last week for curb repairs, sidewalk repairs and park improvements. The breakdown of the \$252,500 is as follows: \$190,000 is being borrowed, \$10,000 is the down payment, \$17,500 is a grant from the Union County Kids Trust and \$35,000 is a grant for Infrastructure from Union County. Additionally we had the bid opening for both the South Ave Curbs and the Hartman Park Access. The bids are still under review by our engineer but appear to have come in under budget. Mr. Disko is also working on the Borough wide sidewalk assessment that was discussed at the capital meeting.
2. Ordinance 22-06 is the salary ordinance setting the ranges for borough employees. The last time most positions had an updated salary ordinance was in December of 2020. Each position have enough room within the range to allow for annual raises of 2% through 2024. This will save the borough money by not having to redo this ordinance on an annual basis. I encourage the council to introduce this tonight so that Chief Wright will be able to hire dispatchers at the next meeting.
3. Resolution 22-081, with the adoption of the Budget and this resolution the Borough's 2022 contracted tree work will begin next week. This is for the removal 12 trees and stump grinding for 28 additional stumps. The contractor expects to complete all of the stump grinding next week with the tree work starting on or about June 7.

4. On May 18th, myself, our Police Chief and Captain, and our Public works superintendent met with representatives of NJ court system along with our Judge and Court Administrator. The purpose of this meeting was to review and building safety and security. No issues were found with our current safety and security
 5. On May 17th, the Borough held its annual safety meeting with Dept Heads and representatives from our Risk Manager and the Joint Insurance Fund. I am happy to report in 2021, we had only a few minor employee injuries and no major insurance claims.
 6. 911 Enhancements: Chief Wright informed me that he has received new information from New Jersey Office of Information Technology that the implementation of the enhanced 911 systems will be starting in September of 2023 in Bergen County. We should expect the implementation to take place in the 1st or 2nd quarters of 2024 in Union County.
 7. PSE&G Pole replacement: PSE&G has started replacing utility poles in the Borough. Poles have been replaced on Locust, Center Street and South Ave. Once all utilities are moved over to the new pole the old poles will be removed.
 8. This morning I attended a preconstruction meeting with Borough Engineer Mike Disko for the upcoming Municipal Aid Project. On or about June 7th, road construction will be taking place on Hazel, Hemlock, Spruce and Third Ave. Construction is expected to take six weeks.
- The expected order of completion and scope of work is as follows:
- a. Hazel Ave from Center Street to the dead-end: curbs and paving
 - b. Hemlock from East to the dead-end: Curbs, Driveway Aprons and paving
 - c. Third Ave from Maple to the dead-end: Paving and Curbs
 - d. Spruce from Center to East: Paving
9. Borough Hall will be closed on Monday May 30th for Memorial Day
 10. Starting Tuesday May 31st, Borough Hall will be opening at 8:30AM every day for summer hours. Borough Hall will be opening until 4:30PM Monday through Thursday and will close at 1PM on Fridays through the Labor Day Holiday.

Report of Mayor Sara Todisco

I'd like to start by welcoming a new business to town. Last week, I had the honor of attending the grand opening of Moxie Salon and Beauty Bar at 504 North Avenue. I wish them much success here in Garwood.

Earlier today, I spent time meeting up with representatives of Elizabethtown Gas to discuss plans for road restoration work alongside Borough Administrator Kyle Harris, Engineer Mike Disko, and Council President Jen Blumenstock as she is the Chair of the Streets, Ecology, and Sustainability Committee. It was a very productive on-site meeting. We discussed potential swap arrangements to maximize the amount of roads paved and to have it done most efficiently. The gas company still needs to take back our tentative agreement to make sure they get approval. However, we agreed to have the gas company pave Myrtle Avenue from Center to Maple curb to curb. Garwood would need to pave Myrtle from Maple to the dead end and we thought this was wise because two homes are currently undergoing major renovation work, which will require large construction equipment to use this street. Next, the gas company would pave West Street from South to Willow and from Myrtle to Spruce. Garwood would then take responsibility for West from Willow to Myrtle because that is where we are planning to add sidewalks. The gas company will pave curb to curb on moratorium streets, including Willow from Center to West, Center from South to Willow, and Spruce from Center to Maple. There may be a partial restoration of Center Street from Willow to Spruce because their work affected one side of the street within the shoulder (from one white line to the curb). The gas company expects to pave right after the settlement period, which would be this August. We asked for them to really try to get this paving done before the school year started and they agreed. They, too, want to do the work before school starts back up. Lastly, I want to share that I asked for them to consider paving Hemlock Avenue from Lexington to East as part of a swap, but they said they are unable to negotiate any streets outside of this specific Garwood project. With that in mind, I would like the Council to support putting the 200 block of Hemlock into our next DOT application, which is due July 1. Again, this is a tentative agreement and I will be sure everyone is updated once it is finalized.

A couple members of the Council have brought concerns to me about how information is shared from department heads to related committee members. It appears it is not being handled uniformly across all

departments. Therefore, I am directing Administrator Harris to require all department heads to share reports, important information, and information on new initiatives and programs with all three of their respective Council committee members.

Lastly, I would like to recognize our DPW as it was National Public Works Week last week. I'd also like to recognize National Police Week, which was May 15th through May 21st. We must never forget the ultimate sacrifice paid by law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty, including Garwood's Officer Thomas P. Haughton who passed away on the line of duty on November 24, 1995. Also, I would be remiss not to acknowledge International Firefighters Day held on May 4th. There is so much to be grateful for here in Garwood.

Comments from the Council:

Councilman Graham stated his support for the Borough's public safety departments.

Councilman Kearney NO REPORT

Councilman Lazarow

I wanted to inform the public, council and mayor that after having a lengthy conversation with Chief Wright, I have decided to support the purchase of a new vehicle to replace the 2005 Crown Victoria. I changed my mind after understanding the incredible length of time it is taking now to actually get new cars delivered. On average it is taking 14-16 months for new police interceptors to be build and outfitted properly. If that continues, a 150,000 mile car would be on the road potentially for another 2 and a half years. Therefore, I am endorsing that we add this to our bond for the 2022 capital purchases.

Councilwoman Loffredo NO REPORT

Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

Council President Blumenstock

I attended the five year anniversary of the opening of Reclaiming You, a South Avenue business owned by Garwood resident, Clementina Hechevarria. It's great to see a local business that's doing so well and was able to get through such a tough time like Covid. I even got a delicious aloe and chai ice tea, which was great on that very hot day. Congratulations to Clementina! The Green Team will have a booth next week at Garwood Rocks and we've partnered with middle schoolers at Lincoln School to bring some great projects with information about the new NJ plastic bag ban. We'll also have some great giveaways like car magnets to help you remember to bring your reusable bags into the store with you.

The Borough Clerk read the following statement:

Mayor and Council, the updated legal notice for the special meeting on May 16th, 2022 did not include language that noted a resolution would be on the agenda for action.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, to suspend the normal order of business.

All in favor.

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow, re-ratifying Resolution No. 22-078 authorizing the agreement with South Avenue Urban Renewal LLC.

Roll Call:

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

5 -AYES, 0-NAY 1-ABSENT Resolution No. 22-078 was adopted.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, to hold a public hearing on Resolution No. 22-079 for the adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget as advertised in the UC Hawk on May 5, 2022.

https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/2022_INTRODUCED_BUDGET.pdf

All in favor.

List of correspondence received concerning the 2022 Municipal Budget. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning the 2022 Municipal Budget?

Kathy Villaggio, 313 Fourth Avenue requested clarification regarding revenue as outlined in the Vermella agreement.

Ms. Villaggio requested clarification regarding budget surplus.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, requested clarification regarding the tax impact of the 2022 municipal budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, to close Public Hearing on the 2022 Municipal Budget.

All in favor.

Mayor Todisco clarified the revenue as outlined in the Vermella agreement.

Ms. Bruns and Mr. Korecky clarified the question regarding budget surplus.

Ms. Bruns clarified the calculation analysis used to determine the tax impact of the 2022 municipal budget.

RESOLUTION 22-079

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 403 SOUTH AVENUE, GARWOOD, NJ 07027			
RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2022 BUDGET			
WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for 2022 was approved on the 26th day of April, 2022 ,and			
WHEREAS, the public hearings on said budget has been held as advertised, and whereas, it is desired to amend said approved budget, now			
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2022 be made:			
CURRENT FUND - General Revenues :		FROM	TO
Anticipated Revenues:			
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:			
A) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		<u>\$6,523,436.34</u>	<u>\$6,547,736.34</u>
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget		<u>\$6,782,907.34</u>	<u>\$6,807,207.34</u>
7. Total General Revenues		\$9,475,403.98	\$9,499,703.98
		FROM	TO
8. General Appropriations:			
(A) Operations - within "CAPS"			
Administrative & Executive - Salaries & Wages		<u>\$251,865.00</u>	<u>\$250,665.00</u>
Public Buildings & Grounds - Other Expenses		<u>\$110,000.00</u>	<u>\$120,000.00</u>
Police - Other Expenses		<u>\$115,475.00</u>	<u>\$120,475.00</u>
Utilities - Other		<u>\$40,000.00</u>	<u>\$44,000.00</u>
Utilities - Gasoline & Oil		\$65,000.00	\$71,500.00
Total Operations (Item8(A) within "CAPS"		\$6,205,205.00	\$6,229,505.00
Total Operations including Contingent within"CAPS"		\$6,205,205.00	\$6,229,505.00
Detail:			
Salaries & Wages		\$3,517,318.00	\$3,516,118.00
Other Expenses		\$2,687,887.00	\$2,713,387.00
(H-1) Total General Appropriations For Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"		\$7,144,435.00	\$7,168,735.00
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (h-1) and (o))		\$9,075,403.98	\$9,099,703.98
9. Total General Appropriations		\$9,475,403.98	\$9,499,703.98
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for his certification of the local municipal budget so amended.			
It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the governing body on the 26th day of May, 2022.			
Certified by:			
Catherine D. Cameron, Municipal Clerk			

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock, to adopt Resolution No. 22-079 amending the 2022 Municipal Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Harris explained the reason for the amended budget resolution.

Mayor Todisco stated her support for the budget amendment.

Roll Call:

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

3 -AYES, 2-NAYS, 1-ABSENT Resolution No. 22-079 resolution 22-079 fails due to Majority vote required.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Harris stated the resolution can be tabled.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, to table Resolution No. 22-079A for the adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget as amended.

Roll Call.

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

5 -AYES, 1-ABSENT Resolution No. 22-079A is tabled.

Discussion ensued.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on May 11, 2022.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on May 16, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Council President Blumenstock, to accept minutes as presented.

All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

a) 05/06/2022, RE: Municipal Zoning Hearing; Budget Testimony; SCOTUS Flag Decision

<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/170993>

b) 05/13/2022, RE: First Aid Funding; Liquor Licenses; Broadband Grants

<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/171520>

c) 05/23/2022, RE: ETR Restoration, Police Licensing, Municipal Grants

<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/172041>

2) TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

a) 05/13/2022, RE: Ordinance

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Township_of_Cranford_Adopted_Ordinance_No._2022-11.pdf

3) UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

a) 05/19/2022, RE: Ordinance

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/UC_ORDINANCE.pdf

4) RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

a) 05/23/2022, RE: Minutes

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ALL RECEIVED AND FILED.

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Bond Ordinance 22-05 by title only:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 22-05

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, TO

APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$252,500 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE COUNTY GRANTS, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-05-01-INTRO-BOND_ORDINANCE.pdf

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock, to introduce Bond Ordinance 22-05.

At 8:08 P.M. Mr. Harris all in attendance that Councilwoman Loffredo left the Council meeting.

Roll Call:

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

4-AYES, 2-ABSENT, Bond Ordinance 22-05 was introduced.

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 22-06 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-06

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-06-01-INTRO-EMPLOYEE_SALARIES.pdf

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow, to introduce Ordinance 22-06.

Roll Call:

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

4-AYES, 2-ABSENT Ordinance 22-06 was introduced.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair NO REPORT

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair NO REPORT

FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: Councilwoman Loffredo, Chair NO REPORT

STREETS, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: Council President Blumenstock, Chair

In addition to regular garbage pickup, the DPW continued the annual scheduled sweeping program on the North and South sides of the Borough. No parking signs were put up and taken down accordingly. They will also perform night-time street sweeping operations along Center Street within the business district and in-between North and South Avenues and along Walnut Street tonight. The Department has also continued to weed and mow all Borough owned properties.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Graham, Chair

Since the last meeting of Mayor and Council on May 11, 2022 the Garwood Police Department has recorded the following activity:

Initiated 44 motor vehicle stops
Conducted 39 building/property checks
Initiated 22 community policing posts
Assigned to 56 fixed traffic posts (Radar, Stop Sign, Distracted Driving)
Responded to 6 calls for medical assist
Conducted 5 wellbeing checks
Responded to 5 business/residential alarms
Responded to 32 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 and the deadline to submit is Friday June 3. Children entering grades 6th through 9th are eligible to attend.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Salmon, Chair

Councilwoman Salmon provided an update to Recreation activities.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney NO REPORT

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

EVENTS:

May 27 and June 10 at noon - Classic Movie Friday Join us for Classic Movie Fridays featuring memorable movies from the 50s and 60s. Light refreshments will be served. Registration required

June 5 from 11 am to 6 pm – Garwood Rocks – Stop by the Library's Booth at Garwood Rocks, learn what the library has to offer, get a library card, and enter our raffle to win an Amazon Gift Card.

June 7 all day – Election Day – The Garwood Public Library is a polling location for the primary election. The Library will be open, the children's section will be closed. There will be no seating available. Quick browsing and check out of adult books are permitted.

June 9 at 6:00 pm – Educational Medicare Workshop with representative from Senior Advisors of Cranford NJ. Learn about recent changes and the 5 mistakes to avoid when enrolling in Medicare.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney NO REPORT

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

We had our last Senior Club meeting on May 19th. Lunch was served and of course, bingo was played. Earlier that week, the seniors had a day out at the Brownstone, where they were served a delicious lunch and enjoyed some great entertainment. We're glad to be able to be back to our bus trips. Join us for another movie at the Library tomorrow at 12pm and for card games at the Knights on June 9th at 1. Our next Club meeting is June 2nd.

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney NO REPORT

PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Salmon

Mayor Todisco provided the following report:

Last night, the Planning Board held its regular meeting. Two resolutions received approval. One was for 231 North Avenue by applicant Dish Wireless to put another communication service on an existing pole. The other was for 113-115 Winslow Place to renovate an existing non-conforming 3-family residence. The resolution for the Paperboard Redevelopment Area was not written by last night, so it needs to be voted on at the next Planning Board meeting. Due to the Planning Board's upcoming schedule and the fact that Garden Homes needs this resolution in order to start the process of approval from the DOT and DEP, it was decided to be

considered at a Special Meeting of the Planning Board on June 8th at 7:30pm. Lastly, there was a hearing for an application for 110 South Avenue seeking a parking variance, but it will be continued at a future meeting of the Board. After the June 8th Special Meeting, the Planning Board will hold its next regular meeting on June 22nd at 7:30pm here at Borough Hall.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chief of Police Monthly Reports for April, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, to accept Officer's reports. All in favor.

At 8:14 P.M. Mr. Harris informed all in attendance that Councilman Kearney entered the Council meeting remotely.

At 8:18 a motion was made by Councilman President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow, to recess the meeting. All in favor.

At 8:24 a motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, 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.

Lou Petruzelli, 232 Hemlock Avenue, commented on the paving and sidewalks at the 200 block of Hemlock Avenue.

Mr. Petruzelli commented on the street signs proposed.

Mr. Petruzelli commented on the cost savings of LED lighting.

Kathy Villaggio, 313 Fourth Avenue, commented on the need for a Borough to CDBG for the purpose of grant submissions, as related to the handicapped ramp planned for Hartman Park.

Mayor Todisco requests a motion followed by a second to close public comment.

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

Mayor Todisco clarified the sidewalk concern at the 200 block of Hemlock Avenue.

Mayor Todisco stated her support for using CDBG grants moving forward.

Council President Blumenstock suggested assigning a Council representative to attend CDBG meetings.

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. 22-080

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby

authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the agreement with the County of Union for the 2022 UC Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program for \$35,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-081

RESOLUTION CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT WITH M&A TREE SERVICE AND TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASES AND/OR SERVICES IN THE AGGREGATE NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000.00 FOR SERVICES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood as a contracting unit may, without advertising for bids, purchase any materials, supplies, equipment and/or services from Somerset County Co-Op vendors under any contract or contracts for such materials, supplies, equipment and/or services entered into on behalf of Somerset County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council for the Borough of Garwood wishes to evidence an agreement with the M&A Tree Service through this Resolution and a properly executed purchase order, which Agreement shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the Co-Op Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council for the Borough of Garwood wish to authorize the Borough Administrator to purchase services from M&A TREE SERVICE Vendor for aggregate purchases not to exceed \$24,000.00 for the year ending December 31, 2022. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council for the Borough of Garwood that this Resolution together with properly executed purchase order shall constitute an agreement between the Borough of Garwood and the above referenced State Co-Op Somerset County vendor subject to all conditions applicable to the current Co-Op; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood of hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator to purchase from the approved Somerset County Co-Op Vendor M&A Tree Service for purchases not to exceed \$24,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council for the Borough of Garwood that pursuant to the rules of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey no amount of this Contract shall be chargeable or certified, until such time as goods are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order and a certification of available funds made by the Chief Financial Officer upon receipt of a properly executed purchase order. The individual issuing the purchase order shall have the obligation of securing the necessary certification as to the availability of funds from the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duration of this authorization shall be until December 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-082

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby approve the CFO/Treasurer to issue a refund check for the tax overpayment on the following property:

PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS	BLOCK/LOT	AMOUNT
JASON GONCALVES	304 MYRTLE AVE		\$1,870.54
<u>REFUND TO:</u>	406/19		

CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED
REFUNDS PO BOX 9202
COPPELL, TX 75019-9760
AMOUNT OF REFUND:
\$1,870.54

EXPLANATION: 2Qtr 2022 taxes were paid by CORELOGIC Tax Services in excess of the amount due. Refund is made to the tax servicer on behalf of the homeowner.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-083

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the following are hereby appointed as 2022 Garwood Recreation Summer Camp Employees, as per the attached list.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, to adopt Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock, to remove Resolution No.22-079A from being tabled.

Discussion ensued.

Roll Call:

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

4-AYES, 1-NAY, 1-ABSENT Resolution No.22-079A was removed from being tabled.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock to reconsider Resolution No.22-079A for the adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget as amended.

Roll Call:

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

4-AYES, 1-NAY, 1-ABSENT Resolution No.22-079A was adopted.

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 Lazarow, second by Councilman Graham, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution. Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	AYE	Councilwoman Loffredo	ABSENT
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, June 9, 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 Lazarow, to adjourn.

Time: 8:38

Respectfully submitted:

Catherine D. Cameron

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Borough Clerk