

Borough of Garwood

Meeting of the Mayor and Council

MINUTES

June 12, 2018

Start Time: 7:41 p.m.

Moment of Silence.....

Salute to the Flag.....

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader, advertised on January 4, 2018, notification was sent to the Star Ledger and prominently posted on 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 Lombardo	P	Councilman Lazarow	P
Councilwoman Blumenstock	P	Councilman McCormack	P
Councilwoman Cuccaro	P	Council President Todisco	P

Also present: Clerk/Stenographer Kathleen J. Wierzbinski, Attorney Catherine DeAppolonio, Esq. and Borough Engineer Michael Disko

MINUTES:

Regular, Workshop and Executive Minutes of the Mayor and Council held on May 22, 2018

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –
 - a. Mayor's Advisory –
 - i. 05/21/18, RE: Weekly Round-Up
 - ii. 05/25/18, RE: Weekly Round-Up
 - iii. 06/01/18, RE: Weekly Round-Up
- 2) RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY – 05/18/18, RE: Minutes of the meetings held on April 19, 2018
- 3) GARWOOD RECREATION COMMISSION – 05/22/18, RE: Minutes of the meeting held on April 17, 2018

ALL RECEIVED AND FILED

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing on Ordinance 18-14, 18-15 and 18-16 as advertised in the Westfield Leader.

ADOPTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Bond Ordinance 18-14 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-14

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$416,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE COUNTY GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, 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.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the County grants and the down payment appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (l) the amount of the appropriation and the

estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the County grants hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. (i) Undertaking of the following improvements to public buildings: (a) replacement of the Firehouse roof; and (b) upgrading of the Municipal Building HVAC system, and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a compressor for filling air bottles for the use of the Fire Department. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$226,000
County Grant Appropriated	\$ 25,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 9,575
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$191,425
Period of Usefulness	15 years

B. Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of (i) a mason dump truck for the use of the Department of Public Works and (ii) an SUV for the use of the Police Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$110,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$104,750
Period of Usefulness	5 years

C. Undertaking of the Borough Records Management Project.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 80,000
County Grant Appropriated	\$ 40,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,175
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 37,825
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$416,000
Aggregate County Grants Appropriated	\$ 65,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 17,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$334,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$26,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The sum of \$25,000 received or to be received as a grant from the Union County Senior Focus Grant Program is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the replacement of the Firehouse roof authorized in Section 4.A hereof.

Section 7. The sum of \$40,000 received or to be received as a grant from the Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the records management project authorized in Section 4.C hereof.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$17,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$17,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$334,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 10. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$334,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 11. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Municipal Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 10.73 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 13. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$334,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 14. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Union, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the County grants hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 15. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 16. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 17. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and

capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Municipal Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 18. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

List correspondence concerning Ordinance 18-14. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Bond Ordinance 18-14.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue asked questions concerning the ordinance. Councilwoman Todisco thoroughly answered Mr. Paterson's questions.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock, to close Public Hearing on Bond Ordinance 18-14.

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilwoman Todisco, to adopt Ordinance 18-14.

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call

Councilwoman Cuccaro	AYE		
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman McCormack	NAY	Council President Blumenstock	AYE

4-AYE, 1-NAY, Bond Ordinance 18-14 was adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 18-15

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT ARTICLE V (PET SALES) IN CHAPTER 58 (ANIMALS) IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD TO PROHIBIT RETAIL SALES OF CERTAIN ANIMALS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood

WHEREAS, a significant number of puppies and kittens sold at pet shops come from large-scale, commercial breeding facilities where the health and welfare of the animals are not adequately provided for ("puppy mills" and "kitten mills," respectively). According to The Humane Society of the United States, it is estimated that 10,000 puppy mills produce more than 2,400,000 puppies a year in the United States and that most pet shop dogs and cats come from puppy mills and kitten mills.

WHEREAS, the documented abuses endemic to puppy and kitten mills include over-breeding; inbreeding; minimal to non-existent veterinary care; lack of adequate and nutritious food, water and shelter; lack of socialization; lack of adequate space; and lack of adequate exercise.

WHEREAS, the inhumane conditions in puppy and kitten mill facilities lead to health and behavioral issues in the animals bred in those facilities, which many consumers are unaware of when purchasing animals from pet shops due to both a lack of education on the issue and misleading tactics of pet shops in some cases. These health and behavioral issues, which may not present themselves until sometime after the purchase of the animals, can impose exorbitant financial and emotional costs on the consumer.

WHEREAS, current Federal, State and County regulations do not properly address the sale of puppy and kitten mill dogs and cats in pet shops.

WHEREAS, prohibiting the retail sale of puppies and kittens is likely to decrease the demand for puppies and kittens bred in puppy and kitten mills, and is likely to increase demand for animals from animal shelters and rescue organizations.

WHEREAS, according to the New Jersey Department of Health Animal Intake and Disposition Survey, thousands of dogs and cats are euthanized in New Jersey animal shelters annually. Restricting the retail sale of puppies and kittens to only those that are sourced from animal shelters and rescue organizations will likely reduce pet overpopulation and thus the burden on such agencies and financial costs on local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, across the country, thousands of independent pet shops as well as large chains operate profitably with a business model focused on the sale of pet services and supplies and not on the sale of dogs and cats. Many of these shops collaborate with local animal shelters and rescue organizations to offer space and support for showcasing adoptable homeless pets on their premises; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will not affect a consumer's ability to obtain a dog or cat of his or her choice directly from a breed-specific rescue organization or shelter, or from a hobby breeder where the consumer can see directly the conditions in which the dogs and cats are bred or can confer directly with the hobby breeder concerning those conditions; and

WHEREAS, this governing body believes it is in the best interests of this municipality to adopt reasonable regulation to reduce costs to the municipality and its residents, protect the citizens of the municipality who may purchase cats or dogs from a pet shop or other business establishment, help prevent inhumane breeding conditions, promote community awareness of animal welfare and foster a more humane environment in the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of the Borough of Garwood:

Section 1. Article V (Pet Sales) in Chapter 58 (Animals) of the Code of the Borough of Garwood is hereby enacted as follows:

§ 58-36. Definitions:

Animal care facility means an animal control center or animal shelter, maintained by or under contract with any state, county or municipality, whose mission and practice is, in whole, or significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes.

Animal rescue organization means any not-for-profit organization which has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, whose mission and practice is, in whole or in significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes.

Cat means a member of a species of domestic cat, *Felis catus*.

Dog means a member of a species of domestic dog, *Canis familiaris*.

Offer for Sale means to sell offer for sale or adoption, advertise for the sale of, barter, auction, give away or otherwise dispose of a dog or cat.

Pet shop means a retail establishment where dogs and cats are sold, exchanged, bartered or offered for sale as pet animals to the general public at retail. Such definition shall not include an animal care facility or animal rescue organization, as defined.

§ 58-37. Restrictions on the Sale of Animals.

No pet store shall sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction, give away or otherwise transfer or dispose of cats or dogs. Nothing in this section shall prohibit stores from collaborating with animal care facilities or animal rescue organizations to offer space for such entities to showcase adoptable dogs and cats.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective 90 days after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

List correspondence concerning Ordinance 18-15:

05/23/18, Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, RE: Retail sales of certain animals. Objection of Ordinance 18-15
06/06/18, Elizabeth Oreck, Best Friends Animal Society, RE: Support of Ordinance 18-15.
06/06/18, Alan Braslow, RE: Support of Ordinance 18-15.
06/07/18, Jenna Jensen, RE: Support of Ordinance 18-15.
06/07/18, Jeanne Clayton, RE: Support of Ordinance 18-15.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance 18-15.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue expressed his concerns and urged council to table Ordinance 18-15.

Janice Fischer of Manasquan spoke in favor of adopting Ordinance 18-15.

Ellen Coyote of Hamilton spoke in favor of adopting Ordinance 18-15.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilwoman Cuccaro, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance 18-15.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilwoman Todisco, to adopt Ordinance 18-15. Discussion: Councilwoman Todisco explained why she is in support of this ordinance. Councilwoman Cuccaro agreed with Councilwoman Todisco

Roll Call

Councilwoman Cuccaro	AYE		
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman McCormack	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE

5-AYE, 0-NAY, Ordinance 18-15 was adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 18-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND § 27-25 (ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP) IN ARTICLE II (JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER PROGRAM) IN CHAPTER 27 (FIRE DEPARTMENT) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

List correspondence concerning Ordinance 18-16. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance 18-16. NONE

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance 18-16.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock, to adopt Ordinance 18-16.

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call

Councilwoman Cuccaro	AYE		
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman McCormack	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE

5-AYE, 0-NAY, Ordinance 18-16 was adopted

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

POLICE: Vacant, Chr.

READ BY: Councilwoman Cuccaro

Officer Ed Mironski has completed his training period and is cleared to work in patrol without direct supervision. Dispatcher Clarence Prince has submitted his resignation effective June 24, 2018. Mr. Prince will be relocating out of state with his wife and is seeking employment elsewhere. We wish him well. With the departure of Mr. Prince we now have a vacancy in dispatch. Anyone wishing to apply may pick up an application at the police desk. The promotional process for the position of Lieutenant has been completed and Sgt. Dave Perrotta is ranked first of the candidates. I am proud to recommend Sgt Perrotta for the position of Lieutenant and will be submitting his name for resolution at the June 26th Council meeting. Congratulations Dave!

PUBLIC HEALTH: Councilwoman Cuccaro NO REPORT

STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Council President Blumenstock, Chr.

In addition to regular garbage and grass duty, the DPW performed pothole repairs at 2nd/Oak, South/East and along the entire length of Center Street from South Avenue to the end (in preparation of Garwood Rocks). 2 tons of hot mix asphalt was used for the repairs. They also prepared Center Street, Borough Hall grounds/parking lot and the municipal parking lot for the annual Garwood Rocks street fair. Public Works provided assistance for setup and cleanup of the event.

Fanwood Department of Public Works performed street sweeping operations along Center Street and within the two municipal lots before and after the Garwood Rocks event. Our department also planted flowers in the roadside flower pots and began to water on a daily basis. They also weeded and installed new mulch around the Borough shade trees in front of the business district on Center Street from South to Willow Avenue. The Garwood Rocks banners were removed and the Shop Garwood and the Police, Fire, and EMS banners were installed in their place. The department also performed shade tree pruning/elevating in various locations. Also, as you'll see in the consent agenda, Billy Moore has given his resignation letter. We wish him the best of luck and thank him for his service. That's all for my report, Mayor.

FIRE: Councilman McCormack, Chr.

Read the Fire Department Activity report for May 2018

FINANCE: Councilwoman Todisco, Chr. NO REPORT

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Lazarow

The Recreation Complex has been reopened for the past couple weeks which will be also housing the Recreation Summer Program starting on June 23 and ending on August 3rd.

We are making great progress on the completion of the Hartman Park renovation. Right now, there is a bit of concrete work left, but aside from that, we are currently working out the details of proper installation of playground grade mulch to make sure we create a safe environment for all children to play. Once this situation is finalized later this week, we will have a more definitive completion date for the reopening of the Park. Also, I will be meeting with the Buildings and Grounds committee next week to resealing the remaining part of the park grounds and repainting the remaining basketball court. We will also be discussing a maintenance plan to make sure that the park stays in great shape year in and year out.

LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilwoman Cuccaro NO REPORT

RECREATION: Councilman Lazarow NO REPORT

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

At our last meeting on June 7th, the Seniors Club voted to raise its dues an extra \$5 starting next January. They also approved a vote to raise the lunch price from \$2 to \$3 beginning at the next meeting on June 21st. Chief Wright joined us to answer some questions for the seniors regarding speeding on Garwood's roads and explained the soft measures the department will be employing over the coming months to address this problem, and so we thank him for always making himself available to the club. The Seniors picnic will be June 28th at 12:00 at the Rec Complex. That's all for my report, Mayor.

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

JUNE ACTIVITIES:

In June the Library will continue its ongoing programs including:

Knitting Club – Every Monday and Thursday at 10:30am, through June 21

Book Club – Monday afternoon June 18

Chess Club – Mondays at 3:00pm through June 11

Story Time - Wednesdays at 10:30am, through June 20

Movie Time - Fridays at 10:00 am through June 15th

Adult Craft – June 12 at 6:00pm

Lego Club - June 14 at 3:00pm

The Summer Reading Program registration will begin June 11th. This year's theme is Libraries Rock. The library will kick off registration week with a kid friendly rock concert by Ron Polka Dot in the Lincoln School on June 12th at 1:00pm. Library Staff will be on hand to promote the summer reading program and announce the winners of the bookmark contest. Program information and registration forms are available at the Library and have also been sent home in the Lincoln School's Friday folder.

Summer events include a magic show, movies, crafts and more. On Wednesday, June 27, join Fit4kids' Muscle Man Mike and his puppet friend Rocky Rabbit for an entertaining and interactive magic show. There will be Movie Mondays, July 2, 9 and 23 at 2pm and Kid's Crafts Thursdays on July 5, 12 and 19, at 2:00 pm. Outragehiss Pets visit the Library on July 10th at 3pm. On July 11th and 25th at 10:30 am the Pipsqueak Players will entertain and engage emerging readers with stories, play and a dramatic performance. Coding classes for older kids will be offered July 16th through 19 at 1pm. On July 26, "Learn Listen and Play" will present musical storytelling and fun with instruments. On July 31st kids can help put together Little Al Dinosaur and participate in a fossil dig. The Children's Summer Reading program will conclude with a party on August 7 featuring ice cream and prizes.

Adults may enjoy the summer reading raffle and Frank Sinatra cover band on July 12th.

The Library will be closed on July 4th and on Saturdays for the summer (July 7 through September 1.)

The Garwood Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Fridays from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman McCormack **NO REPORT**

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON: **NO REPORT**

Councilwoman Cuccaro

UNION COUNTY AIR TRAFFIC NOISE ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: **NO REPORT**

Councilman McCormack

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Todisco

Thank you, Mayor. I attended the Historical Committee meeting on May 30th, where a number of items were discussed, including preparation for the Garwood Rocks street fair. At the street fair on June 3rd, the Committee had many visitors to its booth, where it had a binder that included paper editions of the Gar-Words, a newsletter series from WWII for our servicemen. For sale were the 2003 centennial books for \$20 each and magnets for \$5 each. The magnets are a new item that looks great on your car or refrigerator. They will continue to be sold at public locations in town. Money collected by the Historical Committee is deposited in a trust fund so it is solely used for preserving Garwood's history and educating our community about its past. The week before the street fair, 25 colorful rocks were hidden on public property throughout Garwood and 24 of the 25 were returned to the Committee at the booth or since then. A \$5 Dunkin Donut gift card was given out to everyone who found a rock and a grand prize of a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card will be given from a drawing of one name out of all those that found rocks. I will announce the winner at the next Council meeting. This is a very well liked and educational rock hunt that we look forward to continuing each year. The Historical Committee will be starting to work on its next newsletter to be distributed in late summer/early fall. That's all for my report, Mayor.

PARKING COMMITTEE: VACANT

READ BY: Councilwoman Cuccaro

The parking committee meeting took place Saturday morning on June 2nd where members of the committee Joe Sarno, Ileen Cuccaro, Ken Capobianco, and Chief Wright recommended to add permit parking to the 100 block of Spruce, and the Eastern portion of the 100 block of Myrtle. The committee also will be adding signs, which will be placed on display on the following blocks showing where the actual parking lot for the recreation complex is located.

Chief Wright is currently researching the times with the recreation committee that will be most adequate for enforcing the permit parking along the aforementioned blocks, but will presumably be at times during the week and weekend where the complex is being utilized the most. He will also be discussing the possibility of adding signs along these same blocks that would indicate to park users to not litter and dispose of your trash properly as they're on camera with the recreation committee.

Lastly, the signs for the are marked out for the most recent expansion of the permit parking enforcement area and signs will placed in these markers once letters go to each resident along these streets. The letters are going out the second week of June and the signs will be placed into ground shortly thereafter. The new permits being distributed to residents will be visible from the outside so they are clear for our parking enforcement officer to view when on patrol. Since permit parking went into effect in 2014, Garwood has issued over 1,250 permits and more will come with the new enforcement area and for new residents in these areas.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chief of Police James H. Wright monthly reports for April 2018
Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Len DiStefano: monthly report for May 2018

Motion by Council President Blumenstock, Second by Councilwoman Cuccaro, to accept Officer's reports

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 three minutes.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue asked council if any research was done on the liability history of the playground equipment for Hartman Park. Councilman Lazarow replied he would look into it.

Mr. Paterson talked about the county tax increase and suggested someone from the county attend a council meeting with an explanation. Brief discussion followed.

Tom Pedas, 101 Chestnut Court thanked the police and DPW for fixing the street signs.

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. 18-127

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION TO MODIFY THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 2014, AS AMENDED JULY 2017

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Block Grant Act of 1974, as amended, commonly known as the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnership program; and

WHEREAS, substantial Federal funds provided through subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act commonly known as the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG) are allocated to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend an existing Cooperative Agreement for the County of Union and its people to benefit from this program; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Municipality of the Borough of Garwood and the County of Union in cooperation with each other to enter into a modification of the existing Cooperative Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Municipality of the Borough of Garwood that the agreement entitled "**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**," dated June 2014, as amended July 2017 for the Purpose of Inserting a Description of Activities for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 of the Union County Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME Investment Partnership program, and the Emergency Shelter Grant program (ESG), a copy of which is attached hereto; be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-128

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Borough of Garwood has the authority to prepare and issue estimated tax bills; and **WHEREAS**, in order for the Borough of Garwood to meet our financial obligations, maintain the tax collection rate, provide uniformity for tax payments and save the unnecessary cost of interest expenses on borrowing it would be in our best interest to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and computed an estimated levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood on this 12th day of June 2018, as follows:

1. The Borough of Garwood Tax Collector is hereby authorized to prepare and issue estimated bills for the Borough of Garwood for the third quarter of 2018 taxes, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 et seq.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2018 is hereby set at \$18,239,670.00
3. The estimated tax rate for 2018 is hereby set at 9.905

RESOLUTION NO. 18-129

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2018, the Borough Administrator/Clerk received correspondence from William Moore dated May 24, 2018, advising that he will be retiring from the Borough of Garwood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore has advised that his retirement shall be effective October 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits requires the Finance Department to certify the employment for Mr. Moore in order to process the October 1, 2018 retirement; and

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 May 24, 2018 notice of retirement from William Moore, seeking to retire from the Borough of Garwood.
- 2) Effective October 1, 2018, William Moore shall be retired from his position as Laborer Department of Public Works in the Borough of Garwood.
- 3) This resolution puts the Administrator/Clerk and CFO on notice to immediately process any and all requests from the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits regarding the retirement of Mr. Moore.
- 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-130

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2018, the Borough Administrator/Clerk received correspondence from Clarence Prince, 2nd, Civilian Police Dispatcher advising that he is resigning from his employment with the Borough of Garwood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prince has advised that his resignation shall be effective on June 24, 2018; and
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 June 4, 2018 notice of resignation from Clarence Prince, 2nd.
- 2) Effective June 24, 2018, Clarence Prince, 2nd shall have resigned from his position as Civilian Police Dispatcher with the Borough of Garwood.
- 3) This resolution puts the Chief of Police on notice to immediately process this resignation and to commence a search for a candidate to fill the position of Civilian Police Dispatcher.
- 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-131

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

Jarrett M. Louise
 405 Route 28
 Bridgewater, NJ 08807

As a Full Time Class E Laborer in the Department of Public Works, effective June 25, 2018, at a salary of \$19.66 per hour, and subject to the terms and conditions of the contract effective 1/1/2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he will be on probation for a period of one year

RESOLUTION NO. 18-133

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk to sign the agreement for the service to provide and perform on site Drug and Alcohol Screening for DOT Compliance and the Drug Free Workplace Act as required for CDL employees in the Borough of Garwood.

WITH: Valley Medical Group
 15 Essex Road, Ste 506
 Paramus, NJ 07652

TERM: July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 18-134

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
DANIEL & NORMA POWELL	216 THIRD AVE	203/23	\$2,111.80

REFUND TO:

CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS
 PO BOX 9202
 COPPELL, TX 75019-9760

AMOUNT OF REFUND: \$2,111.80

EXPLANATION: 2Qtr 2018 taxes were paid by Corelogic Tax Services as well as the homeowner. Refund is made to the tax servicer on behalf of the homeowner.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-135

WHEREAS, Quality Roof Cleaning LLC d/b/a Padovani Roofing & Construction, 46 Higginsville Road, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853, has satisfactorily completed on May 21, 2018, the project known as "Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex Exterior Doors Remediation Project"; and

WHEREAS, the work included in the remediation and repairs to the exterior door and related area in the Michael R. Crincoli Recreation Building, in the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex, 140 Myrtle Avenue, Garwood, NJ; and

WHEREAS, Maintenance Bond No. S-312763(M) has been received for one-year period concluding on May 21, 2018, for \$116,885.00; and

WHEREAS, the as built construction cost is \$116,885.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the Municipal Engineer's recommendation that the project is complete and authorizes the Treasurer to issue a check made payable to Quality Roof Cleaning LLC d/b/a Padovani Roofing & Construction, 46 Higginsville Road, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853, for final payment in the amount of \$36,138.75.

Motion by Councilwoman Cuccaro, Second by Councilwoman Todisco, to adopt Consent Agenda as Amended.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Cuccaro	AYE		
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman McCormack	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-132

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 following non-matching grant.

Level the Playing Field - \$25,470.00

A motion was made by Councilwoman Todisco, second by Council President Blumenstock to adopt Resolution 18-132

Discussion: Councilman Lazarow asked why Councilwoman Cuccaro pulled this resolution off the consent agenda. She answered she did not like the way it was written.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Cuccaro	NAY		
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman McCormack	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE

4-AYE, 1-NAY, Resolution 18-32 was adopted

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

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 Councilwoman Cuccaro, second by Councilwoman Todisco, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Cuccaro	AYE		
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman McCormack	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilwoman Cuccaro, Second by Council President Blumenstock to adjourn
Time: 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood