

# Borough of Garwood

## Meeting of the Mayor and Council

### AGENDA

June 27, 2019

Moment of Silence.....

Salute to the Flag.....

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader, advertised on January 3, 2019, 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 Todisco	_____	Councilman Ince	_____
Councilman Benoit	_____	Councilman McCormack	_____
Councilwoman Blumenstock	_____	Council President Lazarow	_____
Councilman Graham	_____		

#### MINUTES:

Regular and Workshop Minutes of the Mayor and Council held on June 13, 2019.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept minutes as presented.  
All in favor, opposed?

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –
  - a. Mayor's Advisory –
    - i. 06/12/19, RE: Weekly Round-Up for June 3 - 7
    - ii. 06/12/19, RE: URGENT ALERT: Your Action is Needed
    - iii. 06/12/19, RE: Daily Update
    - iv. 06/12/19, RE: Daily Update
    - v. 06/14/19, RE: Weekly Round-Up for June 10 – 14
    - vi. 06/18/19, RE: Legislative Alert
    - vii. 06/19/19, RE: Daily Update

#### ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing on Bond Ordinance 19-12 and Ordinance 19-13 as advertised in the Westfield Leader

#### ADOPTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Bond Ordinance 19-12 by title only:

##### ORDINANCE NO. 19-12

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW LADDER FIRE TRUCK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,300,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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.

List correspondence concerning Bond Ordinance 19-12.

- 1) Kathleen Villaggio – Email communication dated 6/23/19, expressing support for the purchase of a ladder truck.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Bond Ordinance 19-12.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to close Public Hearing on Bond Ordinance 19-12.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to adopt Bond Ordinance 19-12.

Discussion:

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Benoit</b>	_____	<b>Councilman Ince</b>	_____
<b>Councilwoman Blumenstock</b>	_____	<b>Councilman McCormack</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Graham</b>	_____	<b>Council President Lazarow</b>	_____

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 19-13 by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-13**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND (\$13,000) DOLLARS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

List correspondence concerning Ordinance 19-13.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance 19-13.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance 19-13.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to adopt Ordinance 19-13.

Discussion:

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Benoit</b>	_____	<b>Councilman Ince</b>	_____
<b>Councilwoman Blumenstock</b>	_____	<b>Councilman McCormack</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Graham</b>	_____	<b>Council President Lazarow</b>	_____

**INTRODUCTION:**

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 19-14 by title only:

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 19-14**

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2019 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$440,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to introduce Ordinance 19-14.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Benoit</b>	_____	<b>Councilman Ince</b>	_____
<b>Councilwoman Blumenstock</b>	_____	<b>Councilman McCormack</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Graham</b>	_____	<b>Council President Lazarow</b>	_____

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:**

**POLICE: Councilman Ince, Chr.**

**STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Councilwoman Blumenstock Chr.**

**FIRE: Councilman McCormack, Chr.**

**FINANCE: Council President Lazarow, Chr.**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Graham**

**LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilman Benoit**

**RECREATION: Councilman Benoit**

**GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Councilwoman Blumenstock**

**LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Council President Lazarow**

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Blumenstock**

**CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON: Councilman Benoit**

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Councilman Graham**

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to address the mayor and council please step to the microphone, and state your full name and address. Please limit your comments to five minutes.

Mayor Todisco requests a motion followed by a second to close public comment.  
All in favor, opposed?

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(Adoption upon Roll Call)

“Consent agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion; any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of funds; any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda; all Consent Agenda items will be reflected in the full minutes.”

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-221**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that renewal be granted to the following said Club License to be effective July 1, 2019 and to terminate June 30, 2020.

2006-31-014-001 Columbian Club of Garwood-Cranford, Inc., t/a Garwood Knights of Columbus, for premises at 37-43 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby directed to issue said license.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-222**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that renewal be granted to the following Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses to be effective July 1, 2019 and to terminate June 30, 2020.

2006-33-001-006 BPC RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT, LLC, a Limited Liability Co., t/a The Station Bar & Grill, for the premises at 95-99 Center Street, Garwood, New Jersey.

2006-33-004-003 THE GARWOOD REST, INC., a Business Corporation of New Jersey, t/a Garwood Restaurant, for premises at 259 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey.

2006-32-006-005 LAXMEE, LLC, a Limited Liability Co., t/a Dittrick's Wines and Liquors, for premises at 2 North Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey. (Broad Package Privilege)

2006-33-007-004 B & D RECREATION, INC., a Business Corporation of New Jersey, t/a Garwood Lanes, for premises at 346 North Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey.

2006-33-011-006 RUDY'S OF GARWOOD, LLC, a Limited Liability Co., t/a Rudy's Ristorante & Pizzeria, for premises at 300 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey.

2006-33-013-011 ROSEWINE, LLC, a Limited Liability Co., t/a Rosie's Wine Bar, for premises at 514 North Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey.

2006-33-009-007 WGAFZ, INC., a Business Corporation of New Jersey, t/a The Crossroads, for premises at 78 North Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey.

2006-33-012-003 WESTWOOD LANES, INC., a Business Corporation of New Jersey, t/a The Westwood, for premises at 438 North Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby directed to issue said licenses.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-223**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that renewal be granted to the following Plenary Retail Distribution License to be effective July 1, 2019 and to terminate June 30, 2020.

2006-44-002-004 L & J Wine & Liquors, Inc., a Business Corporation, t/a L & J Wines & Liquors, for premises at 109 Center Street, Garwood, New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby directed to issue said license.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-224**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of ABC, has granted a special ruling pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39; for the 2018/19 AND 2019/20 license term to:

License #2006-33-005-010  
Garwood Hospitality Group LLC  
No Premises – Pocket License  
Mailing Address:  
345 South Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Garwood, NJ 07027

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby renews the Plenary Retail Consumption License for:

License #2006-33-005-010  
License Period: Effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby directed to comply with the special ruling.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-225**

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

**"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2019 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$440,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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."**

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 11th day of July, 2019, at 7:15 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to

law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-226**

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2019, the Borough Administrator/Clerk received correspondence from Municipal Court Violations Clerk Bryanna Brea dated June 19, 2019, advising that she is resigning from her employment with the Borough of Garwood; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Brea has advised that her resignation shall be effective on July 8, 2019; 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 19, 2019, notice of resignation from Bryanna Brea.
- 2) Effective July 8, 2019, Bryanna Brea shall have resigned from her position as Violations Clerk with the Borough of Garwood.
- 3) This resolution puts the Acting Court Administrator on notice to immediately process this resignation and to commence a search for a candidate to fill the position of Violations Clerk.
- 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-227**

**WHEREAS**, GP has been serving as a non-permanent/probationary laborer for Borough of Garwood Public Works Department since May 13, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Public Works has recommended the removal of GP from his probationary employment with the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works and seek to terminate GP from his non-permanent/probationary employment with the Borough of Garwood.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood that GP is hereby terminated from employment as a non-permanent/probationary laborer with the Borough of Garwood Department of Public Works effective June 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-228**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the contract with County of Union, Community Development Block Grant, Year 45, September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 for Senior Citizen Social Services Program \$15,250.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-229**

**WHEREAS**, Garwood's Mayor Sara M. Todisco has completed a Master of Education program at the The College of New Jersey graduating in May of 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Sara is a graduate of Northeastern University where she obtained her Bachelor's degree in History, graduating in May of 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Sara is a teacher by profession and the program she completed is a 30-credit Graduate Degree Program with a Concentration in Instruction for Licensed K-12 Classroom Practitioners throughout New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Sara completed her courses while maintaining her seat on council, working full time and subsequently becoming Garwood's youngest Mayor which she is deeply devoted to.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Governing Body of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby extend Congratulations to Sara for her accomplishments and for her outstanding leadership to Garwood; for her determination to further her education to achieve her Master's Degree in Education.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council President and Municipal Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to affix their signatures to this resolution, embossed with the seal of the Borough of Garwood, which shall be presented to Mayor Sara M. Todisco.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-230**

**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 2019-2020 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. 19-231**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Borough Administrator/Clerk to prepare Request for Proposals for professional services for an Real Estate Appraiser and Environmental Consultant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the above services in accordance with law.

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

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Benoit</b>	_____	<b>Councilman Ince</b>	_____
<b>Councilwoman Blumenstock</b>	_____	<b>Councilman McCormack</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Graham</b>	_____	<b>Council President Lazarow</b>	_____

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following claims as approved be and the same are hereby ordered paid when properly signed and verified; and the payment of payrolls as listed is hereby confirmed and ratified.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Benoit</b>	_____	<b>Councilman Ince</b>	_____
<b>Councilwoman Blumenstock</b>	_____	<b>Councilman McCormack</b>	_____
<b>Councilman Graham</b>	_____	<b>Council President Lazarow</b>	_____

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

**THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON ORDINANCE NO. 19-14, ON THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019, AT 7:15 P.M. OR SOON THERE AFTER**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_, to adjourn. Time: \_\_\_\_\_