

Borough of Garwood

Meeting of the Mayor and Council

MINUTES

June 27, 2019

Start Time: 7:38 p.m.

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	P		
Councilman Benoit	P	Councilman Ince	P
Councilwoman Blumenstock	EXCUSED	Councilman McCormack	P
Councilman Graham	P	Council President Lazarow	P

Also present Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Christina M. Ariemma and Attorney Scott Salmon, Esq.

MINUTES:

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

A motion was made by Councilman Benoit, seconded by Councilman Ince, to accept minutes as presented. All in favor.

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

ALL RECEIVED AND FILED

ORDINANCES:

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

ADOPTION:

Municipal Clerk 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.

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

Section 1. The Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Borough"), is hereby authorized to acquire a new ladder fire truck, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for the Borough. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$1,300,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof. Said sum so appropriated shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the making of such improvement (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is not a current expense of the Borough, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the Borough pursuant to the Local

Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the total estimated cost of said purpose is \$1,300,000, and (4) \$62,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$1,238,000, and (6) the cost of said purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$20,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of said purpose, 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 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$62,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Borough, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$62,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,238,000 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 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,238,000 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 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, 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 the 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 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. 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 the Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$1,238,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 10. 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 said purpose shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. 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 12. The Borough intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such 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 ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and 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 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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.

Kathleen Villaggio, 313 Fourth Avenue expressed support for ladder truck purchase.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue commented on the matter and the report written in 2008 concerning the need for a ladder truck. He further commented on mutual aid vs. this large purchase.

John Pritchard, 410 Spruce Avenue expressed support of the purchase of a ladder truck.

Hugh Sinclair, 228 Second Avenue expressed support for the purchase of a ladder truck.

A motion was made by Councilman McCormack, seconded by Council President Lazarow to close Public Hearing on Bond Ordinance 19-12.

A motion was made by Councilman McCormack, seconded by Councilman Graham to adopt Bond Ordinance 19-12.

Discussion: Mayor Todisco responded to comments made by residents. Members of council expressed support for the purchase.

Councilman Graham read:

Since my swearing in on January 22nd there have been some opportunities to embrace the responsibility that I accepted but none has approached the latitude or importance of this issue. I dare say that decisions of this magnitude are rare and can define a person's legacy.

When the ladder truck purchase first came up I wasn't sure which way it would go. I was aware that our volunteer fire department had been pleading for it for a very long time but I wasn't convinced that the need was any greater than it had been ten years ago. **The fact is I didn't know much about it at all.** So, on behalf of the citizens of Garwood I endeavored to educate myself as much as possible so that I could make the best, most informed decision possible. To that end, I attended the truck demonstration at the firehouse, Path Mark and Lincoln School. I attended both of the town halls at Lincoln School and listened intently to our town's financial officers when they came to our council meeting to brief us on the state of our indebtedness.

Through the entire process I had many one-on-one conversations with Chief Tweedle and many fellow citizens. It is notable that no one argued against our need for this piece of potentially life saving equipment. The only dissenting point that was raised was that the decision should be left up to the voting public in the form of a referendum. Well, as I stated earlier, when the process started I didn't know enough to make an informed decision and I think it is safe to say that very few of us would if I, and the entire council hadn't gone to such lengths.

And so, having done the work that I and we were entrusted to do, I have come to the position of fully supporting the purchase of this platform ladder truck and encourage all of you to support it as well.

Roll Call:

Councilman Benoit	AYE	Councilman Ince	AYE
Councilwoman Blumenstock	EXCUSED	Councilman McCormack	AYE
Councilman Graham	AYE	Council President Lazarow	AYE

5-AYE, 1-EXCUSED, Ordinance 19-12 was adopted

Municipal Clerk 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.

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

- SECTION 1. The purchase and installation of computer equipment for the Borough of Garwood is hereby authorized.
SECTION 2. The sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay the cost thereof.
SECTION 3. The funds hereby appropriated are authorized to be expended when obligations to expend said funds have been created in the form and manner prescribed by law.
SECTION 4. The capital budget of the Borough of Garwood is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance.
SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
SECTION 6. If any portion of this ordinance shall be determined to be invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance.
SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

List correspondence concerning Ordinance 19-13. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance 19-13. NONE

A motion was made by Council President Lazarow, seconded by Councilman Benoit to close Public Hearing on Ordinance 19-13.

A motion was made by Council President Lazarow, seconded by Councilman Benoit to adopt Ordinance 19-13.

Discussion:

Roll Call:

Councilman Benoit	AYE	Councilman Ince	AYE
Councilwoman Blumenstock	EXCUSED	Councilman McCormack	AYE
Councilman Graham	AYE	Council President Lazarow	AYE

5-AYE, 1-EXCUSED, Ordinance 19-13 was adopted

INTRODUCTION:

Municipal Clerk read Bond 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 Councilman Graham, seconded by Councilman Ince to introduce Bond Ordinance 19-14.

Roll Call:

Councilman Benoit	AYE	Councilman Ince	AYE
Councilwoman Blumenstock	EXCUSED	Councilman McCormack	AYE
Councilman Graham	AYE	Council President Lazarow	AYE

5-AYE, 1-EXCUSED, Ordinance 19-124 was introduced

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

POLICE: Councilman Ince, Chr.

School is out and the Garwood Summer Recreation Program has begun. The program runs every Monday through Friday until August 2nd between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon at the Athletic Field Complex. Motorists are reminded to stay alert and be mindful of children walking and biking in the area.

The Westfield Area Y has informed us that they will be holding their summer camp programs at Washington School from June 24th through August 30th between the hours of 7:00 am until 6:30 pm Mondays through Fridays. Please be alert when driving in the area of Washington School.

STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Councilwoman Blumenstock Chr. EXCUSED

FIRE: Councilman McCormack, Chr. No Report

FINANCE: Council President Lazarow, Chr.

*No report, but the finance committee will be meeting next week to discuss the Shared service agreement with Cranford for our Building and Permits department as that contract is set to expire at the end of this year.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Graham

Hartman Park: The DPW removed the obstruction in the drain line that was causing ponding on the black top. The new water fountain has been installed and the shading should be installed within the next few weeks.

LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilman Benoit

L&L recently discussed ordinance §21-1.2. Based on our review, and a concern raised by a resident on Myrtle, we have recommended amending the ordinance so that parking is prohibited during certain times on Myrtle between New Street and the Garwood Recreation complex, as opposed to Oak Street and the Complex which is what the ordinance currently says. And we are also recommending amending the ordinance to prohibit unauthorized parking in those areas on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 7pm. The ordinance currently has it from 10am to 3pm.

RECREATION: Councilman Benoit

No update, next meeting will be on Monday July 8th at 6pm at the Garwood Recreation Complex. The meeting is open to the public.

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Councilwoman Blumenstock EXCUSED

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Council President Lazarow

ACTIVITIES:

The Library's 25th annual Summer Reading Program started on June 14th with a magic show assembly with Doug Wonder in the Lincoln school gym. The theme this year is "A Universe of Stories", celebrating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. The assembly was attended by about 250 children. During the assembly the winners of the Garwood Library Bookmark contest were announced. Each winner received a certificate and Dunkin Donuts gift card. The winners were as follows:

Kindergarten – Malea Fernandez

1st grade – Ania Sobotka

2nd grade – Feliciano Hansen

3rd grade – Gabriel Wood

4th grade – Madison Olivera

5th Grade – Tyler LeRouge

7th Grade – Leah Scepkowski

On Fridays in July a plastic astronaut figure will be hidden at Garwood landmarks. (i.e. Hartman Park, the Gazebo). Pictures will be taken of the astronaut and posted on social media including the Libraries new Instagram page. A library backpack will be near the astronaut with index cards. The cards must be returned to the library for a prize. Each Tuesday in July will be Kids Craft

On July 9th, Starlab Planetarium will visit the library. Children will travel across the solar system and experience the night sky, in an inflatable dome planetarium. This activity is for children ages 3 and up. Reservations are required. Limit 30 inside the dome.

On the 10th Children will take part in a "Fly-in Movie." Each child will create a spaceship out of cardboard boxes then watch Space Buddies in their spacecraft. Popcorn will be provided. For children entering second grade and younger. Reservation required Limit 12.

On July 11th children will create Binary Name Bracelets by using binary code to code their name into jewelry. For children in second grade and up. Reservation required

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. The Library will be closed July 4th and on Saturdays in July and August. Saturday hours will resume September 7th.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Blumenstock

READ BY: Councilman McCormack

This past Thursday the board of education had an incredible turn out from the staff and from residents in town in support of a teacher they hope will have her contract renewed. The meeting started at 8:00 p.m. and was over at 8:50 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON: Councilman Benoit

No update. I believe the next meeting will not be until September.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Councilman Graham

The new veterans street signs will be purchased and mounted by the DPW at the same time as the new street signs and at some point before Memorial Day.

All council people and the Mayor are encouraged to submit at least one dessert recipe for the Garwood's Sweet Side cookbook.

The committee intends to develop criteria for future dedications specifically designed to identify their historical significance.

Blake Trentacosta was the winner of the Garwood Rocks contest and will receive a \$25 VISA gift card.

The next meeting has been scheduled for 7/27.

That concludes my report.

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.

John Pritchard, 410 Spruce Avenue commented on the Fourth of July.

Motion was made by Councilman Benoit, seconded by Councilman Graham to close public comment All in favor.

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 WGAFFZ, 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, 3rd 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 Councilman Benoit, seconded by Council President Lazarow, to adopt Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

Councilman Benoit	AYE	Councilman Ince	AYE
Councilwoman Blumenstock	EXCUSED	Councilman McCormack	AYE
Councilman Graham	AYE	Council President Lazarow	AYE

5-AYE, 1-EXCUSED, Consent Agenda was adopted

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-232

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2018, then-Governor Chris Christie signed Senate Bill 848 into law, which limited the percentage of fee growth in fee-funded appropriations in the annual budget of a regional sewerage authority to two percent per year; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2019, Governor Phil Murphy signed Senate Bill 1073 into law, which amended S848 to only apply to sewerage authorities that are "located in a county of the first class with a population over 600,000 and a population density of over 10,000 persons per square mile according to the latest federal decennial census;" and

WHEREAS, this law has the practical effect of only applying to the North Hudson Sewerage Authority, leaving all other sewerage authorities in New Jersey able to raise their annual budgets, and, by extension, their cost to the respective municipalities within their region; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, believe that this limitation will result in an unfair and untenable increase in sewer costs to the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council strongly support legislation that will reverse the effect of S1073 and make the two percent cap on sewerage budget increases apply to all sewerage authorities, regardless of size or population density.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council will transmit copies of this resolution to county and state-elected officials to demand those officials take immediate action to effectuate such legislation to prevent municipalities such as Garwood from being harmed by unfair and untenable increases.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Ince to adopt Resolution 19-232.

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call:

Councilman Benoit	AYE	Councilman Ince	AYE
Councilwoman Blumenstock	EXCUSED	Councilman McCormack	AYE
Councilman Graham	AYE	Council President Lazarow	AYE

5-AYE, 1-EXCUSED, Resolution 19-232 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 Council President Lazarow, seconded by Councilman Benoit to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

Councilman Benoit	AYE	Councilman Ince	AYE
Councilwoman Blumenstock	EXCUSED	Councilman McCormack	AYE
Councilman Graham	AYE	Council President Lazarow	AYE

5-AYE, 1-EXCUSED, Payment of Claims was approved

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 Councilman Graham, Second by Councilman Benoit, to adjourn.

Time: 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood