

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
July 14, 2022

Time:

Moment of Silence.....

Salute to the Flag.....

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk advertised on December 2, 2021. Notification was sent to the Star Ledger, and is posted on the Municipal website, the Municipal public bulletin board, and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk informing the public of the time and place according to the Provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Todisco _____

Councilman Graham _____

Councilman Kearney _____

Councilman Lazarow _____

Councilwoman Loffredo _____

Councilwoman Salmon _____

Council President Blumenstock _____

Roll call staff and professionals:

Kyle Harris, Borough Administrator

Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney

Mike Disko, Borough Engineer

Report of Borough Engineer

Report of Borough Attorney

Report of Borough Administrator

Report of Mayor Sara Todisco

Comments from the Council:

Councilman Graham

Councilman Kearney

Councilman Lazarow

Councilwoman Loffredo

Councilwoman Salmon

Council President Blumenstock

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on June 23, 2022.

Minutes of the Executive Session of the Mayor and Council held on June 23, 2022.

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) 06/24/2022, RE: ETR Deadline, Budget Update, Broadband Funds

<https://www.nijlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/175069>

- b) 06/28/2022, RE: Energy Tax Receipt Funding Update
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/175229>
- c) 07/01/2022, ETR Update, Budget & Legislation Signed, UCC Reports Due
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/175470>
- d) 07/06/2022, RE: Reissue of State Aid Certification; Gov. Housing Conference
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/175975>
- e) OSC Report, ETR Update, Supreme Court Decision, Future Lunch & Learns
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/175892>

2) **GARWOOD PLANNING BOARD**

- a) 06/24/2022, RE: Minutes: May 25, 2022
https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/5_25_2022_PB_adopted_Minutes.pdf

ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 22-08 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 99-15 (BRUSH, WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION) IN ARTICLE III (REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND DEBRIS) IN CHAPTER 99 (HEALTH AND SANITATION) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-08-INTRO-REMOVAL_OF_WEEDS_DEBRIS.pdf

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 22-08.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 22-08.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 22-08

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Ordinance No. 22-08

Discussion:

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 22-09 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-09

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 21-1 (PARKING PROHIBITED) IN ARTICLE I (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) IN CHAPTER 21 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-09-INTRO_AMENDING_TRAFFIC_PARKING.pdf

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 22-09.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 22-09

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 22-09

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Ordinance No. 22-09

Discussion:

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair

FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: Councilwoman Loffredo, Chair

STREETS, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: Council President Blumenstock, Chair

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Graham, Chair

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:
Councilwoman Salmon, Chair**

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

CFO/Tax Collector Report for 2nd Quarter, 2022.

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report for June, 2022.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Addendum_June_2022.pdf

Property Maintenance Officer's Report for June, 2022.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property_Maintenance_Reports_06-2022.pdf

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to accept Officer's reports.
All in favor, opposed?

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.

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ 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. 22-102

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that in continuance of past practice, a contract be entered into for the year 2022, from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, with the Garwood First Aid Squad, Inc., for the furnishing of municipal ambulance service and first aid treatment for residents and persons employed in industrial establishments throughout the Borough of Garwood; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$9,000.00 as budgeted and appropriated by the Borough of Garwood for this purpose shall be contributed to the said Garwood First Aid Squad, Inc., and made a part of the said contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be are hereby directed to execute said contract with the said Garwood First Aid Squad, Inc., on behalf of the Borough of Garwood, on the basis hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a voucher in the sum of \$9,000.00 be drawn to the order of the Garwood First Aid Squad, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-103

A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORIZATION FOR AN ENCROACHMENT ON BOROUGH PROPERTY OR RIGHT-OF- WAY

WHEREAS, Section 106-113 (Encroachments Into the Public Rite- of- Way) of Article VIII (Zone Regulations) in Chapter 106 (Land Use) sets forth "there shall be no replacement or removal of existing grass areas between the sidewalk or curb in the public right-of-way changing same to concrete, asphalt or other ground surface without receipt of written approval by way of resolution from the Mayor and Council"; and

WHEREAS, Heylin Rogalski is the homeowner/property owner of Lot 12, Block 406 known as 317 Willow Avenue, Garwood, NJ; and

WHEREAS, said homeowner/property owner has requested permission to use and maintain a piece of the Borough right-of-way adjacent to the property along 317 Willow Avenue to plant one (1) Double Knock Out Rose Bush and mulch an area of approximately nine (9) square feet; and

WHEREAS, this piece of Borough right-of-way appears to be part of the homeowner's property, and the Governing Body sees no detriment to the Borough in granting this authorization for requested use.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Garwood does hereby grant authorization for the use and maintenance of the aforementioned piece of Borough rite-of-way property for use by requestor.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-104

WHEREAS by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey the Municipal Clerk was authorized to advertise for a bid entitled "**CONTRACT 2022 - CURB AND SIDEWALK REPAIR/REPLACEMENT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS**" IN THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, UNION COUNTY, N.J."; and

WHEREAS the project consists of replacement curbs along South Avenue between East Street and the Cranford boundary; Alternate #1 includes additional curb replacement; Alternate #2 consists of accessibility improvements at Hartman Park; and

WHEREAS on May 19, 2022, at the advertised time of 11:00 A.M. Midwest Construction Inc., 19 Dead River Road, Warren, NJ 07059, submitted a base bid amount of \$98,713.31 plus Alternate #1 in the amount of \$33,210.95 and Alternate #2 in the amount of \$10,921.67, totaling \$142,845.93, which is determined the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the project is being charged to Bond Ordinance No. 22-05

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood that the contract be hereby awarded to Midwest Construction Inc., for \$142,845.93, which includes the base bid, plus Alternate #1 and #2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this quote be subject to the Borough Treasurer executing the appropriate Certification of Funds.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute an agreement in the form approved by the Borough Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-105

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2022 the Borough Administrator received correspondence dated July 5, 2022 from the DPW Foreman advising that Corey Greulich resigned from his position as DPW Laborer effective July 9, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-106

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL GRANT FOR BODY-WORN CAMERAS**

WHEREAS the Borough of Garwood is committed to transparency, technology advancements and safety of their police officers and community members; and

WHEREAS the use of body-worn cameras is a great tool for law enforcement to help fulfil the needs of the department and the community; and

WHEREAS the Garwood Department applied for a grant from the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS the Garwood Police Department was awarded SFY21 Body-Worn Grant, on July 22, 2021, in the amount of \$36,684.00 (Award Number 21-BWC-162) for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood acknowledge and accept the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, Union County, New Jersey, as follows:

THAT the Mayor and Council accept these grant funds on behalf of the Borough of Garwood to be used for the implementation of body-worn cameras; and

THAT the Mayor is authorized to sign the required grant forms provided by the NJ Department of Public Safety Office of the Attorney General.

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Resolution No.

Discussion:

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

NEW BUSINESS

Danielle Wood Board of Health 07/14/22 - 12/31/23

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:

Councilman Graham	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Thursday, July 28, 2022**, at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

A motion was made by _____ second by _____ to adjourn. Time: _____