

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

Time: 7:00 P.M

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:**

<b>Mayor Todisco</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Councilman Graham</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Councilwoman Loffredo</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Councilman Kearney</b>	<b>*P</b>	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	<b>P</b>
<i>*arrived at 7:06 P.M.</i>			
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>Council President Blumenstock</b>	<b>P</b>

**Also Present:**

Kyle Harris, Borough Administrator  
Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney  
Mike Disko, Borough Engineer  
Catherine D. Cameron, Borough Clerk

Report of Borough Engineer:

AGENDA JULY 14, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING  
ENGINEERING TOPICS TO DISCUSS

- CONTRACT 2022-2 CURB REPLACEMENT ON SOUTH AVENUE (BASE BID + ALTERNATE #1) ACCESSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS AT HARTMAN PARK (ALTERNATE #2)  
BIDS OPENED MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>. UNION COUNTY 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT OF \$30,000 REC'D FOR CURB PROJECT – MATCHING GRANT. RECREATION GRANT OF \$15,000+/-? RECEIVED FOR HARTMAN.  
BID RECOMMENDATION – MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION \$142,845.93  
A PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK.
- CONTRACT 2022-3 RESURFACING OF SECTIONS OF SECOND AVENUE AND THIRD AVENUE (CONGRESSIONAL GRANT). PROJECT WORK INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:  
SECOND AVENUE (CEDAR TO OAK) MILLING AND RESURFACING OF PAVEMENT, MINOR NJDEP DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, TRAFFIC STRIPING AND MARKINGS, REPLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC SIGNS.  
THIRD AVENUE (OAK TO GALLOWS HILL RD.) INSTALLATION OF GRANITE BLOCK CURBS, MILLING AND RESURFACING OF PAVEMENT, NJDEP DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, TRAFFIC SIGNS AND MARKINGS  
ORIGINAL GRANT APPLICATION COST ESTIMATE = \$447,920.00 (CURBS ON BOTH STREETS)  
\$250,000 GRANT OBTAINED.  
PROJECT PLANS ARE TENTATIVELY COMPLETE. PROCEED TO BID?
- NJDOT MA 23 GRANT APPLICATION – SUBMITTED JUNE 30, 2022  
PROPOSED WORK – MILLING AND RESURFACING, CURB REPLACEMENT, TRAFFIC STRIPING AND SIGNS, MINOR DRAINAGE

BEECH AVENUE (CENTER TO RANKIN)  
HEMLOCK AVENUE (EAST TO LEXINGTON)  
MYRTLE AVENUE (WESTFIELD TO MAPLE)  
CONSTRUCTION COST \$602,840 GRANT REQUEST \$560,000

- CENTER STREET PONDING BETWEEN SPRUCE AVE AND MYRTLE AVE, EAST SIDE OF STREET. PLANS PREPARED TO RECTIFY PONDING, PRIOR TO UTILITY COMPANY (GAS) REPAVING
- IN DESIGN – NJDOT MA22 RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS.  
PROJECT WORK INCLUDES RESURFACING OF:  
FIFTH AVENUE (CEDAR ST. TO DEAD END – ADD CURBS)  
LOCUST AVENUE (CENTER ST. TO EAST ST. – ADD CURBS)  
MAPLE STREET (NORTH AVE. TO FOURTH AVE.)  
SECOND AVENUE (WALNUT ST. TO CEDAR ST.)  
ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST = \$555,550. (GRANT APPLICATION)  
NJDOT GRANT AMOUNT \$330,000
- CONTRACT 2022-1 RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS (NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID 2021).  
IN CONSTRUCTION. PROJECT WORK INCLUDES RESURFACING OF:  
HAZEL AVENUE (CENTER ST. TO DEAD END)  
HEMLOCK AVENUE (EAST STREET TO DEAD END)  
SPRUCE AVENUE (CENTER ST. TO EAST ST.)  
THIRD AVENUE (MAPLE TO DEAD END)  
PROJECT BID = \$496,231.68 MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION NJDOT GRANT AMOUNT \$395,000

Discussion ensued regarding the curb replacement project as related to paving by the gas company. Mr. Disko stated he will assess areas affected to determine if a letter from the Borough is necessary to provide to affected residents.

Report of Borough Attorney NO REPORT

Report of Borough Administrator

1. Myrec Program: Myself and CFO Sandy Bruns having been working on the backend set up of the MyRec Program. We are looking towards a soft launch in August allowing for online registration for a few select programs as well as having Borough Calendar of activities up and running. The calendar will include not only recreation events but Senior Activities, Borough Meetings and Garwood Celebrations Events
2. PrimePoint: Myself, Payroll Clerk Amy Rivera and CFO Sandy Bruns have been working on setting up Primepoint our new payroll service. Primepoint will not only process employees pay but will also provide time keeping and time management for all employees. We had our first payroll service run last week.
3. Ordinance Number 22-09 Parking Amendment. Upon adoption of the ordinance the Department of Public Works will begin installing signage and painting lines on South Ave to indicate the parking restrictions. We have some signs in stock and Chief Wright is expecting to receive the rest of the signs tomorrow. DPW will be installing the sign posts tomorrow and depending on the arrival time will either be putting out some or all of the permanent signs. The Police Dept will start strict enforcement of the no parking zones as well as the 1 hour parking locations.

4. Resolution 22-103 is to allow a resident to plant a rose bush next to their water valve. The resident has had an issue with vehicles driving on the grass between the sidewalk and the curb on top of their water valve. Under Chapter 106 Land Use a resident needs a resolution from council to disturb the area of grass between the sidewalk and the curb.
5. Lastly tonight, we need to discuss of the Recreation Kids Trust Grant Application and the Greening Union County Grant. As for the Greening Union County, I would recommend we apply for \$5,000. Our shade tree advisory has been able to get a list of residents that wish to have a tree planted. On June 28<sup>th</sup>, I sent the council an email with historical information on the grant as well as the recommendation of the Rec Director for the 2022 Grant. Is there something specific that you wish to apply for this year?

Discussion ensued regarding the UC Trust match.

Discussion ensued regarding the grant amount requested for security cameras.

### **Report of Mayor Sara Todisco**

#### **Parking:**

The Parking Committee I established at the last meeting met today before this meeting. We discussed the parking ordinance on tonight's agenda for adoption as well as other places on North Avenue, South Avenue, and Center Street that we will be discussing further at our next meeting. We also discussed some new technology that could greatly improve the efficiency of parking enforcement. I look forward to continuing the discussion at our next meeting.

#### **DPW Building:**

The special committee on the topic of the DPW Building and a possible future renovation or rebuild made up of myself, Council President Blumenstock, and Councilwoman Loffredo has met twice, including today with a representative of DMR, the architectural firm we've retained. We've had very positive meetings and are looking to advance to the next step in order to gain necessary information about the soil condition of the Willow Avenue lot or better known as the recycling center. This requires a phase one that will cost \$11,500, so we are looking into possible funding sources for this step. Most likely according to DMR, we would need a second phase of soil boring, which they are going to give us an estimate for. The Committee is in agreement that we need to do our due diligence and get this information before holding a town hall meeting to discuss possible options with the public. DMR is required to lead one town hall meeting for us per their proposal, but we all would like to hold a second one to allow for more public participation. I will continue to keep everyone updated as we move through this process.

#### **Vermella Update:**

Here is the leasing update from Vermella as of early July:

- Of the 164 one-bedroom units, 92 are leased and 68 are occupied.
- Of the 125 two-bedroom units, 76 are leased and 59 are occupied.
- The breakdown of affordable units remains the same with 15 of the 30 units occupied, including all six of the three-bedroom units.
- As a whole, 58.8% is currently leased and 44.9% is occupied.
- As for the future retail, they are currently negotiating three leases.

### **Comments from the Council:**

Councilman Graham NO REPORT

Councilman Graham requested support for Resolution #22-106.

Councilman Kearney NO REPORT

Councilman Kearney requested support for Resolution #22-106.

Councilman Lazarow NO REPORT

Councilwoman Loffredo

Council Comments: Good evening, everyone. I wanted to bring to your attention the fact that my home is currently for sale. At the moment, we are looking to take hold of what is left of an advantageous market as well as some personal family reasons. We are early on in the sale process and I will decide on the best fit for our family at the time it's officially sold. We are exploring options locally but keeping open-minded as we decide on accommodations that best fit our families' needs. Until then, I intend on pushing forward seamlessly to pursue what's best for Garwood and that will not change! Thank you. Please feel to reach out to me with any questions or concerns!

Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

Council President Blumenstock

At last Police Committee meeting, we discussed the creation of a "No Knock Ordinance." I spoke of this previously at a Council meeting. What it essentially is, residents can sign-up to be on this non-solicitation list, and then, when solicitors or canvassers come to the Police Department to register and receive their badge, they are given this list of addresses they are not allowed to knock at. This will not apply of course to religious, political or non-profit groups, but could help residents wishing to limit the number of solicitations for commercial type sales. The Council has already been provided samples of ordinances from nearby towns; more towns than not around us seem to have this on their books and available to their residents. The committee agreed to the creation of this kind of ordinance, so Mayor, if we could see if the rest of the Council is agreed in moving forward?

A consensus from Council recommended further discussion regarding the No Knock Ordinance at the next Council meeting.

#### **MINUTES:**

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

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

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

All in favor.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

##### **1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES**

- a) 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.nijlm.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](https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/5_25_2022_PB_adopted_Minutes.pdf)

ALL RECEIVED AND FILED.

**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](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. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 22-08. NONE

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Council President Blumenstock, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 22-08

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Council President Blumenstock, to adopt Ordinance No. 22-08

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Graham</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Loffredo</b>	<b>NAY</b>
<b>Councilman Kearney</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>Council President Blumenstock</b>	<b>AYE</b>

4-AYES, 1-NAY, 1-ABSENT Bond Ordinance No. 22-08 was adopted.

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.**

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List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 22-09. NONE

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

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, requested the following clarification: a street map outlining the amendments to the Ordinance; parking on South Avenue; and parking for the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Kearney, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 22-09.

Mayor Todisco stated a color coded street map is in process. Mayor Todisco clarified parking on South Avenue, and parking for the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Council President Blumenstock, to adopt Ordinance No. 22-09

Discussion:

Mr. Harris stated parking boxes on South Avenue will be painting following adoption of the Ordinance.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Graham</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Loffredo</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Kearney</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>Council President Blumenstock</b>	<b>AYE</b>

5-AYES, 1-ABSENT Bond Ordinance No. 22-09 was adopted .

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

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair** NO REPORT

#### **FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair**

Thank you, Mayor. I have the activity report for the month of June: 2 mutual aid calls into Elizabeth; 11 total incidents for the month of June. Note that the total incidents don't include assigned house duties, weekly pump/driver training, and special details for wacky water Wednesdays at our Summer Rec camp.

The monthly drill for June was vehicle and equipment extrication and stabilization with multiple scenarios and evolutions simulating vehicle vs. pedestrian incidents.

Firefighters also participated in Garwood Rocks with various displays, while still answering calls for service during the event.

The Fire Department is still calculating the exact total hours for the month due to a computer system issue; I'll update this report when I have that available.

#### **FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: Councilwoman Loffredo, Chair**

Good evening, Mayor, Members of Council and Members of the Public –

A few updates for Facilities and Grounds: The 2022 contracted shade tree work has been completed; Shade tree meeting will be meeting next Thursday to discuss various tree species; New tables with umbrellas have been installed at sports complex; Contractor completed the annual vegetation management along Garwood Brook. That's all I have for tonight! Thank you!

#### **STREETS, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: Council President Blumenstock, Chair**

In addition to regular garbage pickup, the DPW has been busy with the regular street sweeping schedule. Signs have been put up and taken down accordingly. They continued mowing and weeding operations in all Borough owned areas, as well as watering the roadside flower pots in the downtown area. They also pruned and trimmed the large tree here at Borough Hall overlooking the communications tower. That's all for my report, Mayor.

#### **POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Graham, Chair**

Since the last meeting of Mayor and Council on June 23, 2022 the Garwood Police Department has recorded the following activity: Initiated 61 motor vehicle stops; Conducted 49 building/property checks; Initiated 19 community policing posts; Assigned to 35 fixed traffic posts (Radar, Stop Sign, Distracted Driving); Responded to 27 calls for medical assist; Responded to 14 business/residential alarms; Responded to 25 false 911/fire/co alarms

The Garwood Police Department is actively soliciting applications for the position of full-time police officer. Minimum requirements to apply include: Must be 18 years or older; US Citizen; Graduated from High School or GED program; Valid New Jersey Driver's License; New Jersey Police Training Commission (PTC) Certification a plus. Interested candidates can apply by going to Police App or following the link on the Garwood Police Department website. The deadline to apply is August 19, 2022.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:**

**Councilwoman Salmon, Chair**

Garwood Summer Rec Camp is well underway. The kids are having a great time and enjoying all the special events scheduled. The schedule is available on the Garwood Recreation Facebook page. Wacky Water Wednesday hosted by our fire department has been a big hit this year. The Garwood Recreation committee is scheduled to meet next week to begin working on their Fall Schedule.

Garwood Celebrations is hosting their first Ice Cream Social this coming Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> at the YMCA building. They will be hosting this free event in partnership with the Garwood Fire Department's pump Drills. Please be sure to come down and cool off!

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney**

The Committee met in person last week to address the items brought up during Council discussion on the social media policy/employee handbook update in the June 23rd meeting. The list of official social media sites for the Borough was found by Mr. Harris among the various markups done over the last few months. An additional change was added yesterday regarding a requirement for disclosure of page/account administrators to the Borough Administrator. What I sincerely hope is that the final version of this document was circulated to the full Council for review and comments yesterday.

I'm requesting the rest of the Council route any comments or suggestions on this policy through Mr. Harris via email by the end of business next Thursday (July 21st) so we have enough time for the Borough Attorney to review it and get a Resolution on the July 28th meeting agenda.

**LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow**

Council President Blumenstock read the following report:

Please check out the library Facebook page and website for all of the up to date events for the summer reading program. In addition on July 20 from 10 am – noon Union County Division of Aging Staff will be on hand to assist seniors (age 60+) or their caregivers with information on services, such as meal delivery, respite care, adult day care and support services for caregivers

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney**

The Garwood Board of Education met on Tuesday, June 28th. The Board approved a number of maintenance contracts as well as staff salaries for the 2022-2023 school year. School safety and health standards were also discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16th.

**GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock**

No report Mayor, we have our next Club meeting next Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 12pm.

**SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney**

No official report tonight, but the Board members are hard at work on the events for the rest of the year I reported on at our last meeting.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

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

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report for June, 2022.

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Property Maintenance Officer's Report for June, 2022.

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A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Council President Blumenstock, to accept Officer's reports. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, requested clarification on the curb replacement project; street post removal at Fourth Ave. and Cedar Street; and social media postings.

Garwood resident of 202 Spruce Street requested clarification regarding the development at Vermella.

Tom Evelina, 308 North Avenue, requested clarification regarding the Fire Department vehicle as related to Bond Ordinance #22-07. Mr. Evelina stated various comments regarding the Fire Department

Jay Schroeck, 269 Willow Avenue, requested clarification regarding the quote for the pavilion, and requested clarification regarding the Borough's shared services agreement with Fanwood.

Jackie Darcy, 336 Hazel Avenue, commented on a social media post regarding the Garwood Board of Education.

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

Mayor Todisco and Mr. Harris clarified the curb replacement project.

Mr. Harris stated the post was removed due to safety concerns and cannot be re-used.

Mr. Abramson provided clarification regarding posts placed on social media by elected officials.

Mayor Todisco clarified the redevelopment concern regarding Vermella.

Mayor Todisco clarified concerns regarding the fire department as related to mutual aid and clarified concerns regarding the department's request for updated vehicles.

Mr. Harris clarified the concern regarding the pavilion.

Mayor Todisco clarified the concern regarding the Borough's shared services agreement with Fanwood.



**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 Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Kearney, to adopt Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Graham</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Loffredo</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Kearney</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>Council President Blumenstock</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

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

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Kearney, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Graham</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Loffredo</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Kearney</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>Council President Blumenstock</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**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](https://garwood.org/gb_notices)

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Kearney, to adjourn.

Time: 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Catherine D. Cameron, R.M.C.