

Borough of Garwood Meeting of the Mayor and Council

MINUTES

July 24, 2018

Start time: 7:57 p.m.
Moment of Silence.....
Salute to the Flag.....

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader, advertised on January 4, 2018, notification was sent to the Star Ledger and prominently posted on the municipal public bulletin board and filed in the office of the municipal clerk informing the Public of the time and place according to the Provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Lombardo	P		
Councilwoman Bianco	P	Councilman McCormack	P
Councilwoman Cuccaro	P	Councilwoman Todisco	P
Councilman Lazarow	P	Council President Blumenstock	P

MINUTES:

Regular, Workshop and Executive Minutes of the Mayor and Council held on July 10, 2018.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –
 - a. Mayor's Advisory –
 - i. 07/17/18, RE: Weekly Round-Up
 - ii. 07/20/18, RE: Weekly Round-Up

RECEIVED AND FILED

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION:

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

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 18-18

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$302,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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.

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

Roll Call:

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

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 18-19 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION (H) IN §106-118 (FENCES AND WALLS) IN ARTICLE VIII (ZONE REGULATIONS) IN CHAPTER 106 (LAND USE) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD TO AMEND RESTRICTIONS ON FENCES ON CORNER LOTS.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cuccaro, second by Councilwoman Todisco, to introduce Ordinance 18-19.

Roll Call:

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

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

POLICE: Councilwoman Bianco, Chr.

The Garwood Police Department is seeking people interested in becoming a school crossing guard. If you or someone you know is interested in a position as an alternate please fill out an application with the Chief of Police. Dispatcher Donna Cordell-Genlot began her training on the police desk on July 11, 2018 with Dispatcher John Drone as her training officer and she is off to a good start. She is expected to complete her training within the next eight to twelve weeks. While hurricane season began in June, August marks the beginning of peak season. To learn more about hurricane preparedness including checklists and action plans please visit weather.gov.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Councilwoman Cuccaro **NO REPORT**

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

In addition to regular garbage pickup, the Department of Public Works performed weed removal at the municipal complex, sports complex and sections of Hartman Park, and performed shade tree pruning and/or removal in the following locations:

- 424 & 417 Beech Avenue (2 removed)
- 707 Center Street (2 trees on Pine Ave)
- 300 Cedar Street (1 removed, 1 pruned)
- 300 and 400 Block of 3rd Avenue (2 removed)

Fanwood's bucket truck was used for the tree work. Due to pesticide licensing requirements, Fanwood also assisted in the spraying of the poison ivy/poison oak and weeds located along the Western and Southern perimeters of Hartman Park. In addition, the DPW performed sign maintenance in various areas of the Borough and watered the roadside flower pots on a daily basis.

Fanwood completed sweeping operations of all Borough streets with the exception of areas throughout the South side of the Borough due to bypass water mains within the gutter line. That's all for my report Mayor.

FIRE: Councilman McCormack, Chr.

Thank you Mayor. Read the Fire Chief's report. The Fire Committee hereby approves the membership application for Kristian Jacoby of Cranford. He has passed his physical and background requirements. That's all for my report Mayor. Mayor Lombardo commented

FINANCE: Councilwoman Todisco, Chr. **NO REPORT**

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Lazarow

As mentioned earlier, the Building and Grounds committee met yesterday and made some bipartisan unanimous decisions on choosing what to apply for the recreation trust grant as well as the recommendation to solicit proposals for painting and repairing the underpass of Center Street. Finally, I want to thank all residents for their great feedback on the Hartman Park restoration project. I have heard and seen in person how excited children and parents have been and am especially thrilled to see the utilization of the mommy and me swing and the sensory tunnel. I encourage all residents, if they have not already to check out Hartman Park for yourself.

LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilwoman Cuccaro **NO REPORT**

RECREATION: Councilman Lazarow

Last Monday the Commission met and determined due to the cost of the soccer netting and installation coming close to \$40,000 and the fact that a large portion of the single house nearest the soccer field affected has trees and bushes protecting it from most soccer balls entering their residence, that it would be more prudent to invest in other projects such as saving money for eventual turf replacement or improved signage and turf cleaning equipment. The summer recreation program has been very successful with trip to Garwood Lanes, Mini Golf and the Zoo to name a few. The final week of the program will be next week with the program ending Friday August 3rd.

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock **NO REPORT**

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

Last Thursday kids participated in musical storytelling and music making with real instruments provided by Learn Listen and Play. On Monday kids touched a real dinosaur egg, tooth and bone and helped build Little Al the Allosaurus. At 2pm on Monday kids participated in a fossil dig. They dug through sand for fossilized shark's teeth, coral, sea urchins and more and got to keep what they found. Both programs were well attended. Check out pictures on our Facebook page. The last day to log in summer reading hours is Friday, August 3. We will celebrate the end of Summer Reading with an ice cream party on August 7th complete with prizes and games. Summer hours for the library started the first week in July. The weekday hours of the library will remain unchanged (9am to 8pm Monday through Thursday and 9 to 4:30 pm on Friday) however, the library will be closed on Saturdays during July and August. Regular Saturday hours will begin again on Saturday, September 8.

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

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON:

Councilwoman Cuccaro **NO REPORT**

UNION COUNTY AIR TRAFFIC NOISE ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Councilman McCormack **NO REPORT**

UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE: Councilwoman Bianco

Read written report.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Todisco

Thank you, Mayor. I attended the Historical Committee meeting last night, which was really more of an arts and crafts work session. We began making holiday ornaments, which will be on sale this fall. This is the second year that the committee will be selling sets of 3 ornaments related to Garwood's history after a successful fundraiser last year. The ornaments featured this year include a photo of 3 Garwood schools that are no longer open--Franklin School, Jefferson School, and St. Anne's School. Keep an eye out for the ornaments sales in a couple months. We are also presently working on compiling articles and photos for our next newsletter. That's all for my report, Mayor.

PARKING COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Bianco

Read written report.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Len DiStefano: monthly report for June 2018

CFO/Tax Collector Sandy Bruns: 2nd Qtr. Tax Collection Reports, Revenue and Expenditure Reports

Municipal Court Administrator Lashonn Durant monthly report for June 2018

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow, to accept Officer's reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA

(Adoption upon Roll Call)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-152

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby hires:
 Daniel Bennett
 1282 Wood Valley Road
 Mountainside, NJ 07092

As a Full Time Class E Laborer in the Department of Public Works, effective August 20, 2018, at a salary of \$19.66 per hour, and subject to the terms and conditions of the contract effective 1/1/2016.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-153

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2018 in the sum of \$1,000.00 which item is now available as a revenue from AMERICAN WATER, 2018 FIREFIGHTER/EMS GRANT, in the amount of \$1,000.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of “2018 AMERICAN WATER FIREFIGHTER/EMS GRANT”.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-154

WHEREAS, a proposal has been received from Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, for the purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle in accordance with the specifications attached hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, said supplier represents to the Borough of Garwood that it is under contract with the State of New Jersey, Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury, #T-2776, State Contract #A88728 for the supplying of said motor vehicle at the price offered to the Borough of Garwood, to wit; \$27,554.00; and

WHEREAS, the clerk of the Borough of Garwood has received the Notice of Award concerning the supplier for contract period of 03/16/2015 extended to 03/15/2019, which states the supplier is under contract for such material and supplies with the Division of Purchase and Property, State of New Jersey and she has researched whether said supplier is under contract for such material and supplies with the Division of Purchase and Property and her inquiry has resulted in verification; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle is purchased via Bond Ordinance 18-14 costing \$27,554.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby authorize the purchase of the aforementioned 2019 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, in accordance with the quote for \$27,554.00, attached hereto and that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to enter such order on behalf of this Borough and to sign such documents as may be required to consummate this transaction.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-155

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$302,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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."

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 14th day of August, 2018, 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. 18-156

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accept the Borough Administrator's terminal leave calculation for Glenn Lewis based on time due in accordance with union contract.

Hours	Description	Hourly Rate	Amount
61	2018 vacation hours	35.06	2,138.66
16	2018 personal hours	35.06	560.96
256	terminal leave sick bank hours	35.06	8,975.36
8	2018 personal Birthday	35.06	280.48
341	TOTALS:		11,955.46

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to execute to the above.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-157

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief of the Garwood Fire Department solicited quotes from vendors for the purchase of one (1) Bauer Veriticon 13-E3 SCBA Cylinder Recharging System QT#070618-01 for use by the Garwood Fire Department. Quotes were received as follows:

Vendor	Price
Air & Gas Technologies	\$16,070
HGACBuy (Coop Vendor)	\$21,824

WHEREAS, the system is purchased via Bond Ordinance 18-14 costing \$16,070.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby awards the quote to the vendor as follows:

VENDOR: Air & Gas Technologies
 42 Industrial Drive
 Cliffwood Beach, NJ 07735

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby authorize the purchase of the aforementioned Bauer Veriticon 13-E3 SCBA Cylinder Recharging System QT#070618-01 for use by the Garwood Fire Department from Air & Gas Technologies, in accordance with the quote for \$16,070, attached hereto and that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to enter such order on behalf of this Borough and to sign such documents as may be required to consummate this transaction.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-158

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk solicited proposals from State Contract Vendors for the provision of the 2018 General Tree Maintenance project; and

WHEREAS, one proposal has been received as follows:

- 1) Rich's Tree Service (State Contract Vendor) - \$ 19,125.00

WHEREAS, the proposal has been received from Rich's Tree Service, Inc., 325 Bergen Street, S. Plainfield, NJ, 07080-3320, for the provision of tree maintenance services in accordance with the specifications attached hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, said vendor represents to the Borough of Garwood that it is under contract with the State of New Jersey, Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury, #T-0465, State Contract #A80902 for the supplying of said tree maintenance services at the price offered to the Borough of Garwood, to wit; \$19,125.00; and

WHEREAS, the clerk of the Borough of Garwood has received the Notice of Award concerning the supplier for contract period of 03/01/2012 extended to 10/31/2018, which states the supplier is under contract for such services with the Division of Purchase and Property, State of New Jersey and she has researched whether said supplier is under contract for such services with the Division of Purchase and Property and her inquiry has resulted in verification; and

WHEREAS, the contract is charged to 2018 Shade Tree maintenance \$11,210.96 and Buildings and Grounds Contractual \$7,914.04, totaling \$19,125.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby authorize the award of the aforementioned 2018 Shade Tree Maintenance Contract from Rich's Tree Service, Inc., 325 Bergen Street, S. Plainfield, NJ, 07080-3320, in accordance with the quote for \$19,125.00, attached hereto and that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to enter such order on behalf of this Borough and to sign such documents as may be required to consummate this transaction.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-159

WHEREAS, a proposal has been received from Foveonics Document Solutions, 999 Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, NJ, 07840, for the provision of records management/scanning project in accordance with Proposal #CONV02122018, dated 02/12/2018, attached hereto and made part hereof in the Borough of Garwood; and

WHEREAS, said contractor represents to the Borough of Garwood that it is in accordance with the Education Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Administration (ESC NJ), 1660 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854, Co-op #65MCECCPS, and Bid #ESC NJ 16/17-48 for the supplying of the following work and at the price offered to the Borough of Garwood, to wit; \$36,946.00 total; and

Transportation, manifest, *Document Preparation, Document Scanning, Indexing, Quality Control, Certified Destruction and loading of data into DocumentSync, hosting services

WHEREAS, the clerk of the Borough of Garwood has researched whether said supplier is a NJ State approved Co-op under contract for such equipment with ESC NJ Cooperative Administration Co-op #65MCECCPS for said services as presented and her inquiry has resulted in verification; and

WHEREAS, said project is funded under Bond Ordinance No. 18-14 in the amount of \$36,946.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby award the aforementioned project for the provision of records management/scanning project in the Borough of Garwood in accordance with Proposal #CONV02122018, dated 02/12/2018, from Foveonics Document Solutions, 999 Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, NJ, 07840, attached hereto and that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to enter such order on behalf of the Borough and to sign such documents as may be required to consummate this transaction.

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

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilwoman Cuccaro, to adopt Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-160

**OPPOSITION TO FORCED LOCAL GOVERNMENT MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN
OPPOSITION TO FORCED MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN NEW
JERSEY.**

WHEREAS, the municipalities are excellent fiscal stewards that have been doing more with less ever since New Jersey was founded in 1787 and are run by elected officials that live and work in the communities they represent, and are more committed to working together and the responsible and efficient use of tax dollars than any other level of government; and

WHEREAS, various special interests suggest that there are too many local governments in New Jersey and that by reducing this figure through forced boundary change will somehow lead to greater economic conditions and better delivery of services in the State; and

WHEREAS, no one has ever proven that bigger, centralized government is better or even more cost effective than local municipal government; and

WHEREAS, the recent history of State takeovers in New Jersey are largely contained to the State's larger cities and urban areas; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 Rutgers study titled "Size May Not Be The Issue" experts Raphael J. Caprio and Marc Pfeiffer concluded town size does not correlate with efficiency; and

WHEREAS, a March 2009 report titled "A Quest for Efficiency in Local Government" by the Local Unit Alignment, Reorganization, and Consolidation Commission found that addressing the question of an optimal size municipality from the standpoint of efficiency resulted in inconclusive findings; and

WHEREAS, the municipality supports voluntary merger or consolidation of local governments if the process is initiated at the local level and it has the support of the majority of the residents of all affected municipalities; and, therefore, it is **RESOLVED** that Garwood Borough, County of Union, opposes any measure, initiative, or plan that mandates the forced merger or consolidation of local governments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the General Assembly and the Senate be urged to oppose forced merger or consolidation of local governments, and any other legislation that has been, or may be introduced in the future to weaken the responsiveness and effectiveness of local government.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Todisco, second by Council President Blumenstock, to adopt Resolution 18-190

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cuccaro, second by Councilwoman Todisco, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018**, 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 BOND ORDINANCE NO. 18-18 AND ORDINANCE 18-19, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018, AT 7:15 P.M. OR SOON THERE AFTER

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cuccaro, Second by Council President Blumenstock, to adjourn.
Time: 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk,
Borough of Garwood