

Borough of Garwood Meeting of the Mayor and Council

MINUTES

July 25, 2019

Start Time: 8:00 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	EXCUSED	Councilman Ince	P
Councilwoman Blumenstock	P	Councilman McCormack	P
Councilman Graham	P	Council President Lazarow	P

Also present Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Christina M. Ariemma and Borough Attorney Thomas C. Jardim, Esq.

MINUTES:

Regular and Workshop Minutes of the Mayor and Council held on July 11, 2019.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Blumenstock, second by Council President Lazarow to accept minutes as presented. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES –
 - a. Mayor's Advisory –
 - i. 07/12/19, RE: Weekly Round-Up for July 8-12.
 - ii. 07/15/19, RE: Daily Update.
 - iii. 07/18/19, RE: Daily Update.
- 2) UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS – 07/09/19, RE: Resolution No. 2019-571.

ALL RECEIVED AND FILED

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing on Ordinance 19-15 as advertised in the Westfield Leader.

ADOPTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 19-15 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 19-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE I (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) AND ARTICLE XIV (RESIDENT PREFERENTIAL PERMIT PARKING) IN CHAPTER 21 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) TO ESTABLISH RESIDENT PREFERENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ON MYRTLE AVENUE AND SPRUCE AVENUE NEAR THE GARWOOD SPORTS AND RECREATION COMPLEX.

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

Section 1. Article I (Traffic and Parking) in Chapter 21 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the Borough of Garwood is hereby amended by enacting § 21-1.2 (Resident Preferential Permit Parking) to read as follows:

§ 21-1.2 Resident Preferential Permit Parking.

No person shall park any vehicle, other than one displaying a residential parking permit issued in accordance with § 21-31 et seq., on the following streets between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Myrtle Avenue	Both	Between New Street and the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex
Spruce Avenue	Both	Between New Street and the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law, and after the posting of appropriate signs.

Section 5. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized and directed to post appropriate signs.

List correspondence concerning Ordinance 19-15. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance 19-15. NONE

A motion was made by Council President Lazarow, second by Councilwoman Blumenstock to close Public Hearing on Ordinance 19-15.

A motion was made by Council President Lazarow, second by Councilwoman Blumenstock to adopt Ordinance 19-15.

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call

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

5-AYE, 1-EXCUSED, Ordinance 19-15 was adopted.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

POLICE: Councilman Ince, Chr. No Report

STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Councilwoman Blumenstock Chr.

In addition to regular garbage pickup, the DPW completed brush chipping operations in various locations of the Borough utilizing Fanwood's chipper. They removed the debris from all walkways, decks, bleachers and the basketball court within the Sports Complex and mowed, trimmed and maintained all municipal owned properties and parks on a weekly basis. Additionally, the Department delivered the new canopies and materials to Hartman Park and also pruned, trimmed and elevated shade trees on the 100 and 200 blocks of 2nd Ave. And as mentioned before, they performed street sweeping operations on the south side of the Borough from Spruce Avenue to Willow Avenue and began sweeping operations on the north side of the Borough. That's all for my report, Mayor.

FIRE: Councilman McCormack, Chr.

Thank you Mayor. I want to thank my fellow council members and our Mayor for joining me in the support of the purchase of a new Fire rescue platform Ladder truck for our volunteer Garwood Fire Department. We unanimously passed the bond ordinance for this purchase, and i look forward to your continue support by joining me in voting Yes for this Resolution 19-236 tonight, which awards the contract for Spartan 100 foot aerial Platform Fire Truck. As you know, the additional money in the bond ordinance at a total of \$ 1.3 million is for the bonding cost along with the proper equipment, such as hose hoses, that is needed to property fit out this truck.

FINANCE: Council President Lazarow, Chr. No Report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Graham

Hartman Park:

I am happy to report that all of the projects that were planned for Hartman Park including a new water fountain and shading over the small children play station and over the picnic tables have been completed.

I want to take a moment to gratefully commend the vision and outstanding efforts made by Council President Lazarow and Councilwoman Blumenstock. They not only identified the overwhelming need to address the dire condition of the park they then led the effort to design a wonderful space where children of all ages and abilities would find a welcoming environment.

Furthermore, they did a tremendous job getting grants to offset the cost of the renovations in order to limit the size of the bond.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that their achievements were made in spite of extensive resistance from members of this council who no longer occupy these seats.

I feel fortunate that I was able to complete their vision and consider Hartman Park to be a shining example of what can be accomplished for the betterment of all of our residents.

LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilman Benoit - EXCUSED

RECREATION: Councilman Benoit - EXCUSED

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Councilwoman Blumenstock

At our last meeting on July 18th, we had lunch and bingo of course and we discussed the success of the Senior picnic with the new food vendor this year as well as the success of their recent river boat trip. Our ice cream social is on August 8th at 12pm and you can RSVP by calling Borough Hall and leaving a message with Senior Director Paulette Drogan.

That's all for my report, Mayor.

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Council President Lazarow

The Garwood Library's summer reading program is coming to a close. The last day to log in reading minutes for the summer program is **Friday, August 2nd**. The last few activities include:

I Spy Astronaut on Friday July 26th. Spot the Library's astronaut around town and return his card to the Library for a prize. Hints about the astronaut's location will be posted on our Facebook and Instagram page.

On **July 29 at 2 pm**, "**Science Tellers**" (an acting group) will tell the story of a midnight meteor shower, where something mysterious falls from the sky toward Earth — but it's not a shooting star. Its visitors from another planet! Physics and chemistry experiments will be incorporated into the performance. Limit 30. Registration required.

On **August 6th, at 2 pm** we will close out summer activities with an **ice cream party**. All participants will receive prizes and certificates.

Thursday, August 8th at 3:30 pm and each Thursday thereafter in August (15, 22 & 29,) will be Summer Lego. Come build what you want. No registration required.

Tuesday, August 13th at 2pm and each Tuesday thereafter in August (20 & 27) will be a kid's movie at 2 pm

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 on Saturdays in July and August. Saturday hours will resume **September 7th**.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Blumenstock No Report

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON: Councilman Benoit - EXCUSED

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Councilman Graham

Commented on Historical Meeting.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Judy Mack, Property Maintenance Officer: report for the month June 2019.

Sandy Bruns, CFO/Treasurer/Tax Collector: 2nd Quarter 2019 report.

A motion was made by Councilman McCormack, second by Councilwoman 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.

John Pritchard, 410 Spruce Avenue sang a song and commented on America's freedom.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Council President Lazarow 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. 19-234

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to sign a contract with:

FIRE SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES

1709 HWY 34
FARMINGDALE, NJ 07727

Description: Repairs to fire alarm system and smoke detectors
at the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex
Amount: \$2,780.00

RESOLUTION NO. 19-235

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 Indemnification Agreement with the County of Union for use of the Conservation Center for leaf disposal.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-236

WHEREAS, a proposal has been received from CAMPBELL Supply Company, 1015 Cranbury South River Road, South Brunswick, NJ 08831, for the purchase of one (1) Spartan 100' Mid Mount Aerial Platform Fire Truck stock unit #217227 for use by the Garwood Fire Department in accordance with proposal dated 07/10/2019, 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 H-GACBuy Cooperative Purchasing, 3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77027, Co-op #ILC19-7828 for the purchase of one (1) Spartan 100' Mid Mount Aerial Platform Fire Truck stock unit #217227, at the price offered to the Borough of Garwood, to wit; \$1,140,894.00; and

WHEREAS, the clerk of the Borough of Garwood has researched whether said supplier is approved under contract for such equipment with CAMPBELL Supply Company, 1015 Cranbury South River Road, South Brunswick, NJ 08831 for said equipment as presented and her inquiry has resulted in verification; and

WHEREAS, said equipment is purchased under Bond Ordinance No. 19-12 for the amount of \$1,140,894.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby award the aforementioned purchase of one (1) Spartan 100' Mid Mount Aerial Platform Fire Truck stock unit #217227 for use by the Garwood Fire Department in accordance with proposal dated 07/10/2019, from CAMPBELL Supply Company, 1015 Cranbury South River Road, South Brunswick, NJ 08831, attached hereto and that the Clerk be and 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. 19-237

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood has determined that there exists a need for professional engineering services for environmental engineering consulting services to be performed by a Licensed Site Remediation Professional in connection with the defense of a tax appeal where there is a claim of environmental contamination and the need to remediate same at an industrial/warehouse property located at 502-570 South Avenue in the Borough of Garwood; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood:

That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Najarian Associates, One Industrial Way West, Eatontown, NJ 07724, for the provision of professional engineering services in connection with the above mentioned matter, contract term 08/01/2019 to 08/01/2020; and

That said Contractor shall receive fees not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as professional services pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-238

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood has determined that there exists a need for professional appraisal services for the Borough of Garwood's 2019/2020 tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood directed the Borough Administrator/Clerk via Resolution No. 19-231, adopted on June 27, 2019, to prepare an RFQ which was posted in accordance with law on June 27, 2019, and received proposals on July 17, 2019, under a fair and open process in accordance with P.L. 2004, c.19, as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood:

That the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Timothy Hoffman Inc. Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants, P.O. Box 3030, Westfield, NJ 07090, for the provision of professional appraisal services in connection with the Borough of Garwood's 2019/2020 tax appeals, contract term 09/01/2019 to 09/01/2020; and

That said Contractor shall receive fees in accordance with the proposal dated July 15, 2019, and not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as professional services pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the professional services contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-239

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby hires Liza H. Girges as part-time Violations Clerk for the Garwood Municipal Court effective July 29, 2019, at the rate of \$13.50 per hour.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that she will be on probation for a period of one year.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Council President Lazarow to adopt Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-240

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby hires:
Scott Anthony Hay
622 Forest Avenue
Westfield, NJ 07090

As a Full Time Class E Laborer in the Department of Public Works, effective August 12, 2019, at a salary of \$20.03 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Council President Lazarow to adopt Resolution 19-240.

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call:

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

5-AYE, 1-EXCUSED, Resolution 19-240 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 Councilman McCormack, second by Councilman Ince to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilwoman Blumenstock to adjourn.

Time: 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood