

Borough of Garwood Meeting of the Mayor and Council

AGENDA

August 27, 2020

Moment of Silence.....

Salute to the Flag.....

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader, advertised on July 2, 2020, notification was sent to the Star Ledger and posted on the Municipal Website and in the vestibule of the Municipal Building informing the Public of the time and place according to the Provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

This is a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council. The VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING is accessed as follows:

Join from your laptop/PC, or phone at:

<https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/6432970558>

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Telephone: Dial: +1 (646) 357-3664

Meeting ID: 643 297 0558

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Todisco _____

Councilman Benoit _____

Councilman Graham _____

Councilman Ince _____

Councilman Lazarow _____

Councilman McCormack _____

Council President Blumenstock _____

Roll call staff and professionals:

Christina M. Ariemma, Borough Administrator/Clerk

Thomas Jardim, Borough Attorney

Mike Disko, Borough Engineer

Report of Municipal Attorney Tom Jardim

Report of Municipal Engineer Mike Disko

Report of Christina M Ariemma, Borough Administrator/Clerk

Report of Mayor Sara Todisco

Comments from the Council:

Councilman Benoit

Councilman Graham

Councilman Ince

Councilman Lazarow

Councilman McCormack

Council President Blumenstock

MINUTES:

Regular Minutes and Executive Minutes of the meeting of the Mayor and Council held on August 13, 2020.
<https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/08-13-2020-MINUTES.pdf>

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) 08/10/2020, RE: Daily Update
 - i) <https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/119994>
 - b) 08/12/2020, RE: Request from NJ Film Commission
 - i) <https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/120246>
 - c) 08/14/2020, RE: 105th Annual Conference will be virtual
 - i) <https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/120405>
 - d) 08/14/2020, RE: Weekly Round-up
 - i) <https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/120404>
- 2) **COUNTY OF UNION**
 - a) 08/13/2020, RE: Introduction of Ordinance #817-2020 Demo Parking Lot
 - i) https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/08-13-2020-UC_ORDINANCE_217-2020_PARKING_DECK_DEMO.pdf
- 3) **TOWN OF WESTFIELD**
 - a) 08/11/2020, RE: Land Use Ordinance and Resolution
 - i) https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/08-11-2020-WESTFIELD_LAND_USE_ORDINANCE_RESOLUTION.pdf
- 4) **TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD**
 - a) 08/12/2020, RE: Land Use Ordinance
 - i) https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/08-12-2020-CRANFORD_LAND_USE_ORDINANCE.pdf
 - b) 08/14/2020, RE: Notice of Public Hearing
 - i) https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/08-14-2020-CRANFORD-NOTICE_OF_PUBLIC_HEARING.pdf
- 5) **ELIZABETHTOWN GAS**
 - a) 08/17/2020, RE: Notice of Public Hearing for September 10, 2020
 - i) https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/08-17-2020-ELIZABETHTOWN_GAS_-_NOTICE_OF_PUBLIC_HEARING_09-10-2020.pdf
- 6) **RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**
 - a) 08/21/2020, RE: Minutes and other related documents
 - i) https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/08-21-2020_RVSA_MINUTES.pdf

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-11 as advertised in the Westfield Leader

ADOPTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 20-11 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-11

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
GARWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, REGULATING PLANNING BOARD FEES**

[https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/20-11-AMENDING_CHAPTER_106_FEES\(1\).pdf](https://garwood.org/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/20-11-AMENDING_CHAPTER_106_FEES(1).pdf)

List correspondence concerning Ordinance 20-11.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance 20-11.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-11.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Ordinance 20-11.

Discussion:

Roll Call:

Councilman Benoit	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Graham	_____	Councilman McCormack	_____
Councilman Ince	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

POLICE: Councilman Ince, Chr.

STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Council President Blumenstock Chr.

FIRE: Councilman McCormack, Chr.

FINANCE: Councilman Lazarow, Chr.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Graham

LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilman Benoit

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Benoit

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Benoit

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON: Councilman McCormack

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Councilman Graham

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Jim Wright, Police Chief monthly reports for June 2020 and July 2020

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to accept Officer's reports.

All in favor, opposed?

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Todisco outlined the procedure for public comment during virtual meetings. You are required to identify yourself to the moderator to be unmuted, and then provide your name and address publicly. Please limit your comments to five minutes.

Mayor Todisco requests a motion followed by a second 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. 20-319

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby approve the CFO/Treasurer to issue checks to refund the tax overpayments on the following properties:

PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS	BLK/LOT	AMOUNT
Stephen Lawson	313 Maple St – rear	103/7	\$28.03
Eugenio Ripolino	202 Walnut St	108/22	\$383.94
John & Josephine Bender	54 North Ave	209/31	\$28.13

EXPLANATION: Tax Assessor reduced the assessed values per the mandated revaluation resulting in overpayment of preliminary 2020 taxes.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-320

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 “CURBING IMPROVEMENTS ON THIRD AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, UNION COUNTY, N.J.”; and

WHEREAS on July 23, 2020, at the advertised time of 11:00 a.m., Granada Construction Corporation, 147 Thomas Street, Newark, NJ, 07114, submitted a base bid amount of \$96,090.50 plus Alternate 1 for \$5,540.00, which is determined the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood that the contract be hereby awarded to Granada Construction Corporation, for \$101,630.50, which includes the base bid, plus Alternate #1 for \$5,540.

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

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Benoit	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Graham	_____	Councilman McCormack	_____
Councilman Ince	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS:

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 Benoit	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Graham	_____	Councilman McCormack	_____
Councilman Ince	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**, at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session is hereby canceled. Please be advised that the Borough has transitioned to virtual system for public meetings. To join the meeting from desktop/laptop or phone visit:

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https://garwood.org/gb_notices

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