



BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
August 28, 2025

Time: _____
Moment of Silence
Salute to the Flag

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk and advertised on December 26, 2024. Notification was sent to the Local Source Union County, 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 241, P.L. 1975).

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blumenstock	_____		
Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

Roll call staff and professionals:

John Arthur, Borough Administrator
Michael Disko, Borough Engineer
Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney
Jonathan Pridy, Chief of Police

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS:

Swearing in of the following Officers:

Police Officer Joseph Matlosz

Police Officer Joseph Matos

Police Officer Trevor Witzel

Reports:

Report of Borough Engineer
Report of Borough Attorney
Report of Borough Administrator
Report of Mayor Blumenstock

Comments from the Council:

Councilwoman Boto
Councilman Foley
Councilman Kearney
Councilman Lazarow
Councilman Padusniak
Council President Nolde

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on August 14, 2025.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

All in favor _____, opposed _____?

COMMUNICATIONS:

- RVSA minutes approved at the August regular meeting.
https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/RVSA_Minutes_approved_at_the_August_regular_meeting.pdf

ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION AND PUBLIC HEARING:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 25-23 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 106 ENTITLED “LAND USE”, ARTICLE XI, “SIGNS”, SUBSECTIONS 139-141, 144-146, AND NEW SUBSECTION 147

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/INTRODUCTION_-_Ord._25-23_-_Amending_Land_Use_-_Signage.pdf

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 25-23.

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 25-23.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 25-23.

All in favor: _____, opposed: _____

Discussion:

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Ordinance No. 25-23.

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Foley, Chair

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Lazarow, Chair

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Councilman Padusniak, Chair

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilwoman Boto, Chair

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Kearney, Chair

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Council President Nolde, Chair

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Mayor Blumenstock

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

BOARD OF HEALTH LIAISON: Councilman Foley

PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

OFFICER'S REPORTS: PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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. 25-167

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood has determined the need for professional Information Technology (IT) services to support municipal operations and ensure the security and efficiency of its digital infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, eMazzanti Technologies, located at 701 Grand Street, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030, has submitted a proposal to provide said IT services; and

WHEREAS, the total base cost for the proposed IT services is \$14,784, with additional out-of-scope services to be billed at a rate of \$100 per hour, not to exceed a total cost of \$30,000; and

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

1. The contract for IT services is awarded to eMazzanti Technologies, located at 701 Grand Street, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030, in the amount of \$14,784. Any out-of-scope services shall be billed at a rate of \$100 per hour, with total expenditures not to exceed \$30,000. The contract term shall commence on October 1, 2025, and conclude on September 30, 2026, with an option for renewal.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract.
3. 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
4. That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-168

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT QUOTE FROM
NICKOLAUS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood has received a quote from Nickolaus Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$13,830) for Basketball Court Resurfacing; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase is provided through the following source(s): the 2025 Kids Recreation Trust Grant in the amount of \$6,915, with the remaining \$6,915 to be funded by the Borough of Garwood, as part of a matching grant program authorized for improvements and equipment;

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

1. The contract quote submitted by Nickolaus Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$13,830 is hereby approved.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the contract and disburse payment accordingly.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-169

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE
CIRCULATION ELEMENT TO HARBOR CONSULTANTS, INC.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et. seq.* and N.J.A.C. 5:34, *et. seq.*, the Borough of Garwood (“Borough”) solicited bids for the Borough of Garwood Circulation Element; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and reviewed in accordance with the Borough’s procurement policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, Harbor Consultants, Inc., located at 320 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016, submitted a proposal deemed responsive, responsible, and in the best interest of the Borough; and

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

1. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Michael Mistretta, PP, LLA of Harbor Consultants Inc., 320 North Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 for the 2025 Circulation Element services for the Borough of Garwood; and

2. 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
3. In an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$15,650); and
4. That the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this notice as required by law.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-170

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT QUOTE FROM
NATIONAL HIGHWAY PRODUCTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood has received a quote from National Highway Products in the amount of Thirty-Thousand Two-Hundred One Dollar and Eighty-Four cents (\$30,201.84) for pedestrian crosswalk signals; and

WHEREAS, the pedestrian signals and related equipment are available from National Highway Products through Somerset County Co-Op, CC-0099-24; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase is provided through the following source(s): the 2025 Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$15,100.92, with the remaining \$15,100.92 to be funded through Bond Ordinance 25-18, as part of a matching grant program authorized for the Center Street Safety Corridor Project;

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

3. The contract quote submitted by National Highway Products in the amount of \$30,201.84 is hereby approved.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the contract and disburse payment accordingly.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-171

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2026 UNION COUNTY
LOCAL ARTS GRANT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator to prepare, sign and submit a 25% matching grant application for **2026 UNION COUNTY LOCAL ARTS GRANT**.

LOCAL MATCH: \$1,250 GRANT REQUEST: \$5,000

RESOLUTION NO. 25-172

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIDEBAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
BOROUGH OF GARWOOD AND THE POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION,
LOCAL 117**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood (“Borough”) and Policemen’s Benevolent Association, Local 117 (“Association”) are signatories to a contract (“Agreement”) for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Agreement governs the clothing and allowances provided by the Borough to newly appointed officers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and PBA desire to modify Article VIII of the Agreement regarding the uniform for newly appointed officers and to afford current officers to modify their current uniforms; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and PBA negotiated a uniform sidebar agreement reflecting the changes to uniforms for new hires and the ability for current employees to update their uniforms as the cost of the Association; and

WHEREAS, the PBA has executed the uniform sidebar agreement on August 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood is desirous of ratifying and executing the sidebar agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby ratifies the sidebar agreement between the Borough of Garwood and Policemen’s Benevolent Association, Local 117 which modifies Article VIII of the collective negotiations agreement and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the sidebar agreement on behalf of the Borough.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

Discussion:

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by _____, second by _____, to adopt Resolution # 25-_____.

Discussion: Council

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND REFUNDS AS LISTED ON FILE:

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:

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **September 9, 2025 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.

All in favor _____, opposed _____?

Time: _____