

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
September 8, 2022

Time:

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:

Mayor Todisco _____

Councilman Graham _____

Councilman Kearney _____

Councilman Lazarow _____

Councilwoman Loffredo _____

Councilwoman Salmon _____

Council President Blumenstock _____

Roll call staff and professionals:

Kyle Harris, Borough Administrator

Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney

Report of Borough Attorney

Report of Borough Administrator

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Todisco announces the first order of business is a presentation from the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-137

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND MATTERS OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE RELATING TO THE ABOVE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A., 10:4-12, Closed session, Meetings open to public; exclusion of public; subject of matter.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood to conduct an executive session closed to the public in order to discuss the above listed matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby move to go into executive session in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq., for the purpose of discussing the subject stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in and minutes of the closed session shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Action may be taken.

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Resolution 22-137.

All in favor, opposed?

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to resume the regular session.

All in favor, opposed?

Report of Mayor Sara Todisco

Comments from the Council:

Councilman Graham
Councilman Kearney
Councilman Lazarow
Councilwoman Loffredo
Councilwoman Salmon
Council President Blumenstock

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on August 25, 2022.

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) 08/26/2022, MS4 Permit Update, DRE Report, Plan Design Meets, ARPA Use, New FCC Program
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/179848>
- b) 08/31/2022, LIHWAP Application Process Open
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/180187>
- c) 09/02/2022, NJDEP Tier A Comments; Alcohol Delivery Ruling; Biofuel Grants
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/180370>

2) **GARWOOD PLANNING BOARD**

- a) 08/25/2022, RE: Minutes: June, 2022
https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/6_22_2022_PB_Minutes.pdf

3) **RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

- a) 08/19/2022, RE: Letter
https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/RVSA_Letter_to_Municipalities_re_Collection_System.pdf

ORDINANCE:

INTRODUCTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 22- 13 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO.22-13

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT ARTICLE XV (SHORT TERM RENTALS) IN CHAPTER 106 (LAND USE) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-13_-_INTRO_Short_Term_Rentals.pdf

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to introduce Ordinance No. 22-13.

Discussion:

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair

FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: Councilwoman Loffredo, Chair

STREETS, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: Council President Blumenstock, Chair

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Graham, Chair

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:
Councilwoman Salmon, Chair**

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Property Maintenance Officer's Report for July, 2022.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property_Maint._July.pdf

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report for August, 2022.

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Addendum_August_2022\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Addendum_August_2022(1).pdf)

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to accept Officer's reports.
All in favor, opposed?

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.

Mayor Todisco requests a motion followed by a second to close public comment.

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. 22-138

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 22-110, adopted on July 28, 2022, the Borough of Garwood approved the award of purchase for one (1) 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility (K8A) AWD, in accordance with the specifications and quote from Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960, dated June 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, effective June 9, 2022, Nielson Ford of Morristown, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960 has taken ownership of Beyer Ford;

WHEREAS, the Police Chief of the Borough of Garwood has confirmed approved purchase remains under contract and in accordance with New Jersey State Contract #88727 for such vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby amend Resolution 22-2110 to reflect the purchase for one (1) 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility (K8A) AWD from Nielson Ford of Morristown, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate documents reflecting said ownership will be forwarded to the Borough Treasurer for execution of the appropriate Certification of Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-139

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTIES LISTED HEREIN FOR THE COST OF REMOVING FROM THE PROPERTIES BRUSH, WEEDS, DEAD AND DYING TREES, STUMPS, ROOTS, OBNOXIOUS GROWTHS, FILTH, GARBAGE, LITTER AND DEBRIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14 AND THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD CODE SECTION 99-17

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14 and Borough of Garwood Code Section 99-17 authorize municipalities by Ordinance to require the owners of the property to remove from their property or destroy brush, weeds, including ragweed, dead and dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growth, filth, garbage trash and debris within five (5) days after notice to remove or destroy same; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14 and Borough of Garwood Code Section 99-17 provide that if owners fail to remove brush, stumps, debris, etc, from the property after receiving such notice, the Borough may do the removal and charge the costs to the owner; and if not paid, the governing body may cause the cost to become a lien against the properties; and

WHEREAS, this lien may be enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Borough of Garwood Code Section 99-17 a Notice and Order directed owners listed herein to remove from their property brush, weeds, debris, etc. within five (5) days of the date of Notice and Order; and

WHEREAS, the owners listed herein after receiving the after receiving the Notice and Order failed to remove brush, weeds, debris, etc. from their property; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the Department of Public Works (DPW) has removed the brush, stumps, weeds, etc. from the property; and

WHEREAS, the DPW has certified the cost of removal to the Council, and the Council has examined these costs and found them to be correct and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, the Council hereby authorizes the Tax Collector of the Borough of Garwood to cause the cost as shown herein to be charged against said property as a lien:

341 Locust Avenue Block 412/Lot 6 08/25/2022 \$1,201.61

RESOLUTION NO. 22-140

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby hires the following as Seasonal Laborers in the Department of Public Works, effective September 12, 2022, at a salary of \$20.00 per hour:

Mark Wells Brandon Boucher

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by _____, second by _____ to adopt Resolution No.

Discussion:

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

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 Graham	_____	Councilwoman Loffredo	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Councilwoman Salmon	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Thursday, September 22, 2022**, at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON ORDINANCE 22-13 ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. OR SOON THERE AFTER.

Information for meetings is posted on the Borough website: https://garwood.org/gb_notices

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