

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
September 22, 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 Salmon _____

Council President Blumenstock _____

Roll call staff and professionals:

Kyle Harris, Borough Administrator

Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Todisco announces the first order of business is recognition of the Garwood 8U Gunners Baseball Team.

Report of Borough Attorney

Report of Borough Administrator

Report of Mayor Sara Todisco

Comments from the Council:

Councilman Graham

Councilman Kearney

Councilman Lazarow

Councilwoman Salmon

Council President Blumenstock

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on September 8, 2022.

Minutes of the Executive Session of the Mayor and Council held on September 8, 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) 09/09/2022, Rate Increase Action, Warehouse Siting Guidance, Transitional Aid
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/180981>
- b) 09/14/2022, State Health Benefits Commission Approves 2023 Rate Increase
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/181527>
- c) 09/16/2022, SHBP Increases; Affordable Housing Testimony; Cannabis Guidance
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/181489>

2) CITY OF SUMMIT

- a) 09/09/2022, RE: Resolution

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/City_of_Summit_Resolution_40399_Opposing_Proposed_Increases_to_State_Health_Benefits_Program.pdf

3) RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

- a) 0916/2022, RE: Minutes

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

4) TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN

- a) 09/16/2022, RE: Letter

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair

FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: VACANT

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:

Chief of Police Monthly Reports for August, 2022.

Property Maintenance Officer's Report for August, 2022.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property_Maintenance_Report_08-2022.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. 22-141

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2022, the Council of the Borough of Garwood, authorized the execution of an agreement with DMR Architects., 777 Terrace Avenue, 6th Floor, Suite 607, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604, for the provision of professional architectural services for the preparation of an evaluation of the Public Works Building; and

WHEREAS, following said initial evaluation, the Council of the Borough of Garwood agreed to move forward with a Preliminary Assessment and Geotech borings and report as recommended by DMR Architects for environmental testing and preliminary design phase for Option 3, the construction of a new DPW building as received in the RFP submission; and

WHEREAS, the professional architectural services are being charged to Bond Ordinance #22-10 in the amount not to exceed \$11,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby authorize the aforementioned professional architectural services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said professional architectural services are subject to the Borough Treasurer executing the appropriate Certification of Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-142

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR RECREATION TRUST FEE PROGRAMS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.56

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.56 provides for receipt of Recreation Trust Fee Programs by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Recreation Trust Fee Programs are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, as follows

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the Recreation Trust Fee Programs.

2. The Clerk of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Discussion:

Roll Call:

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

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 Salmon	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Blumenstock	_____
Councilman Lazarow	_____		

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Thursday, October 13, 2022**, 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. Time: _____