

**Borough of Garwood**  
**MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 22, 2022**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

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:**

<b>Mayor Todisco</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Councilman Graham</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Councilman Kearney</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Council President Blumenstock</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	<b>P</b>		

**Also Present:**

Kyle Harris, Borough Administrator  
Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney  
Catherine D. Cameron, Borough Clerk

**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Todisco Mayor Todisco presented certificates of recognition to the Garwood 8U Gunners Baseball Team.

Report of Borough Attorney NO REPORT

Report of Borough Administrator

1. We had two bid openings last Friday, one for collection and transportation of bulk waste and the second for curbside collection of recyclables. These bids are currently under attorney review. For the bulk collection, we are looking at an increase of approximately 8% for 2023 and an approximately 5% each year thereafter. The recycling contract we had two bidders, we are looking at 18% increase over last year and a 42% increase from 5 years ago.
2. Resolution 141: This is part of the analysis of the DPW building. This is for the phase I Preliminary Assessment of the soil at the Willow St location along with the Geotech Borings and Report. This work is needed to provide a better cost estimate of the project
3. Resolution 142: In reviewing the dedication by riders or trust accounts, it was determined that the recreation trust was still set up as the Recreation Commission Trust and not for Recreation Trust Fee Programs as we are currently set up for. The Recreation Commission was abolished in 2019. The borough has two trust accounts related to recreation the first is this one which is used for recreation programing. Programs such as soccer, basketball, dance are run out of this trust . User fees are collected and then the vendor is paid from these fees. The second trust we have is for the Athletic Field Complex, this trust is authorized by Green Acres. Rental fees are collected, the fees are then deposited into the trust. Utilities such as electric are paid for out of the trust. Maintenance and upkeep of the Athletic field complex are also paid for out of the trust, these costs are generally not accounted for in the municipal budget.
4. The vote by mail ballot drop boxes will be open starting September 23, 2022. The Borough's Drop Box is located outside the library.

5. Fall Bulk Collection Permits are due by September 30<sup>th</sup> for the Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> pick up. Permits can be purchased at the Borough Clerks Office.
6. The Garwood Turf Field will be closed on Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup> for field maintenance and cleaning. The field will open for scheduled activities starting at 3PM.

### **Report of Mayor Sara Todisco**

Pedestrian Accident - It is upsetting to mention this, but one week ago today at approximately 5:37pm, a pedestrian was hit by a car while jogging on North Avenue where it intersects with Walnut Street. The pedestrian was identified as Michael Charatan, a math teacher at Arthur L Johnson High School in Clark. He was treated at the scene by Garwood First Aid Squad and paramedics who then rushed him to University Hospital in Newark with head and chest trauma. I am told he is recovering at home. Our Police reported that it was a tan Ford SUV that made a left turn from North Avenue onto Walnut Street that hit Mr. Charatan. Our Police Department is actively investigating the crash and no charges have been filed at this time. Preliminary findings do not suggest that speed, impairment or distracted driving were factors in the incident.

Street Signs - I am very happy to report that the new street signs and necessary installation pieces have been delivered this week and our DPW has begun the installation process. This is something that I have wanted to see done for a number of years now and I appreciate the Council supporting the idea of putting \$5000 in the budget to make it happen. This is important for first responders navigating our streets as well as improving town aesthetics. Even though it may seem minor, we were all tired of seeing the faded street signs.

### **Comments from the Council:**

Councilman Graham

9/19 POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING

THE POLICE COMMITTEE MET THIS PAST MONDAY WITH OUR ADMINISTRATOR, KYLE HARRIS AND ATTORNEY, ADAM ABRAMSON TO DISCUSS THE FINAL AGREED UPON CHANGES TO ORDINANCE 34-4 REGARDING CHIEF OF POLICE PROMOTIONS. THE CHANGES WERE PROVIDED TO THE ENTIRE COUNCIL ON TUESDAY AND INCLUDED THE ISSUES PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED.

THE CHANGES ARE PREDICATED BY A SITUATION NOT UNCOMMON TO TOWNS OF SIMILAR SIZE TO GARWOOD. NAMELY, A SMALL POLICE FORCE WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE ROLE OF CHIEF OF POLICE. IN GARWOODS CASE THIS LIMITATION IS COMPOUNDED BY THE NEAR RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY STATUS OF TWO OF THE THREE SENIOR OFFICERS ON THE FORCE.

IT IS NECESSARY, THEREFORE, TO REVISE THE CHIEF OF POLICE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO INCLUDE THE RANK OF SERGEANT. THIS WILL INCREASE THE POOL OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES TO A TOTAL OF FIVE.

THE QUALIFICATIONS AND INTERVIEW CRITERIA WILL NOT CHANGE EXCEPT FOR THE ADDITION OF AN ADDITIONAL INTERVIEW OF THE CANDIDATES TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE. THE PANEL OF CHIEFS WILL PROVIDE A SCORE FOR EACH INTERVIEWS THAT WILL BE CALCULATED INTO THE OVERALL SCORE EACH CANDIDATE RECIEVES

WITH THE CONSENT OF COUNCIL I RECOMMEND WE REQUEST ADMINISTRATOR HARRIS TO MAKE THE CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE AND INCLUDE IT FOR INTRODUCTION AT OUR NEXT SCHEDULE MEETING.

WATER ANALYSIS FOLLOW-UP

AS YOU ALL KNOW I REQUESTED THE FLOW NUMBERS FOR THE RECENT MONTHS THAT INCLUDED THE CURRENT DROUGHT CONDITION. UNFORTUANTELY I ONLY RECEIVED DATA THROUGH THE MONTH OF JUNE SO I WAS NOT ABLE TO DO A DEEP DIVE INTO OUR NUMBERS YET. HOWEVER, I DID NOTE A COUPLE OF INTERESTING THINGS. NAMELY, GARWOOD CONTINUES TO USE A FRACTION OF THE FLOW THAT WE ARE ALLOTTED AND THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES THAT ARE REGULARLY EXCEEDING THEIR FLOW RIGHTS. THIS SITUATION MAY RESULT IN FINES OR OTHER PENALTIES TO THOSE COMMUNITIES WHICH MAY BE AN OPENING FOR FURTHER MONETIZATION OF OUR EXCESS RIGHTS.

MONITIZATION OF OUR EXCESS FLOW RIGHTS HAS PROVIDED OUR COMMUNITY WITH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THAT HAVE BEEN USED TO GREAT BENEFIT IN OFF-SETTING PROPERTY TAXES.

I LOOK FORWARD TO EXAMINING THE FLOW NUMBERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST ONCE THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AND WILL FOLLOW-UP THEN.

Councilman Kearney

Thank you, Mayor, and happy birthday! On a more serious note:

Recently, at these meetings and all-over social media, we've been seeing small group of very loud people insist that this Council favors some individuals over others as we fulfill our core responsibilities of legislation and budgeting. In this Council's deliberations this year over topics as varied as shared services, to short-term rentals, to finances, time and again we have heard demands to have different rules for different people or calls to craft (or not craft) legislation, or to fund or not fund in our budget, to benefit the few instead of the many. Those of us up here who won't comply with this are then subject to relentless attacks on our integrity and character.

I've never heard this kind of thing in this room, or in this town, before this year this often. I wonder what has changed since last year and all the years before.

Councilman Graham and I were both put in seats up here back in 2020 with one of the greatest numbers of votes in the history of Garwood. I take that show of support from this community and my responsibility on this Council very seriously. So long as I sit in one of these seats, I will always find out the facts, read up, hear out everyone's opinions, let everyone know exactly where I stand, and then always fairly represent this community with my voice, and my vote. This is what everyone who sits on this Council, or wants to sit on this Council, should do. Our elections may be partisan, but these seats are certainly not supposed to be. So going forward, I hope we can keep our focus on doing the right thing for Garwood. Thank you.

Councilman Lazarow NO REPORT

Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

Council President Blumenstock

The Garwood Lions Club is holding their annual Senior Picnic once again, this Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm at the Columbian Club. This event is open to all Seniors in Garwood, so please spread the word. Come on down and enjoy some of our famous clam chowder, hotdogs, hamburgers and fresh NJ corn! Then stay for some Bingo and win a Dunkin' Donuts gift card. That's this Saturday, 12pm.

The Green Team will be participating in Clean Communities Day on October 1<sup>st</sup>. All residents are invited to join the Green Team that day and help us pick up litter along South Avenue. Please meet at 10am at Borough Hall. It is family-friendly of course so please bring the kids along and let's help keep our community clean.

The Green Team will also be participating in a Planting Day on October 15<sup>th</sup> at JFK Plaza and the Rankin Triangle. More details on that as we get closer.

One final thing, this past Monday we had a rough storm come in very quick and I know there was some kids or teams playing on the Little League field. I was hoping, Mayor, that we could look into the possibility of putting a lightening detector down there. A quick research I did showed that we they range anywhere from \$500 -\$4000, depending on what we decided our need was. So I am hoping you could send it to buildings and grounds and we could look into it for next budget season.

### **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 Councilman Graham, second by Council President Blumenstock to accept minutes as presented. All in favor.

### **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](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

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#### **4) TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN**

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

ALL RECEIVED AND FILED

### **COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:**

#### **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair**

With the resignation of Councilwoman Loffredo, Mayor Todisco joined the finance committee for a brief meeting on Monday along with our CFO Sandy Bruns and borough administrator, Kyle Harris. We were made aware of the increased costs that have been incurred in our DPW truck maintenance line, more specifically large repair costs to our garbage trucks that have exceeded the original budgeted projection. We were fortunate to have added additional money to that line item, but with inflation, the costs of repairs has really ballooned. It took some time to replace a resigned DPW worker, meaning the borough did not have to pay out several weeks of one of the worker's salary. Therefore our CFO will be able to move some money to make sure that we our financially sound to make any repairs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Our CFO and Borough Administrator have written a memo to all department heads that all large purchases until the end of the year must be cleared by them before ordering anything major to ensure that we stay within the confines of our approved budget.

**FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair**

Thank you, Mayor. Have a bunch to cover tonight since I attended the first monthly fire department meeting back from the summer break last week.

First up: October is Fire Prevention Month, with the official Fire Prevention Week running from October 9th to 15th. This year's theme is "Fire won't wait, plan your escape".

The goal of Fire Prevention Month is to raise fire safety awareness and help ensure our homes and families are protected. In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, which burned for over 2 days, destroying 3.3 square miles of the city (that's all of Garwood 5 times over for a frame of reference) and taking over 300 lives. Today, fire departments across America provide education to their communities, and encourage parents and loved ones to practice fire safety to help prevent such tragedies. Those in the public interested in seeing some of the programs and materials used for public education from the NFPA may bring up their website at: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education> (and click on the Public Education button).

Fire Prevention Month is the perfect time to educate and talk with our friends and families about fire safety – including testing smoke alarms and changing their batteries, considering upgrading to 10-year sealed battery alarms, knowing how to properly use a fire extinguisher, and escape route planning.

A few quick facts about fires in the home:

- 3 of every 5 home fire deaths resulted from fires with no working smoke alarms
- Less than 50% of homeowners have an escape plan
- Carbon monoxide (CO) is the #1 cause of accidental poisoning in the US
- 60% of consumers do not test their smoke and CO alarms monthly
- Only 47% of people report having CO alarms in their home
- Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of home fires

The Garwood Fire Department will be hosting three fire safety events for Fire Prevention Month:

- A fire prevention detail on Saturday, October 1st at the Home Depot from 10 AM to 2 PM
- Open House at the Garwood Fire Department, located right behind us on South Avenue, on Sunday, October 9th, also from 10 AM to 2 PM
- Fire Prevention details at Lincoln School on Friday, October 14th (pending confirmation of the date and time by the district)

So be sure to check out the two public events, check the batteries in your smoke detectors and make sure your escape plan is up to date!

I also have a quick announcement that the Garwood Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a clothing drive at the fire station on Saturday, October 8th between 9 AM and 1 PM.

Finally, I'd like to read a letter which was presented last week's department meeting:

"Dear Members of Liberty Hose #1 / Garwood Fire Department:

"It has been an absolute labor of love serving with this respected Fire Department and to the residents of Garwood, New Jersey for over SEVEN DECADES. But, as Frank Sinatra croons, "I am in the Autumn of my years" and it's time to make like a tree and leave. I hereby submit my resignation effective September 29th, 2022 (my birthday).

"You will all forever be in my heart and as Bob Hope sincerely declared: 'Thanks for the Memories'

"With great admiration I remain,

Pat DiFabio

Liberty Hose #1

Garwood Fire Department

Retired Badge #140

"PS - If I knew I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."

I asked for Pat's permission to read his letter into the record here as part of a way to honor him for the incredible number of years of service to Garwood. I'd also like to propose we honor him with a Resolution of the Mayor and Council at one of our October meetings, after his official retirement date, for his service to our community.

That's finally all for this report tonight.

### **FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: VACANT**

#### **STREETS, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: Council President Blumenstock, Chair**

In addition to regular garbage pickup, the DPW performed street sweeping operations in accordance with the annual Public Works Schedule. They put up and took down the no parking signs accordingly and performed the monthly night time street sweeping of the business district along Center and Walnut Street. The department also cleared the debris from the tops of all stormwater drainage inlets on the North and South side of the Borough as well as watered the flowers in the street side pots throughout the Borough 3 – 4 times a week. They elevated shade trees in miscellaneous areas of the Borough, changed the damaged basketball nets at Hartman Park and painted the western side of the Center Street underpass wall. The DPW has also begun to assemble the new street sign poles and sign hardware. They installed the new breakaway sign posts in the ground and will be installing the new street sign assemblies over the next few days.

#### **POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Graham, Chair**

Since the last meeting of Mayor and Council on September 8, 2022 the Garwood Police Department has recorded the following activity: Initiated 51 motor vehicle stops; Conducted 78 building/property checks; Assigned to 43 fixed traffic posts (Radar, Stop Sign, Distracted Driving); Responded to 31 calls for medical assist; Responded to 4 business/residential alarms; Responded to 13 false 911/fire/co alarms; Conducted 3 welfare checks; Initiated 9 community policing posts; Assisted with 4 motor vehicle lock outs

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:**

##### **Councilwoman Salmon, Chair**

Garwood Recreation fall schedule has been updated and re-published, with some programs being delayed to allow for more time sign ups. Please be sure to check out the fall schedule available on the borough website, Garwood recreation Facebook page. Registration forms can be returned here to borough hall. Please be sure to sign up!

Garwood Celebrations met last night to work on their fall and winter line-up. There are some amazing events planned and some great additions to existing events. Please be sure to follow Garwood Celebrations Facebook page for announcements.

Garwood Historical committee is working on some new events, such as an exhibition featuring Garwood authors, their books, and their biographies. Also, Garwood historical committee is still looking for 1 rock from Garwood Rocks. If you have it please contact borough Hall. The rock is Magnus Chemical Company.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney**

Just a quick one here tonight, Mayor. I've worked with Mr. Harris and our Moderators on the muddy audio issue we've been having on Zoom and YouTube the last few meetings. For some reason, the laptop seems to be losing some of the settings in between meetings. I think we have that worked out, so we should be sounding better tonight. If we in fact found the cure, we can add a few things to the Moderator's pre-meeting checklist and we shouldn't have that issue again going forward.

**LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow**

September 26 through October 21 – Decorate a Wooden Pumpkin- Pick up a Wooden Pumpkin from the library while they last. Use your imagination to decorate it for Halloween. Don't forget to put your name on the back. Return it to the Library for display through October 21, then take it home for Halloween. Each participant will receive a goody bag when they return a decorated pumpkin. For kids in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. September 29 and October 27 at 7 pm - SHIP - State Health Care Insurance Program - A representative from Sage Eldercare will explain the facts about the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides free help to New Jersey Medicare beneficiaries who have questions about their health insurance. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session. Registration is required.

October 14 at 7pm via Zoom - Tarot Card Reading Fun – Join Vikki Anderson, author, metaphysician, and astrologer as she shows you how to interpret Tarot cards with her Totally Tarot Method. Once registered a Zoom link will be sent via email.

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney**

The Garwood Board of Education met this past Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, and it was the first meeting with Mrs. Emmons acting as Superintendent. She gave an excellent report! Relevant for my report here, there was a presentation to the Board on New Jersey's Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights by Mrs. Parkhill. I'm also pleased to report the Board voted to accept the Borough's first payment of PILOT money from the Vermella project as per the 2022 Municipal Budget. The second and final payment will be made in December. That's all for my report.

**GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock**

At our last meeting on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, we were visited Christine Marcantonio who is the Traffic Safety Program Coordinator for the Union County Police. She came to speak about the CarFit program that will be coming to Garwood on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 11-2pm at the Garwood First Aid Squad. This program helps fits seniors to their vehicle, adjusting their seats and mirrors, helping them know where all the equipment is in their car, making sure everything is working properly, and even adjusting equipment to eliminate the blind spot. The goal of the program is to keep seniors safer in their vehicle and to keep them on the road as long as possible. If you would like more info on the program, you can head to car-fit.org.

There is a screening of the classic movie Jailhouse Rock at the Library tomorrow at 12 and we'll be making ceramic planters on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Columbian Club. All of our regular senior classes have also begun and we're off to a great fall season.

**SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney**

The Small Business Advisory Board's next meeting will also serve as another public meet & greet with the Board. Everyone is welcome to join the Board at Rosie's Wine Bar on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5 to 7 PM for networking and discussion about the remainder of 2022's initiatives, the business advisory and support services the Board provides and of course plans for 2023. Everything about our Small Business Board, including refreshments at this event, is of course FREE. So please, come out and join us!

**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](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property_Maintenance_Report_08-2022.pdf)

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Graham, 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.

Frank D'Agostino, 38 Third Avenue commented on the Paperboard and requested the removal of debris from the property.

John Pritchard, 410 Spruce Street, wished Mayor Todisco a happy birthday and sang a song regarding veterans.

Jill Brown, 507 Myrtle Avenue, commented on short term rentals.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue requested clarification regarding the process of filling the vacant Council seat.

Mr. Paterson requested clarification regarding the State Health Benefit Insurance proposed increase in 2023. Mr. Paterson commented on the increased cost of rock salt.

Cheryl Kelly, 500 Beech Avenue, commented on the street signs placed at her address, and requested clarification regarding the street sign replacement.

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Graham, to close public comment. All in favor.

Mayor Todisco requested Mr. Harris contact the appropriate Borough official regarding the Paperboard concern.

Mayor Todisco thanked Mr. Pritchard for his good wishes and for his support of public safety workers and first responders.

Mayor Todisco clarified Ms. Brown's concerns regarding short term rentals.

Mayor Todisco requested clarification from Mr. Abramson regarding the vacant Council member seat. Mr. Abramson provided clarification.

Mr. Harris provided clarification regarding the proposed SHBP cost increase to New Jersey employers. Councilman Graham commented on the proposed SHBP cost increase to New Jersey employers.

Mayor Todisco provided clarification regarding the street sign replacement at Beech Avenue.



**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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Graham, to adopt Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Graham</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Kearney</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Council President Blumenstock</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	<b>AYE</b>		

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Salmon requested to fill the vacancy on the on the DPW building sub-committee.

Mayor Todisco consented to Councilwoman Salmon's request to fill the vacancy on the DPW building sub-committee.

**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 Graham, second by Council President Blumenstock, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Graham</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Kearney</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Council President Blumenstock</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	<b>AYE</b>		

**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](https://garwood.org/gb_notices)

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow second by Councilman Kearney, to adjourn.  
Time: 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Catherine D. Cameron, R.M.C.  
Borough Clerk