

Borough of Garwood

Meeting of the Mayor and Council

MINUTES

October 09, 2018

Start Time: 9:05 p.m.

Moment of Silence.....

Salute to the Flag.....

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Westfield Leader, advertised on January 4, 2018, notification was sent to the Star Ledger and prominently posted on 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 Lombardo	P		
Councilwoman Bianco	P	Councilman Lazarow	P
Councilwoman Blumenstock	P	Councilman McCormack	P
Councilwoman Cuccaro	Excused	Council President Todisco	P

MINUTES:

Regular and Workshop Minutes of the Mayor and Council held on September 25, 2018.

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow, to accept minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES** –
 - a. Mayor's Advisory –
 - i. 09/22/18, RE: Weekly Round-Up
 - ii. 09/28/18, RE: Weekly Round-Up
- 2) **UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS** – 10/02/18, RE: Introduction of Ordinances 789-2018 and 799-2018.
- 3) **UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDER** – 10/04/18, RE: Changes of Meeting Schedule
- 4) **TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD** – 09/25/18, RE: Ordinance 2018-07, Ordinance 2018-13 and Ordinance 2018-14
- 5) **GARWOOD RECREATION COMMISION** – 09/25/18, RE: Minutes of the meeting held on July 16, 2018
- 6) **GARWOOD PLANNING BOARD** – 09/28/18, RE: Minutes of the meeting held on August 8, 2018

ALL RECEIVED AND FILED

ORDINANCES:

NONE

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

POLICE: Councilwoman Bianco, Chr.

Prevention Links and the Health and Wellness Coalition of Union County are once again coordinating the 19th annual Union County Red Ribbon Drug Prevention Walk on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Nomahegan Park, 1024 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

The walk will begin at 9 a.m., with the Red Ribbon Free Family Fun Day running 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As New Jersey and our nation continue to battle the heroin epidemic, Garwood Police Department would like to invite community members to join and unite with family and friends to end the stigma of addiction.

2. Tomorrow is National "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day". Police are encouraging motorists to obey all traffic laws, including buckling up during every ride; drive the speed limit; avoid distractions while driving; and driving sober. The goal of the initiative is to experience a single day when there are no fatalities on the roadways.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Councilwoman Cuccaro *Excused*

STREETS AND ROADS/ECOLOGY: Council President Blumenstock, Chr.

In addition to regular garbage pickup, the DPW performed sign maintenance/relocation in various areas of the Borough and continued to perform yearly preventative maintenance and wash the Public Works vehicles/equipment. The department completed street sweeping operations on all Borough streets (with Garwood's sweeper) for the month of September and began sweeping for the month of October. They also trimmed all shrubs/bushes and install new mulch and flags at the Georgiana Memorial for the re-dedication ceremony. The Sports Complex was prepared and cleaned both before and after the annual movie night. Garbage receptacles were dropped off and picked up for the event. The DPW also performed pothole repairs on the 500 block of 4th avenue.

That's all for my report, Mayor.

FIRE: Councilman McCormack, Chr.

Read Fire Report

FINANCE: Councilwoman Todisco, Chr. *No Report*

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Lazarow *No Report*

LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilwoman Cuccaro *Excused*

RECREATION: Councilman Lazarow

Reminder Senior Brunch is at the Knights of Columbus, October 21, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

The Senior Club met on October 4th and had a nice afternoon of lunch and bingo following their meeting. I updated the club on redevelopment and Mary Anne Duffy, from the Recreation Committee, came to get sign-ups for their annual senior brunch. This year's senior brunch will be October 21st from 11-2 at the Knights of Columbus. Our next meeting is on October 18th. That's all for my report, Mayor.

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

The following is a list of ongoing programs at the Library:

Knitting Club – Every Monday and Thursday at 10:30am

Kid's Chess - Every Monday at 3:00pm.

Book Clubs - Monday afternoon at 1pm and Thursday evening at 7 pm.

Adult Craft- Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00pm

Story Time - Every Wednesday at 10:30am.

NASSA Academy – Every Wednesday at 3:00pm through November 14

Kid's Craft – Wednesday, October 18 at 3:00pm

Movie Time - Every Friday at 10:00 am.

Lego Club - Thursday October 11 and 25 at 3:00pm

Today the Library started its second annual family pumpkin decorating contest. Participants must decorate a pumpkin as a book character from a children's book and drop it off at the Garwood Public Library on or before October 22 by 5 pm. The public and Library staff will vote the week of the 22nd. Winners will be announced on Friday, October 26.

On Tuesday, October 23 the Library will start "Explore It", an after school STEM program. This year long program will cover cake chemistry; heating a house and an oven; measuring ourselves; siphon systems; sinking and floating; and wiring a house. The program is open to children in grade 3 and older.

The Garwood Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Fridays from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman McCormack *No Report*

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON:

Councilwoman Cuccaro – Excused Councilwoman Todisco commented on the Movie Night held on October 5th. She thanked Spencer Savings & the GWACC. She mentioned there was a nice turnout

UNION COUNTY AIR TRAFFIC NOISE ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Councilman McCormack *No Report*

UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE: Councilwoman Bianco
No Report

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Todisco

Thank you, Mayor. The Historical Committee presented a really nice rededication of Georgiana Gurrieri Memorial Park back on September 29th to commemorate its 25th year since installation. It was wonderful to hear the heartfelt speeches by Mayor Lombardo and former Mayor McCarthy who knew Georgiana Gurrieri very well as well as to hear directly from her nephew who spoke at the event. Other members of her family were in attendance as well, including former Mayor George Casabona. As I mentioned last time, an issue was reported about the quality of the yellow magnets that have been on sale the last few months as some are peeling after being out in the elements. After contacting the vendor, it appears we received a bad batch and new ones are on their way at no additional cost. If anyone bought a magnet and needs a replacement, the Committee will do so at no charge. We now have the new magnets in. That's all for my report, Mayor.

PARKING COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Bianco **No Report**

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Len DiStefano Zoning Code Enforcement Officer monthly report for September 2018
Pete Picarelli Property Maintenance Officer monthly report for September 2018

Motion by Council President Blumenstock, Second by Councilwoman Todisco, to accept Officer's reports

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 three minutes.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue commented on his letter he sent council and the Board of Education.

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. 18-190

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accept the Borough Administrator's terminal leave calculation for William Moore based on time due in accordance with union contract.

Hours	Description	Hourly Rate	Amount
353.5	terminal leave sick bank	35.06	12,393.71
353.5	TOTALS:		12,393.71

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to execute to the above.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-191

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the following:

Vendor: Catch basin repairs on Spruce Avenue between East and Oak Street
JB Ragonese Construction Co., Inc.
502 West Street
Garwood, NJ 07027
Cost of contract: \$4,450.00

RESOLUTION NO. 18-192

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize Michael Disko of M. Disko & Associates to prepare specifications and for Municipal Clerk Christina M. Ariemma to advertise for the installation of granite block curbing on the 200 block of Spruce Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-193

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 "FOR THE RESURFACING OF SECTIONS OF HICKORY AVENUE, SPRUCE AVENUE AND THIRD AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, UNION COUNTY, N.J."; and

WHEREAS on August 9, 2018, at the advertised time of 11:00 a.m., Denbar Construction, 625B North Michigan Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ 07033, submitted a base bid amount of \$342,270.00 plus an Alternate 1 for \$0, and Alternate #2 for \$8,000, 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 Denbar Construction, Inc., for \$350,270.00, which includes the base bid, plus Alternate 1 & 2, pending New Jersey State Department of Transportation approval.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-194

WHEREAS, William Moore has served the Borough of Garwood for over thirty one years; He was hired as a Department of Public Works laborer on June 2, 1987; and

WHEREAS, William Moore's eagerness to assume responsibility along with his desire to serve the residents of our community has been displayed through his loyal and dedicated service and his outstanding leadership is genuinely noted and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2018, after over 31 years of devoted service to the Borough, Bill will take his much deserved retirement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby publicly commend Bill for the capable and efficient performance of all his duties, and "Congratulate" Bill on his retirement and extend to Bill and Victoria "Best Wishes" for the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to affix their signatures to this Resolution, which shall be presented to William Moore.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-195

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2019 DOT Resurfacing of Liberty Court and Union Street Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Garwood, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2019-Garwood Borough-00586 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Garwood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Garwood and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Motion by Councilwoman Todisco, Second by Councilman Lazarow, to adopt Consent Agenda.
 Roll Call:

Councilwoman Bianco	AYE	Councilman McCormack	AYE
Councilwoman Cuccaro	EXCUSED	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-196

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 "FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT GARWOOD FIRE HOUSE BUILDING IN THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, UNION COUNTY, N.J."; and

WHEREAS on October 4, 2018, at the advertised time of 11:00 a.m., Integrity Roofing, Inc. 1385 Witherspoon Street, Rahway, NJ 07065, submitted a base bid amount of \$94,425.00 plus an Alternate #1 for \$2,600, Alternate #2 for \$4,078, Alternate #3 for \$1,800, Alternate #4 for \$2,200 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 Integrity Roofing, Inc., for \$105,103.00, which includes the base bid, plus Alternate 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilwoman Todisco,
 Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Bianco	AYE	Councilman McCormack	AYE
Councilwoman Cuccaro	EXCUSED	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE

5-AYE, 1-ABSENT, Resolution 18-196 was adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 18-197

RESOLUTION NO. 18-197
 A MOTION FOR Local Employees to offer an incentive under the State Health Benefits Program.
BE IT RESOLVED, RESOLUTION OF GARWOOD
 CONSENT AGENDA OF INCUMBENT
 01/27/18
 NEW JERSEY LOCAL HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM
 STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM
 P.O. BOX 299 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08646-0299
 RESOLUTION NO. 18-197

We agree to voluntarily participate in the Financial Incentive Program granting financial incentives to eligible employees of New Jersey, OAHMA Plan or Active Liberty plan. We agree that the management and administration of this incentive program shall be solely our responsibility.

The terms of the incentive program described above shall include:

- The Incentive Program shall be available to eligible employees who are not from employers in a Specialized medical profession (as defined in the State Health Benefits Program) and are not currently receiving a financial incentive from the program.
- The Incentive Program does not extend to participants enrolled under PL 2006, C. 275 (Certain over-age adult children) and COBRA.
- Participation is voluntary at the option of the employer.
- The financial incentives for eligible employees shall be:
 - \$1,000 for single member coverage when changing to a stand-alone plan.
 - \$2,000 for family coverage when changing to a stand-alone plan.
 - \$1,500 for dependent coverage when changing to a stand-alone plan.
 - \$2,000 for family coverage when changing to a stand-alone plan.
- The incentive amount shall be paid within the first quarter of Plan Year 2019 and is a reportable income, and
- The incentive shall be forfeited and returned to the employer if the subscriber fails to remain enrolled for at least two years, except that a subscriber is made eligible for reinstatement through legal, involuntary or change health plans due to a catastrophic or emergency health need as determined by the employer after a full year, then the incentive shall be forfeited or a pro-rata used.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the RESOLUTION OF GARWOOD on the 09 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

 Council President
 Councilman Blumenstock
 403 SOUTH LANSING, GARWOOD, NJ 07027
 908-789-0710
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A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilwoman Bianco

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Bianco	AYE	Councilman McCormack	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Cuccaro	EXCUSED	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE

4-AYE, 1-ABSENT, 1-ABSTAIN, Resolution 18-197 was adopted

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Todisco mentioned snow will be coming soon and the parking issue should be discussed.

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 Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilwoman Bianco, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Bianco	AYE	Councilman McCormack	AYE
Councilwoman Cuccaro	EXCUSED	Councilwoman Todisco	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Council President Blumenstock, Second by Councilwoman Bianco to adjourn
Time: 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood