BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
October 9, 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
Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney
Michael Disko, Borough Engineer
Jonathan Pridy, Chief of Police

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS:
The Mayor will formally proclaim October as Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month.

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 Thursday, September 25, 2025.

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

All in favor ____, opposed _____?

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Township of Cranford – Introduced Ordinance No. 2025-18 – re: Tree Replacement Standards.
   https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/COMMUNCIATIONS_-_2025-18_Trees_Township_of_Cranford.pdf

ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION AND PUBLIC HEARING:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance 25-25 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 115 ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES", ARTICLE I, "DISORDERLY AND OFFENSIVE CONDUCT", ARTICLE II "VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES", AND CREATING NEW ARTICLES XI "PUBLIC PROPERTY" AND XII "DISORDERLY CONDUCT".

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._25-25_-_Ordinance_Disorderly_and_Offensive_Conduct_-_Updated_9.22.25.pdf

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

All in favor: _____, opposed: _____

Discussion:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

INTRODUCTION: NONE

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:

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report for September, 2025
https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Zoning_Enforcement_Officers_Report_-_September_2025(1).pdf

Code Enforcement Officer's Report for September, 2025
https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Code_Enforcement_Report_9.2025.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 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. 25-181

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR INSURANCE CONSULTANT/BROKER SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood seek to appoint an Insurance Consultant/Broker Services for the purposes of health insurance matters; and

WHEREAS, The Competitive Advantage Companies has been identified as possessing expertise in broker services as it relates to health insurance matters; and

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has determined that such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a notice stating the nature, duration, services and amount of each contract awarded as a professional services contract be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality;

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 The Competitive Advantage Companies, 54 Broad Street, Suite 200, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701 for health insurance matters for the Borough of Garwood; and

2. That said Contractor shall not receive fees from the Borough of Garwood; and

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-182

APPROVING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby approve the CFO/Treasurer to issue a check to refund the tax overpayment on the following property:

PROPERTY OWNER/ADDRESS	BLK/LOT	AMOUNT
Anne Young-Lospinoso 611 Maple Court Garwood, NJ 07027	106/8.1 C0039	$1,256.44

REFUND TO:
Anne Young-Lospinoso
611 Maple Court
Garwood, NJ 07027

Amount of refund: $1,256.44

EXPLANATION: Tax Assessor granted a Fully Disabled Widow of Veteran Tax Exemption on September 3, 2025. 3rd Quarter 2025 taxes were paid by the homeowner resulting in an overpayment.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-183

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT(S) FOR VEHICLE PROCUREMENT THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey ("Garwood") is permitted to participate in national cooperative purchasing agreements and award contracts pursuant thereto under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2b.(3) and Local Finance Notice (LFN) 2012-10. Garwood has been an active member of Sourcewell, a national cooperative purchasing organization, since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell, through its publicly awarded and competitively solicited contract process, has awarded Contract #091521-NAF for the procurement of "Cars, Trucks, Vans, SUVs, Cab Chassis, and Other Vehicles" to National Auto Fleet Group, 490 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase is provided through Bond Ordinance 25-18 in the total amount of $130,669.64;

WHEREAS, Garwood desires to procure the following equipment under said Sourcewell contract:

1. One (1) 2026 Ford Super Duty F-550 DRW XL 4WD Regular Cab 145" WB 60" CA with additional add-on options in the amount of $62,381.35, and

2. Furnish and Installation of Airflo PCS-9-3-SSU Stainless Steel Dump Body and Western 8.5' MVP Snow Plow With Rubber Snow Deflectors, provided by H.A. DeHart & Son as part of the complete upfit in the amount of $68,288.29; and

WHEREAS, notice of intent to award such contract(s) was published in accordance with applicable regulations, with opportunity for public comment provided up to 11:00 a.m. on October 9, 2024. The Borough Clerk has made available information regarding the contract for public inspection at the Borough Clerk's Office and online at https://garwood.org; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Garwood to procure this equipment through the Sourcewell cooperative contract to ensure cost efficiency, quality assurance, and compliance with state procurement laws.

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

1. The Borough of Garwood hereby authorizes the award of a contract to National Auto Fleet Group, 490 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076, under Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF, for the purchase of the above-listed vehicle and equipment, including the dump body and snow plow installation.

2. The total cost of the contract shall be in accordance with the pricing set forth under the Sourcewell contract and any applicable add-ons and installation services.

3. The Borough Clerk is directed to file and retain the appropriate documentation related to this cooperative purchase in accordance with applicable New Jersey statutes and administrative codes.

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. 25-184

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT QUOTE FROM NATIONAL HIGHWAY PRODUCTS FOR HARDWARE AND EQUIPMENT FOR LED SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Garwood has received Quote QT034630 from National Highway Products, Inc., 301 Riverside Drive, Building D, Millville, NJ 08332 in the amount of seven hundred and eight-eight dollars and forty-seven cents ($788.47) for hardware and equipment for LED speed limit signs; and

WHEREAS, the LED speed limit signs and related equipment are available from National Highway Products through Somerset County Co-Op, CC-0099-24; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall be provided from the following sources: the 2025 Infrastructure Grant in the amount of $304.07; the 2025 Municipal Budget in the amount of $216.58; and the remaining $267.82 shall be funded through Bond Ordinance 25-18;

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 National Highway Products in the amount of $788.47 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. 25-185

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PLAINFIELD AREA REGIONAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood previously adopted Resolution No. 24-163; and

WHEREAS, the contract has been in full force and effect since October 1, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the effective term of the Shared Services Agreement shall be amended to reflect a five-year duration, commencing on October 1, 2024, and concluding on September 30, 2029.

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:

2025 Best Practices Inventory has been filed with DCA

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:

Municipal Clerk to read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-186

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND MATTERS OF

ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE RELATING TO COURT SHARED SERVICES 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.

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 #25-____.

All in favor _____, opposed _____?

ROLL CALL*:*

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

RE-OPEN MEETING:

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

All in favor _____, opposed _____?

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Thursday**, **October 23, 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:_____