

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 13, 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:

Mayor Todisco	P		
Councilman Graham	P	Councilwoman Salmon	P
Councilman Kearney	P	Council President Blumenstock	P
Councilman Lazarow	P		

Also Present:

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

Mayor Todisco requested a motion, followed by a second, to suspend the regular order of business for the purpose of discussion and appointment of the vacant council seat.

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Graham, to suspend the regular order of business.

The Mayor read the following: In accordance with MUNICIPAL VACANCY LAW, [N.J.S.A. 40A:16 et seq], the Republican Municipal Committee has submitted the following three names for consideration to fill the unexpired Council term from October 13, 2022 to December 31, 2023:

1. Salvatore Piarulli
2. Stephen Napolitano
3. Louis Petruzzelli

Mayor Todisco requested a nomination from Council.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Kearney, to elect Louis Petruzzelli as Council Member.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion ensued regarding a timeframe in which to administer the Oath of Office due to Mr. Petruzzelli's absence at the meeting.

At 7:16 P.M. a motion was made by Councilwoman Salmon, second by Councilman Lazarow, for a five minute recess. All in favor.

At 7:21 P.M. a motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilman Kearney, to resume the meeting. All in favor.

Mayor Todisco confirmed Mr. Petruzzelli's appointment to the Borough Council.
Mayor Todisco informed the Council that the Oath of Office does not necessitate a Council meeting, and can be administered by either the Mayor or the Borough Clerk subsequent to the present Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Graham, to resume the regular order of business. All in favor.

Report of Borough Engineer:

CONTRACT 2022-2 CURB REPLACEMENT ON SOUTH AVENUE (BASE BID+ ALTERNATE #1) ACCESSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS AT HARTMAN PARK (ALTERNATE #2)
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - PROJECT IS COMPLETE. A FINAL INSPECTION WAS PERFORMED BY UNION COUNTY STAFF ON 10/12/2022. PROJECT TASK IS 100% AND HAS BEEN DEEMED SATISFACTORY.
REIMBURSEMENT OF
\$35,000 GRANT CAN BE REQUESTED AT THIS TIME. PROJECT UNDER BUDGET.

UNION COUNTY MILLING AND RESURFACING OF SOUTH AVENUE
PER DISCUSSION WITH UNION COUNTY ENGINEERING CONSULTANT, HANDICAPPED RAMP WORK IS ONGOING. MILLING WORK SHOULD COMMENCE NEXT WEEK IN WESTFIELD AND PROCEED THROUGH GARWOOD INTO CRANFORD. RESURFACING WORK TO COMMENCE THEREAFTER.

CONTRACT 2022-1 RESURFACING OF SECTIONS OF HAZEL AVENUE, HEMLOCK AVENUE, SPRUCE AVENUE AND THIRD AVENUE - CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - STREETS MILLED AND FINAL PAVED IN JULY, STRIPING COMPLETED, SIGN REPLACEMENT COMPLETED. CONTRACTOR PERFORMED REMEDIAL GRASS RESTORATION WORK TWO WEEKS AGO. TREE REPLACEMENT WORK SCHEDULED FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS. PROJECT UNDER BUDGET. MATERIAL TESTING QUOTE WAS FURNISHED. I WOULD LIKE TO AUTHORIZE THAT WORK. \$1,820.00

CONTRACT 2022-3 RESURFACING OF SECTIONS OF SECOND AVENUE AND THIRD AVENUE (CONGRESSIONAL GRANT). PROJECT WORK INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:
SECOND AVENUE (CEDAR TO OAK) MILLING AND RESURFACING OF PAVEMENT, MINOR NJDEP DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, TRAFFIC STRIPING AND MARKINGS, REPLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC SIGNS.
THIRD AVENUE (OAK TO GAUOWS HILL RD.) INSTALLATION OF GRANITE BLOCK CURBS, MILLING AND RESURFACING OF PAVEMENT, NJDEP DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, TRAFFIC SIGNS AND MARKINGS
ORIGINAL GRANT APPLICATION COST ESTIMATE= \$447,920.00 (CURBS ON BOTH STREETS)
\$250,000 GRANT OBTAINED.
PROJECT PLANS ARE TENTATIVELY COMPLETE. PLANS SENT TO HUD FOR REVIEW. MONEY MUST BE OBLIGATED BY 2025 AND DISBURSED BY 2030. GRANT AGREEMENT MUST BE EXECUTED BY DECEMBER 31, 2022.

CENTER STREET CURB IMPROVEMENT BETWEEN SPRUCE AVE AND MYRTLE AVE, EAST SIDE OF STREET.

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE. GAS CO. PERFORMED FINAL PAVING IN SEPTEMBER. ONE EXISTING LOW SIDEWALK AREA WAS REPORTED, THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE FIXING THAT PROBLEM ON 10/15/22 or 10/22/22.

ELIZABETH GAS PERFORMED MILLING AND RESURFACING OF STREETS IDENTIFIED AS THE WIUOW-CENTER STREET PROJECT. PONDING ISSUES REPORTED ON WEST STREET. A MEETING WAS HELD ON THE MORNING OF THURSDAY 10/6/22, AFTER THREE DAYS OF HEAVY RAINS. ELIZABETH TOWN GAS REPRESENTATIVES, THEIR PAVING CONTRACTOR, AND MYSELF, WALKED THE FULL LENGTH OF SPRUCE AVENUE, MYRTLE AVENUE AND WEST STREET TO IDENTIFY CONSTRUCTION RELATED ISSUES. NO WATER PONDING WAS VISIBLE, THOUGH DISCOLORATION EVIDENT AT TWO LOCATIONS - #502 SPRUCE (DRIVEWAY ON WEST), #436 SPRUCE ON ADJACENT TO #440 IS LOW. I ALSO REVIEWED OLDER GOOGLE EARTH STREETVIEWS. SUMP PUMPS WERE ACTIVE AT #401, #412, #413, #440 SPRUCE & #427, #439, #445/#451, #533 MYRTLE

IN DESIGN - NJDOT MA22 RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS. PROJECT WORK INCLUDES RESURFACING OF: FIFTH AVENUE (CEDAR ST. TO DEAD ENO -ADD CURBS) LOCUST AVENUE (CENTER ST. TO EAST ST. -ADD CURBS) MAPLE STREET (NORTH AVE. TO FOURTH AVE.) SECOND AVENUE (WALNUT ST. TO CEDAR ST.) FIELD WORK

Report of Borough Attorney: NO REPORT

Report of Borough Administrator:

The fall 2022 Bulk collection by permit is scheduled for Monday October 17th, please place your bulk items to the curb Sunday night.

Garwood currently has two job openings a part time public moderator for public meetings and fulltime Department of Public Works Laborer. Please check out the borough website for more information

The last electronic waste disposal of the year takes place this Saturday at the DPW yard on Willow Ave. Please bring your old computers, laptops, televisions to be recycled.

Resolution 22-147: In 2019 the Borough of Garwood abolished the Recreation Commission by changing the Ordinance. At the last meeting of Mayor and Council the corresponding Dedication by Rider for a Board of Recreation Commission needs to be rescinded **per the DLGS** before a new Dedication by Rider can be established for Recreation Trust-Fee Programs.

Report of Mayor Sara Todisco

Clean Communities - I want to thank all the people, from children to adults, who participated along with their fellow group members in the annual Clean Communities Day held this past Saturday. I was happy to be out there helping clean up North Avenue. This is a great community service day and it has been going on in our town for decades. I remember participating as a girl scout growing up. I'd also like to thank our Clean Communities Coordinator Kathleen Wierzbinski for organizing this day.

GFD Ladies Auxiliary Clothing Drive - Last Saturday was also the annual Ladies Auxiliary of the Garwood Fire Department Clothing Drive. Of course I had a bag to donate as did many others in town that I could clearly see from the huge pile they collected. I want to thank the Ladies Auxiliary members for their time and effort with this event as well as everyone who donated.

South Ave. Paving - The County will be paving the entirety of South Avenue here in Garwood sometime between now and October 25th as they continue the paving in our neighboring communities. When they pave, the road is expected to be closed from about 7pm until 6am. Please sign up for Nixle if you have not

already for road closure updates. I think it is great that we were able to coordinate this project with our curb replacement project to ensure our work was done ahead of the County paving.

Street Signs - I am very happy that the new street name signs have been installed by our DPW. I appreciate the DPW getting them up so quickly.

Planning Board - Last night, the Planning Board held its regular meeting and the purpose was to discuss the topic of short-term rentals in the Borough. This was a continuation of the discussion started at the previous meeting held on September 28th. At the 9/28 meeting, it was made clear by the Planning Board attorney that short-term rentals are not a permitted use in the Borough presently. The Board deliberated about the topic and then listened to an extensive public comment portion. Last night, the Board continued their discussion and began with each member giving their opinion and essentially stating whether they believe the Borough should continue to prohibit or to allow with regulations. Two Board members even circulated an 8 page draft of an ordinance with regulations and a process for short-term rentals. The initial straw vote was 6 members in favor of prohibition and 4 in favor of regulations. Then, it was determined that a 9 member Board should participate. Another straw poll was taken and this time the vote was 5 in favor of regulations and 4 in favor of prohibition, so as you can see the Board was quite divided over this topic. The Board plans to discuss potential regulations at its next meeting on November 9th in order to be able to use them in a recommendation back to this Council.

Comments from the Council:

Councilman Graham NO REPORT

Councilman Graham requested support for Ordinance No. 22-14.

Councilman Graham encouraged the use pedestrian safety beacons.

Councilman Kearney

Nothing prepared tonight, but I'd like to comment that I've attended the previous two meetings of the Planning Board and want to thank them for their thoughtful deliberations over the last two meetings on short-term rentals. They've given us a lot to think about.

Councilman Lazarow NO REPORT

Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

Council President Blumenstock

The Lions Club Halloween Parade will take place on Monday Oct. 31st at 7pm. The parade will begin at Borough Hall, with the Police and Fire Department escorting parade-goers to Lincoln School where the costume contest will begin. All are welcome, from infant to adults, and all participants will receive a full size candy bar. So hope to see everyone out on Halloween!! The DPW has received the resignation of laborer Enrique Cruz effective immediately. I'd like to wish Mr. Cruz good luck in his future endeavors. The streets committee would like to recommend that Mr. Harris begin the search for a new full-time employee.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on September 22, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, to accept minutes as presented. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

- a) 09/23/2022, Mayors' Hall of Fame; Offshore Wind; NDAA Unfunded Mandate
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/message/182302>
- b) 09/30/2022, RE: Early Bird Registration Ends Today, Sick Leave Legislation, Water Webinar
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/182989>
- c) 10/07/2022, RE: SHBP Update, Best Practices Inventory, NJLMEF Climate Roundtable
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/183574>

2) COUNTY OF UNION

- a) 09/21/2022, RE: Public Notice

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

3) GARWOOD PLANNING BOARD

- a) 09/30/2022, RE: Minutes

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ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 22- 14 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 34, ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT", SECTION 4 "APPOINTMENTS."

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-14_INTRO-REVISING_CHPT_34-4.pdf

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Kearney, to introduce Ordinance No. 22-14.

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	AYE
Councilman Kearney	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Councilman Petruzzelli	ABSENT

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 22- 15 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-15

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 REVISED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-15_RVSA_AMENDMENT.pdf

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow, to introduce Ordinance No. 22-15.

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	AYE
Councilman Kearney	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Councilman Petruzzelli	ABSENT

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair NO REPORT

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair

Thank you, Mayor, and I'd like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for a very successful clothing drive this past Saturday as well as the entire Garwood Fire Department for an excellent open house this past Sunday. Residents who stopped by had an opportunity to tour the firehouse, engines and Truck 1, try on the approximately 70 pounds of gear a firefighter straps on to themselves to go to work, see demonstrations of heavy rescue equipment and fire alarm systems. Special thanks to Captain Gregory and Firefighter Ryan, who spent a lot of time showing everything to my two boys!

The FD will be out at Lincoln School tomorrow for presentations to the students as part of Fire Prevention Week. I also have the activity report for the month of September:

There were a total of 14 calls for service in Garwood, along with four mutual aid responses for a total of 116 firefighter hours for all alarms. Responses included 3 fire alarm activations, 2 odors of gas, 1 mulch fire, 1 motor vehicle crash (with HAZMAT), 1 motor vehicle fire and 2 non-HAZMAT spills. Of the four mutual aid responses, two were in Rahway, one was in Westfield and one was in Roselle.

The regular September meeting was held on Wednesday, September 13th with 25 firefighters in attendance for a total of 38 hours. Additional activity as follows:

- Training on 9/20: Motor vehicle crash re-creation with an overturned vehicle, stabilization and extrication, using "junkyard dog safety struts", cribbing and the jaws of life, 22 firefighters for a total of 66 hours of training.
- Extra Duty on 9/18 and 9/19: Driver and Pump Training with Engine 3 and Truck 1, 7 firefighters for a total of 14 hours.
- Extra Duty on 9/12: Fire Prevention Preliminary Work Detail, 4 firefighters for 12 hours.
- Extra Duty on 9/29: Housekeeping Work Detail, 12 firefighters for 36 hours. Finally, I attended the regular October meeting this past Wednesday, October 5th. I extended an invitation for all Fire Department personnel to attend our next meeting of the Mayor and Council on Thursday, October 27th, to put on their dress blues and join us for the presentation of Resolutions honoring two longtime firefighters who retired in the past two months for their incredible terms of service. That's all for my report!

FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: VACANT NO REPORT

STREETS, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: Council President Blumenstock, Chair

In addition to regular garbage bag pickup, the DPW completed the installation of the new street sign assemblies in various locations of the Borough and installed new signs in the school drop off zone on 2nd and 3rd Avenues. They elevated shade trees in miscellaneous areas of the Borough and repaired the goals on the turf field at the Sports Complex. The department also performed preventative maintenance on the Departments garbage trucks, small landscaping maintenance equipment and the SUV's in the fleet. That's all for me, Mayor.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Graham, Chair

Since the last meeting of Mayor and Council on September 22, 2022 the Garwood Police Department has recorded the following activity: Initiated 53 motor vehicle stops; Conducted 158 building/property checks; Assigned to 59 fixed traffic posts (Radar, Stop Sign, Distracted Driving); Responded to 22 calls for medical

assist; Responded to 8 business/residential alarms; Responded to 34 false 911/fire/co alarms; Conducted 3 welfare checks; Initiated 10 community policing posts; Assisted with 8 disabled motor vehicles; Responded to 8 noise complaints. Please be advised that South Ave from the Rte 28 circle to Centennial Ave in Westfield/Garwood/Cranford will be under construction on or about Thursday, October 13, 2022. It is anticipated that the work will take approximately 12 nights to complete, weather permitting. Portions of the road will be closed overnight from approximately 7:00 PM until 6:00 AM the following morning. The Garwood Lions Club will be holding the annual Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31st. People will gather at the Borough Hall parking lot at 7pm and then walk over to Lincoln School shortly thereafter (about 7:10-7:15) for the costume contest.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Salmon, Chair

Garwood Recreation met last week. We reviewed sign-ups and fall programs. Our recreation department is currently working with Mr. Burke at the school to help aid with the registration process. I have been in touch with Marcy at Lincoln School and we have added a mailbox for Ralph our recreation director at the school, so now all recreation forms can be returned to the school for easier sign-up and of course here at Borough Hall. There is still time to sign up for some fall programs. Our recreation director has secured time in the school gym and we are looking forward to bringing back basketball. Recreation basketball currently has 8 children registered, I spoke with a recreation committee member this afternoon and he has informed me that him and Mr. Burke are expecting more signups in the next week. Another committee member has been in touch with neighboring towns and has secured us a spot as I reported on previously. (Kenilworth, Roselle) Garwood Celebrations has been very busy! They announced their annual Halloween Decorating Contest, Entry period began on October 3rd and finishes October 14th. The judging period will be 10/15-10/16 with our winners announced on October 18th. Please check this out on Garwood Celebrations Facebook page for entry details. In other news, Garwood celebrations met with Chief Wright, Chief Scalzadonna, our borough administrator and myself last week to review the logistics of our Christmas Tree lighting this year. This is an amazing event in our borough and I look forward to attending. The Celebrations committee has also announced their Brunch with Santa being held on December 3rd at the Knights of Columbus, so please be sure to check out their Facebook page for sign-up information. That's all for my report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney

Thank you, Mayor. I want to highlight again tonight that the Borough is seeking applicants for the per-diem position of Public Moderator, as one of the two current people serving in that role has given a notice of resignation (which is reflected on tonight's Consent Agenda). This position is a vital part of the transparency initiatives that we've instituted here in Garwood, with the live streamed meetings and the ability for members of the public to have access via Zoom. So please, everyone here tonight or watching online, spread the word, the job posting is up on Garwood.org under Employment Opportunities (full link for the minutes: <https://garwood.org/index.asp?SEC=9BDF29C7-158B-4FB5-B889-C8628A3ACB2C>). It's a great position for a college student or anyone looking to make a few extra dollars a few evenings per month. I also want to thank our moderator tonight, Dana, for all her efforts as one of our first in-person Public Moderators, we're sorry to lose you and I really do appreciate your professionalism over the last year and change that you've been here and how you've rolled with the punches to help get this all working. You will be missed!

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday through Thursday 9 am to 8 pm; Friday 9 to 4:30 pm; Saturday 10 am to 1 pm.

EVENTS: October 17, 24, and 31 at 10:30 am Knitting Club Join our Knitting Club. Open to all levels, whether you're a beginner or you want to share your vast knowledge of knitting, or just spend an hour being creative and socializing. No Registration required. Yarn and needles provided to newcomers.

October 17 at 1pm - Book Discussion Group Join us in the library for a lively discussion of this month's book "Tulip Fever" by Deborah Moggach.

October 18, and 25 at 10:30 am and 11:30am – Storytime in the Library- Join Miss Maryanne for stories, bubbles and more at 10:30 and 11:30 in the library. Registration Required

October 18 at 3 pm- Virtual Adult Craft - Pick up your craft supplies from the Library and then watch the Facebook tutorial at 3 pm. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 10 participants. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone

October 21 at noon – Classic Movie Friday Join us for Classic Movie Fridays featuring memorable movies from the 50s and 60s. Light refreshments will be served. Registration required 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.

DATABASES ON OUR WEBSITE

A Garwood Library card, and a trip to our website (<https://garwoodpl.org>) allows you free access to many helpful databases, including the New York Times - Garwood Library's New York Times digital subscription provides access to NYTimes.com from any computer or device, as well as access to the NYT app on portable devices. Enjoy NY Times articles, blog posts, video, slide shows and other multimedia features. Brainfuse – Provides live on-demand tutoring for students in grade 4 through college. Members can get instant academic assistance from expert tutors in coursework, writing, resume building, ACT and SAT prep and more.

LinkedIn Learning – LinkedIn Learning is an on-demand library of instructional videos covering the latest business, technology and creative skills. It provides personalized course recommendations and is designed to help you reach your full potential. Over 16,00 expert led courses are available.

Hoopla Digital - A digital streaming service for library users providing access to eBooks, audiobooks, music, movies, and TV shows using portable devices like PC, smartphones, and tablets.

Coming Soon: Mango Languages. Mango is an online language learning system that teaches practical conversation skills for real communication. It's a fast, easy, and effective way to learn to speak a foreign language. Courses are offered for 70 foreign languages and ESL tailored for 18 languages.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

The next meeting for the Garwood Board of Education is next Tuesday, October 18th, so I'll have a report at our next meeting.

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

At last week's meeting, I gave the Club an update on events going on in Garwood and we finished the meeting with lunch and bingo of course. Today, we had a great group for our crafting activity, where we painted ceramic vases shaped like boots and panted succulents in them. Our next Club meeting is next Thursday, October 20th, and there is a movie screening on Friday, October 21st at the Library at 12pm, where they will be showing Funny Face with Audrey Hepburn, so I hope you'll join us for that. That's all for my report, Mayor.

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney

The Small Business Advisory Board met at Rosie's Wine Bar on Monday, October 3rd networking and discussion about the remainder of 2022's initiatives.

I'm pleased to announce that preliminary plans were put in motion by the Board for the return of Garwood Restaurant Week! In the absence of a Public Information Officer, Board members will be designing an invitation flier which will be hand-delivered to all restaurants and food service establishments in town, which will include a link and QR code for businesses to sign up. Advertising for the event and special menus will be posted on the Borough website and Facebook page, along with the social media sites of the participating businesses. We discussed extending the "week" to be a bit longer, entirely covering two weekends, beginning on Friday, November 4th and running through Sunday, November 13th. A follow up meeting of the Board is scheduled for the week of October 24th to firm up all the details, so I will have more to report at our next meeting.

The Board also touched on a previous idea for a new event, focusing on wellness and the many small businesses in Garwood which provide services in that area. The concept is rough at the moment, but revolves around featuring such businesses around the holidays since so many of us tend to make those New Year's Resolutions after so many excellent parties and meals. Again, I hope to have more details on this concept to announce in the coming weeks, and that's all for my report.

BOARD OF HEALTH LIAISON: Councilman Graham

The Board of Health meeting was held on September 21st. Minutes of the June 15, 2022 were accepted as presented. The Voucher for Westfield Regional Health Department, 2022, 3rd Quarter Health Services was accepted for payment. The Registrar of Vital Statistics, Treasurer, Environmental Health Specialist, Public Health Nurse and Health Officer read their reports of activities for the months of June July & August. There was brief discussion on COVID vaccines & boosters. There was also brief discussion on vaccines for Monkey Pox. The next meeting will be held on December 21st.

PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Property Maintenance Officer's Report for September, 2022.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property_Maintenance_Reports_09-2022.pdf

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report for September, 2022.

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CFO/Tax Collector Report of Tax Sale October, 2022.

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

CFO/Tax Collector Report for 3rd Quarter, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, 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.

John Pritchard, 410 Spruce Street, sang a song regarding veterans.

Jill Brown, 507 Myrtle Avenue, commented on short term rentals. Ms. Brown requested clarification regarding a committee appointment.

Frank D'Agostino, 38 Third Avenue, requested clarification regarding debris at the Paperboard.

John Bartolick, 231 Hemlock Avenue, commented on the Council seat appointment process.

Sal Piarulli, 55 Fourth Avenue, commented on the Council seat appointment process.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, commented on the Council seat appointment process. Mr. Paterson requested clarification regarding Resolution No. 22-148.

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

Mayor Todisco provided clarification regarding special committees of the Mayor and their bylaws

Mayor Todisco provided clarification regarding the debris at the Paperboard.

Councilman Graham commented on short term rentals,
Councilman Graham commented on the Council seat appointment process.
Discussion ensued.

Councilman Kearney provided clarification regarding membership on the Small Business Advisory Committee.

Mayor Todisco requested clarification from Mr. Abramson regarding the Executive Session litigation matter. Mr. Abramson provided clarification.

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. 22-143

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 "**USER FEE BASED RESIDENTIAL CLEAN UP PROGRAM**"; and

WHEREAS on September 16, 2022, at the advertised time of 11:30 A.M. Waste Management of New Jersey Inc., 100 Brandywine Blvd., Suite 300, Newton, Pa. 18940, submitted a proposal for collection and transport services for services in June and October of each year, plus Alternate #1, collection and transport services of each year in April and August as follows:

BIDDER	Load and Transport fee 2023	Load and Transport fee 2024	Load and Transport fee 2025	Load and Transport fee 2026	Load and Transport fee 2027
Waste Management of NJ, Inc.	\$67.50 per permit	\$71.00 per permit	\$74.50 per permit	\$78.00 per permit	\$81.50 per permit

WHEREAS, Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., 100 Brandywine Blvd., Suite 300, Newton, Pa. 18940, was the only bidder, submitting a responsible bid for a 5 year contract commencing January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood that the aforementioned contract be and the same hereby is awarded to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. in accordance with the bidding documents and the aforementioned bid submitted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-144

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby hire David Kozal as a part-time Senior Transportation Bus Driver, commencing October 13, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-145

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2022 the Borough Administrator received correspondence dated September 28, 2022 advising that Dana Schneider is resigning from her part time position as Public Moderator effective October 27, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-146

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$36,684.00 which item is now available as a revenue from the STATE OF NEW JERSEY BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM, in the amount of \$36,684.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$36,684.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of "2022 BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM".

RESOLUTION NO. 22-147

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED TRUST FUND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD RECREATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, on October 28, 1992 the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approved Resolution No. 92-189 adopted by Council of the Borough of Garwood on April 14, 1992, requesting approval of a Dedicated Trust Fund for the Borough of Garwood Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Garwood rescinds the request for approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for a Dedicated Trust Fund for the Borough of Garwood Recreation Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that 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 Councilman Lazarow, second by Council President Blumenstock, to adopt Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	AYE
Councilman Kearney	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Councilman Petruzzelli	ABSENT

RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor's Appointments:

Mark Koch	Shade Tree Committee	10/13/2022-12/31/2022
Cheryl Kelly	Recreation Committee	10/13/2022-12/31/2022

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 Councilman Kearney, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham	AYE	Councilwoman Salmon	AYE
Councilman Kearney	AYE	Council President Blumenstock	AYE
Councilman Lazarow	AYE	Councilperson	ABSENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Borough Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-148

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONTRACT NEGOTIATION, LITIGATION, 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. No action will be taken.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilman Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 22-148. All in favor.

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Kearney, to resume the regular session. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Thursday, October 27, 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 Council President Blumenstock second by Councilman Kearney to adjourn.

Time: 9:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Catherine D. Cameron, R.M.C.

Borough Clerk