

**Borough of Garwood Workshop Meeting of
The Mayor and Council
WORKSHOP
MINUTES
October 23, 2018**

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

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).

Mayor Lombardo	P		
Councilwoman Bianco	P	Councilman McCormack	P
Councilwoman Cuccaro	EXCUSED	Councilwoman Todisco	P
Councilman Lazarow	P	Council President Blumenstock	P

Also present: Borough Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma and Substitute Borough Attorney Adam Colicchio.

Borough Attorney, Adam Colicchio – no report

Administrator/Clerk Christina M Ariemma – Bulk pick-up dates and cost was discussed. The Gumpert Ice Park letter was discussed. Brief discussion concerning the contents of the letter took place. All agreed to prepare their own letters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Councilwoman Bianco:

Original letter read again on 10/23/2018

In light of current situation of the Temporary Ice Rink at Gumbert park in Westfield. I want to send the Mayor and Council of Westfield a letter signed by the entire Mayor and council, to make it clear to Garwood does not want to see this rink there for more than one year, furthermore, it does not return to that location.

I want full bi partisan support. We as Borough Council must stand together to defend, and protect the residents at the Pointe and the Lofts.

There are 5, 1 year options to extend its residency at Gumberts.

The 4 months it is to be there from November 1st to March 1st, is really 6 months, as it takes 1 month to set up, and 1 month to tear down.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Lombardo

At this time I would like to address the issue our Chief Fire Department has brought to us at the last Council meeting: to ask us who he should talk to about the parking arrangement which includes Russo Two. In my opinion, he should be talking with the Planning Board about his concerns. We have to remember the Planning Board is the board that approves the Final Site plan of the redevelopment.

Councilwoman Bianco:

The Garwood Newcomers will be meeting this weekend/ early next week to plan the official event to officially start the club itself.

I had the pleasure of talking to Vanessa Schubring, a new comer herself. She moved to Garwood with her husband and 2 children in July 2017. She has spearheaded this effort to welcome new coming neighbors. Garwood is a small town with a Big Heart....and I believe this is a wonderful way to get to know one another. I was also happy and honored that she included me in this.

I would like to mention this club will be creating a website/social media page, they will be fundraising, hosting play dates for children, weekly happy hour gatherings, monthly get together for brunch or dinner, cookie exchanges, & Christmas gift collections.

I will keep you posted with updates....ty all

Ileen has asked me to offer tickets to a SARA fundraiser (summit animal rescue)

It is a spaghetti dinner \$14 for adults \$12 for seniors. If anyone would like to purchase tickets please see me afterwards. Thank you in advance.

I had a conversation with the homeowner of 306 Locust Ave.

There was concern over the lack of curbs in front of the residence, as the water pools, and freezes creating ice that covers the entire sidewalk and driveway. There are some curbs, on the block. Are there any plans to install curbing on 300 block of Locust? If so when?

Discussion followed. Councilwoman Todisco explained the procedure

Comments or matters for discussion from members of Council:

Councilwoman Bianco – No Report

Council President Blumenstock - Just a quick update on a couple of groups:

The MLK Day of Service Initiative had its first committee meeting and was very productive. We were able to get some great ideas about what kinds of activities the group would like to see happening on that day. At our next meeting we will firm up those activities and needed supplies and then begin advertising them so that residents can then sign-up and participate in the day's events.

Also, the Green Team has ended its collection period for sponsors for our annual Adopt-A-Pot holiday decorating. We had double the amount of local business sponsors from last year and will be decorating 16 of the Borough's flower pots with holiday decorations. This will be towards the end of November.

That's all for my report, Mayor.

Councilwoman Cuccaro - **ABSENT**

Councilman Lazarow – I am informing the council that we have made progress on the licensing agreement with the Baseball League and am asking Mr. Renaud when he returns to answer any questions for the council so we can add the resolution to our second November meeting. Also, I want to thank the DPW for providing maintenance reports for both Hartman Park and the Rec Complex playground.

Councilman McCormack – Reported he met with Borough Engineer Mike Disko to discuss the stress cracks in the firehouse building.

Councilwoman Todisco – Planning Board - There will be a Planning Board meeting tomorrow night where the Russo II (South Avenue II) site plan hearing will continue, where there will be testimonies by experts.

WOE Awards - The Union County Commission on the Status of Women has announced that nomination forms are open. Please consider filling out the online form at ucnj.org/women-awards to nominate a woman who either lives or works in Union County for the Women of Excellence Awards for going above and beyond to make a positive impact in their communities. Awards are given in a variety of categories, from Arts and Humanities, Business and Entrepreneurial, Community Service, Education, Government, Law, Law Enforcement, Medicine and Health Care and Child, Youth and Women's Advocacy. The awards dinner will take place on March 29, 2019 at the Gran Centurions in Clark and this year marks the 27th year this event has taken place. The deadline to submit a nomination form is December 3rd.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Is there anyone in the audience that wishes to address the mayor and council please step to the microphone, state your full name and address. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue commented on flooding/clogs on North Avenue. He commented on the condition of the underpass. He commented on the letter that Councilman McCormack wouldn't sign. Councilman McCormack commented on what Mr. Paterson said.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:43 p.m., a motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, and seconded by Councilwoman Bianco to adjourn the workshop session. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood