

**Borough of Garwood**  
**MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 27, 2022**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Moment of Silence:

Tonight's moment of silence is dedicated to George Snell who was a crossing guard here in town. While he only worked for us for a short time, his service was much appreciated as a guard. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

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>EXCUSED</b>	<b>Councilman Petruzzelli</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Councilman Kearney</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Council President Blumenstock</b>	<b>P</b>

**Also Present:**

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

**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Todisco presented a Community Spirit Award to Pat DiFabio.

Report of Borough Attorney NO REPORT

Mr. Abramson summarized the purpose of Resolution No. 22-151.

Report of Borough Administrator NO REPORT

**Report of Mayor Sara Todisco**

Welcome - I'd like to start tonight's meeting by welcoming back Councilman Petruzzelli. He is taking the same committee assignments held by Councilwoman Loffredo and will be the Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. I look forward to working with you again.

Union County Grants - I am happy to share that we have received \$35,000 in the Kids Recreation Trust Fund matching grant from Union County. This can be used towards the Recreation complex, specifically upgrading the security camera system, a shuffleboard and 4-square overlay where the bocce court is now, or a new picnic pavilion. We also received \$5,000 for Greening Union County, which can be used for new trees. On behalf of the Borough, I'd like to thank the County Commissioners for these grant awards.

Vermella - I was honored to attend the grand opening event for Vermella at Garwood Station last week along with members of the Council, Planning Board, Borough professionals, and former Mayor Charles Lombardo. I appreciated the opportunity to speak alongside owner, Ed Russo, as we both reflected on the long, but important journey to get to where we are now. I'm proud to have been a part of the process as a member of the Council and for the past four years as Mayor. Russo Development has sought to be a partner to Garwood from the expanded municipal parking that we will have next to the Fire Department parking lot when Vermella Two is completed, a sponsor of our annual street fair and upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting. I've met a

number of the new residents to Garwood who live in Vermella and they are happy to call Garwood home. I am happy to welcome them to our great little town.

I have a leasing and occupancy update as of October 16th to share tonight as well. As of October 16th, 85% of the apartments have been leased and 77% are occupied. All 30 of the affordable units have been leased and only one remains unoccupied.

GFD - It was a great honor to present the Community Service Award to Pat DiFabio earlier tonight for his 71 years on the Garwood Fire Department and additional public service here in Garwood. I look forward to honoring Rod Van Natta at our next meeting as he has also recently retired from the Fire Department after an incredible 53 years on the department. Also, I've been coordinating with Chief Scalzadonna and am happy to invite the whole Council to the unveiling of the plaque for the ladder truck on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:30pm at the Firehouse. We have also invited past Councilmembers who were part of that approval process, Councilman and Fire Commissioner Rich McCormack, Councilman Sean Benoit, and Councilman Michael Ince.

Mayor Todisco commented on pictures of the old DPW building posted on social media deeming the building unsafe.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Harris summarized recent inspections performed by the SIF and PEOSH. Mr. Harris confirmed the building is compliant with each agency's safety standards.

**Comments from the Council:**

Councilman Graham: NO REPORT

Councilman Kearney NO REPORT

Nothing tonight Mayor, but I'd like to welcome Councilman Petruzzelli back to the Council.

Councilman Lazarow NO REPORT

Councilman Lazarow welcomed Councilman Petruzzelli to the Borough Council.

Councilman Petruzzelli NO REPORT

Councilman Petruzzelli commented on the DPW building.

Mayor Todisco and Mr. Harris provided clarification regarding the cost incurred to insulate the DPW building.

Discussion ensued regarding status of the exterior Fire Department doors.

Mayor Todisco and Mr. Harris summarized the bond ordinance approved to replace the exterior Fire Department doors.

Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

Councilwoman Salmon welcomed Councilman Petruzzelli to the Borough Council.

Council President Blumenstock

The Green Team undertook a massive planting day last weekend, completely overhauling JFK Plaza across from Garwood Lanes and the Rankin Triangle, at the corner of Locust and Rankin. We also relocated some plants over to the Rec Complex next to the basketball court. This was a huge project, but as the plants and trees continue to grow, I think this will add so much character to Garwood. We couldn't have done it without the help of volunteers from the Liquid Church as well as the Fire Department. They spent the day digging

and lugging trees with us and we are so appreciative. The Fire Department also helped with the initial watering. A big thanks also goes out to the DPW for helping us with the digging of holes for the new trees and the removal of some of the old plants. This was a tough job, but we have some great departments in Garwood and they make all the difference. I'd like to personally thank Bill Nierstedt for spearheading this. It was a lot of coordination. Jeff Jotz and Dorinda Dec were also very heavily involved so a big thanks to them. Mr. Harris, I'd also like to extend a thank you to you as well for helping our members with the coordination. This was truly a team effort. I hope everyone goes to take a look at all of the great work, and you can also check out the plaque at Rankin that honors our Police and Fires Departments.

The Lions Club Halloween Parade will take place on Monday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade play is coming in November. They have asked the Council to sponsor an ad once again in their playbill. If everyone is ok with that, I can send that over to them. It would be \$8 a person.

### **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on October 13, 2022.

Minutes of the Executive Session of the Mayor and Council held on October 13, 2022.

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Kearney to accept minutes as presented. All in favor.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **1) NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES**

- a) 10/11/22, RE: Climate Resilience Roundtable; State Grant Opportunities  
<https://www.njlm.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/183728>

#### **2) GARWOOD PLANNING BOARD**

- a) 09/30/2022, RE: Minutes  
[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/9\\_28\\_2022\\_PB\\_Minutes\\_revised.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/9_28_2022_PB_Minutes_revised.pdf)

#### **3) RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

- a) 10/21/22, RE: Minutes  
[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/RVSA\\_Approved\\_Meeting\\_Minutes\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/RVSA_Approved_Meeting_Minutes(1).pdf)

#### **4) GARWOOD CITIZEN**

- a) 10/18/2022, RE: School Bus Transportation

ALL RECEIVED AND FILED

### **ORDINANCES:**

#### **ADOPTION:**

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

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 22-14. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 22-14.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, requested clarification regarding the Ordinance.

Mayor Todisco provided clarification.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilman Kearney, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 22-14.

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Council President Blumenstock, to adopt Ordinance No. 22-14.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Salmon stated she does not support the Ordinance.

Roll Call:

<b>Councilman Graham</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>Councilman Petruzzelli</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Councilman Kearney</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Councilwoman Salmon</b>	<b>NAY</b>
<b>Councilman Lazarow</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>Council President Blumenstock</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**1-ABSENT, 3-AYE, 1-ABSTAIN, 1-NAY Ordinance No. 22-14 was adopted.**

### **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 a thank you to everyone from the Liberty Hose Company who joined us earlier to honor the 71 years of service by Firefighter Pat DiFabio. I'm looking forward to honoring Firefighter Rod Van Natta and his 53 years of service at our next meeting. I'd also like to thank all of the firefighters who attended the Fire Prevention Week presentations two weeks ago at Lincoln School.

Finally, on tonight's Consent Agenda, I am requesting the full support of the Council for Resolution 22-154, which will authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the New Jersey Office of Information Technology and the County of Union for radio services on the Public Safety Interoperability Communications System. This agreement must be in place before the Garwood Fire Department can have recently purchased Motorola radios programmed; permission from the State is needed for any new radio to be set up which can access that system.

**FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: Councilman Petruzzelli, Chair** NO REPORT

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

In addition to regular garbage pickup, the DPW cleared the debris from the tops of all stormwater drainage inlets on the North and South side of the Borough. They prune and elevate shade trees in miscellaneous areas of the Borough. They also removed four (4) small shade trees in the following locations:

600 block of Myrtle Avenue (2); 279 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (1); 500 block of Beech Avenue (1)

They performed street sweeping operations in accordance with the annual Public Works Schedule and put up and took down the no parking signs accordingly. They also performed monthly night time street sweeping of the business district along Center and Walnut Street.

Also, please note Resolution 22-153, with the resignation of Enrique Cruz that we mentioned at the last meeting. The posting for the full-time Laborer job remains open until November 4<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes once again to Mr. Cruz.

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

Council President Blumenstock read the following report:

Since the last meeting of Mayor and Council on October 13, 2022 the Garwood Police Department has recorded the following activity: Initiated 51 motor vehicle stops; Conducted 78 building/property checks; Assigned to 31 fixed traffic posts (Radar, Stop Sign, Distracted Driving); Responded to 16 calls for medical assist; Responded to 6 business/residential alarms; Responded to 15 false 911/fire/co alarms; Conducted 2 welfare checks; Initiated 10 community policing posts; Responded to 6 animal complaints.

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.

I just want to mention an ordinance clean up that the Chief brought to the Police committee. He would like to amend Chapter 34 Article V. of the Borough of Garwood Code. The proposed ordinance change will allow for third party scheduling and collecting of payments for police officers' extra duty assignments. This ordinance does not change the manner in which officers are scheduled for road jobs nor does it come at additional costs to taxpayers. It simply cleans up and clarifies the language in the Chapter allowing for third party billing of vendors. We are looking to schedule for introduction on the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in November.

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

**Councilwoman Salmon, Chair**

Councilwoman Salmon provided an update to the committees.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney** NO REPORT

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

November 4 and 18 at Noon - Classic Movie Fridays - Join us for Classic Movie Fridays featuring memorable movies from the 50s and 60s. Light refreshments will be served. Registration required

November 8 all day – Election Day – The Garwood Public Library is a polling location. The Library will be open, the children's section will be closed. Our computers and seating are not available. Browsing and check outs are permitted.

November 9 from 10 to Noon - Aging Services Kiosk (ASK) - Union County Division of Aging Staff will be on hand to assist seniors (age 60+) or their caregivers with information on services, such as meal delivery, respite care, adult day care and support services for caregivers

November 15 at 3pm - Virtual Kids & Adult Craft - Pick up supplies for a Holiday inspired craft, then watch the craft tutorial on the Library's Facebook page at 3 pm. The video will be available for viewing thereafter. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 15 participants for kids, and 10 for adults. Sign up on the Library's website calendar or by phone.

November 17 at 7 pm – RB Express – Enjoy a night of hits from the Coasters, the Platters, Frankie Valli and the Temptations, and more performed by RP Express the most entertaining band to emerge from the Jersey Shore. Registration requested by phone or on the events calendar.

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney**

No report tonight Mayor, but I did receive a notice today that a Special Meeting of the Board of Education is being scheduled for Tuesday, November 1st at 7:00 PM for the purpose of appointing a new Superintendent.

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

At our last meeting, I updated the Senior Club on the Borough's Halloween events and other upcoming holiday events. We had lunch and bingo of course. I've been glad to see that we've been welcoming some new members at our past few meetings. We have a special senior craft coming up on November 10<sup>th</sup>, where we'll be making some Thanksgiving coasters. Our next Club meeting is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining, please contact either myself or Kathleen at Borough Hall.

**SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney**

The Small Business Advisory Board has been following up to get everything setup for this year's Restaurant Week, which the Board decided to name "Taste of Garwood". We weren't able to get an in-person meeting together, but with many phone calls and emails (to the point I think Mr. Harris wants to shut off his notifications) I think we're just about there. I've been coordinating between the Board, Mr. Harris and Ms. Cameron to determine where registration information would be directed, updates to the Borough website and social media, and to discuss the advertising as well.

Invitations to our local restaurants are in the process of being hand delivered by Board President Josh Rosenberg, so please keep an eye on the Borough Facebook Page and the Small Business page of Garwood.org for updates on the event and which places in town are participating.

A special thank you to Mr. Harris and Ms. Cameron for going over and above to get this event off the ground!

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Chief of Police Monthly Reports for September, 2022.

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Kearney, 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.

Ms. Pritchard, 410 Spruce Street, stated concerns regarding NJ Transit at Garwood bus and trains stations.

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

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, commented on the DPW building.

Mr. Paterson requested clarification regarding Resolution No.'s 22-149, 22-152, 22-154 & 22-155.

Mr. Paterson requested clarification regarding the adoption of Ordinance No. 22-14.

Rich McCormack, 101 Fourth Avenue, commented on the DPW building.

Cheryl Kelly, 500 Beech Avenue, stated she posted pictures of the old DPW building on social media.

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

Mr. Harris provided an update regarding NJ Transit at Garwood train station.

Mayor Todisco stated Ms. Pritchard’s additional concerns regarding NJ Transit will be followed up.

Mayor Todisco requested to discuss Mr. D’Agostino’s concern regarding the Paperboard after the Council meeting.

Mr. Harris stated the DPW building is safe and in accordance with PEOSH standards.  
 Mayor Todisco and Mr. Harris provided clarification regarding resolutions on the consent agenda.  
 Mr. Abramson clarified the adoption of Ordinance No. 22-14 is based on a statutory majority vote rule.

**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. 22-149**

**WHEREAS**, certain Capital Improvement Authorization balances remain dedicated to projects which have been completed; and  
**WHEREAS**, the balances are no longer necessary for the purposes originally created.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union that the following unexpended General Capital Improvement Authorizations be cancelled as follows:

Ordinance	Title	Capital Improvement Fund
15-02	Edmunds Software	727.50
16-14	Police/Fire Equipment	3,505.34
17-09	Police Equipment	2,558.34
17-20	Office Renovation	2,820.89

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-150**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD CANCELLING GRANT BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, there exists various Grant Receivable and Grant Reserves on the Balance Sheet; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel the receivable balances and their offsetting appropriation balances from the balance sheet;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the following grant receivables and appropriation balances be cancelled:

**Grant Receivable**

2021/2022 Municipal Alliance Grant \$ 96.52

**Grant Appropriated Reserves**

2021/2022 Municipal Alliance Grant \$ 96.52

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-151**

**RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BID OF REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES**

**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 “RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received two (2) bids, specifically from Republic Services of New Jersey and Grand Sanitation Service Inc. on September 16, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed cost for recycling collection services from Republic Services of New Jersey is:

Calendar Year 2023 \$155,520  
 Calendar Year 2024 \$163,296  
 Calendar Year 2025 \$171,461

**WHEREAS**, the proposed cost for recycling collection services from Grand Sanitation Service is:

Calendar Year 2023 \$163,300

Calendar Year 2024                      \$168,200  
Calendar Year 2025                      \$173,246

**WHEREAS**, the bid of Republic Services of New Jersey must be rejected as non-responsive due to a fatal defect with the company's bid bond; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid of Grand Sanitation Services is the lowest responsive bid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood as follows:

1. That the bid of Republic Services of New Jersey is hereby rejected as non-responsive due to a fatal defect in the company's bid bond.
2. A three (3) year contract is hereby awarded to Grand Sanitation Service Inc., 1630 South Second Street, Plainfield, NJ 07063-1207 for recycling collection services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood that the aforementioned contract be and the same hereby is awarded to Grand Sanitation Service 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. 22-152**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Marie Evaristo is hereby appointed as a permanent Special Police Officer, Class "B" School Crossing Guard at an hourly rate of \$21.25 per hour effective October 17, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-153**

**WHEREAS**, on October 12, 2022 the Borough Administrator received correspondence dated October 12, 2022 advising that Enrique Cruz, Jr. is resigning from his full time position as DPW Laborer effective October 7, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-154**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Mayor to sign Attachment "J"- User Agency Acknowledgement-Independent Entity of the New Jersey Interoperable Communications System (NJICS)" Agreement with the New Jersey Office of Information Technology and the County of Union for the purpose of radio user services with the Garwood Fire Department.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-155**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk to prepare a Request for Proposals for professional services as listed for year 2023 in the Borough of Garwood.

- Professional Legal Services – Borough Attorney
- Professional Legal Service – Labor Attorney
- Professional Legal Service – Tax Appeals Attorney
- Professional Legal Service – Bond Counsel Attorney
- Professional Engineering Services – Contractual Engineering
- Planning/Zoning Board Attorney
- Professional Planning/Engineering Services – Board Planner/Engineer
- Professional Auditing Services - Auditor
- Municipal Prosecutor
- Municipal Public Defender
- Affordable Housing Services

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the above services in accordance with law.

A motion was made by **Councilman Kearney**, second by **Councilman Lazarow**, to adopt Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Petruzzelli abstained from voting on Res. No. 22-154.

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

NONE



**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**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 Kearney**, second by **Councilman Lazarow**, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Borough Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-156**

**CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS 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.

At 8:39 a motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow, to adopt Resolution 22-156. All in favor.

At 9:42 P.M. a motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow, to resume the regular session. All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Monday, November 14, 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 Kearney, second by Council President Blumenstock, to adjourn.

Time: 9:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Catherine D. Cameron, R.M.C.

Borough Clerk