

Borough of Garwood Meeting of the Mayor and Council

MINUTES

November 27, 2018

Start Time: 7:55 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).

Also present Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Christina M. Ariemma and Borough Attorney Robert F. Renaud.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Regular and Workshop Minutes of the Mayor and Council held on November 15, 2018

A motion was made by Councilwoman Todisco, second by Councilwoman Cuccaro, to accept minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES** –
 - a. Mayor's Advisory –
 - i. 11/19/18, RE: Daily Update
- 2) **UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS** – 11/21/18, RE: Amending the 2018 Meeting Schedule
- 3) **TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD**- 11/13/18, RE: Ordinance 2018-16
- 4) **GARWOOD RECREATION COMMISSION** – 11/19/18, RE: Minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 2018

ALL RECEIVED AND FILED

ORDINANCES:

NONE

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

POLICE: Councilwoman Bianco, Chr.

Congratulations to the members of Garwood PBA Local 117! This was the second year the department participated in No-Shave November and it was a huge success again. The goal was to raise \$2,500 for cancer research, which was surpassed greatly. To date they have raised over \$4,000 for a cure. The drive was such a success that the Garwood P.B.A has asked for permission to continue the drive into December. Anyone wishing to donate towards the "Double-Down December" Campaign can do so by visiting the GPD Local 117 home page at noshave.org

The Garwood Police Department will be supporting the **"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" 2018 Year End Holiday Crackdown.**

The purpose of the campaign is to undertake visible, targeted impaired driving enforcement during the end of year holiday period, which traditionally is a time when impaired driving increases. This statewide campaign will run from December 7 until January 1. The Police Department will increase patrols during peak hours to discourage impaired driving. Please enjoy the Holidays but don't drink and drive.

If you are interested in donating a toy for the Toys for Tots program there is a drop-off located in the lobby of the police department.

Be courteous to your neighbors and don't dump your leaves in the street. Storm drains will clog if the streets are taxed with extra leaves. **Plus, you could end up with a summons for violating Local Ordinance 99-40.3**

PUBLIC HEALTH: Councilwoman Cuccaro *No Report*

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

In addition to regular garbage pickup, the Department of Public Works performed bagged leaf pickup on a daily basis for the north and south side of the Borough. The bagged leaves were disposed of at the Union County Conservation Center in Springfield. They also performed leaf cleanup and removal from all Borough owned properties and cleaned the leaves in the right-of-way grass areas on the north side of the Center Street overpass. In addition, the DPW cleaned up the debris/leaves in the Borough Hall parking lot and mulch beds prior to the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony and they installed the Holiday decorations on Borough Hall and the lights on the Holiday tree at the Municipal complex. This was done utilizing Fanwood's bucket truck.

The Department inspected and performed repairs and preventative maintenance on all snow removal/deicing equipment and installed a salt spreader on the Department's 7-yard dump truck.

In terms of the snow operations for the storm during the 15th and 16th, the Public Works employees worked a total of 87 man hours of overtime for snow removal during and after the snow storm. This time included the following activities:

- Deicing of all Borough streets/parking lots before and after the storm (starting at 2:00 pm).
- Deicing of all Borough sidewalks/school crossings before and after the storm at various times.
- Plowing all Borough streets, parking lots and Borough owned sidewalks during and after the storm (starting at 4:00 pm).

FIRE: Councilman McCormack, Chr.

Read Chief Tweedle's report

FINANCE: Councilwoman Todisco, Chr. *No Report*

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Lazarow

I am happy to report that a resolution added to the consent agenda tonight to move forward with a licensing agreement with the Baseball League to build the batting cage is being voted on tonight. If passed, the agreement will be sent to the League to sign which will allow them to move forward to complete the cage.

LAWS AND LICENSES: Councilwoman Cuccaro *No Report*

RECREATION: Councilman Lazarow

The commission met on last Monday, and the Commission wants to invite all Garwood kids on December 8th from 5:50-7:20 to a Garwood only skating event at the Gumbert Ice Skating Rink in Westfield. Admission is free, but rental of skates will be five dollars. Also, the commission discussed how to use some of their operational budget and decided to update the game room into an video game room with different video game systems and televisions to offer a future teen video game night as well as options for the summer recreation program when it is raining.

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock *No Report*

LIBRARY, MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Lazarow *No Report*

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman McCormack

At the last Board of Education meeting the Superintendent and the Board of Education recognized 34 students who achieve Honor Society for the first marking periods by receiving straight A's in all subjects. Congratulations to the students and their parents on a remarkable achievement.

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS LIAISON:

Councilwoman Cuccaro

Commented on the last committee report

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. I attended the Historical Committee meeting last night. The ornament sales for the holiday season have done very well and the Committee appreciates all those that already purchased their set. We'd also like to thank all those that have purchased car magnets. Those will continue to be sold. Also, the Historical Committee is excited to announce that the rock in center field at the Guerrero Memorial Park at the Recreation Complex is being relocated tomorrow with the help of local resident Pete Wysocki, who is a Union County Public Works employee, so that all we be able to more easily view the rock, which has a plaque with the names of the Mayor and Council when that baseball field was first unveiled. Former Mayor George Casabona, who was a Councilman at that time, has very much looked forward to this becoming a reality. The Historical Committee will plan a rededication ceremony in 2019. The Committee will not be meeting in December, but is eager to pick back up in January to continue working on a spring newsletter, additional fundraisers, youth outreach/education, and much more. Thank you to everyone for their continued support of the Historical Committee.

PARKING COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Bianco No Report

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

NONE

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.

NONE

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. 18-216

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby directs the transfers of 2018 budget appropriations be and they are hereby made:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make necessary transfers prior to year-end and that these be ratified at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Body.

2018 Budget Transfer #2				
Resolution #18-216				
FROM:	Department	Account Name	Account Number	Amount
	Board of Recreation	S&W	8-01-28-370-100-0100	2,000.00
	Sr Citizens Director	S&W	8-01-28-371-100-0100	1,000.00
	Sr Citizens Handyman	S&W	8-01-28-371-100-0115	2,600.00
	Municipal Court	S&W	8-01-43-490-100-0100	2,000.00
				<u>7,600.00</u>
TO:				
	Computerized Data	Computer Maint/Supplies	8-01-20-140-200-0240	1,100.00
	Telephone	Telephone	8-01-31-440-200-0160	4,000.00
	Social Security	SS Taxes	8-01-36-472-200-2050	2,500.00
			Total	<u>7,600.00</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 18-217

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby set the date for the Reorganization meeting of the Mayor and Council for 2019 for Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 403 South Avenue, Garwood.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-218

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person/Place-to-Place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #2006-33-005-008, heretofore issued to Quick Copper Holdings, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is completed in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, the regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business, and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood that the transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #2006-33-005-008, from Quick Copper Holdings, LLC to Garwood Hospitality Group, LLC, inactive license, future premises 400 South Avenue, Unit 8, Garwood, NJ be and the same is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "The license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Garwood Hospitality Group, LLC.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-219

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the License Agreement between the Borough of Garwood and Garwood Baseball League, to exercise certain rights and privileges at the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex.

Motion by Councilman Lazarow, Second by Councilwoman Cuccaro, to adopt Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

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

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 Councilwoman Todisco, second by Councilwoman Cuccaro, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on, **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018**, in Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. Workshop Session to start at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilwoman Cuccaro, Second by Councilwoman Bianco to adjourn.

Time: 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood