

**Borough of Garwood**  
**MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**November 28, 2022**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Moment of Silence: It is with a very heavy heart that I open tonight's meeting with a moment of silence for a middle school student here in Garwood at Lincoln School who passed away tragically on November 24th. My deepest sympathies and prayers go out to the family. I ask that you all keep this family and this child in your hearts and thoughts during tonight's 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:**

<b>Mayor Todisco</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Councilman Graham</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  
James Wright, Chief of Police  
Catherine D. Cameron, Borough Clerk

Report of Borough Attorney NO REPORT

Mr. Abramson clarified the models used to draft Ordinance No. 22-17.

Report of Borough Administrator:

1. Resolution 22-173, this resolution covers budget shortages found in both the Police Department and Department of Public Works this year. As discussed at previous meeting the DPW has seen a significant increase in truck repair costs this year.
2. Resolution 22-175, I have started the process of exploring possible energy efficient improvements in Borough Hall and the Fire Dept. These include lighting, heating and cooling. This is approving an energy audit to take place. There is no cost to the Borough at this time.
3. I am happy to report the new doors for Borough Hall and the Fire Department have come in. Today, the contractor installed the door here in the council chambers with additional doors being installed this week. The next part of the project will include window repairs on Borough Hall.
4. I received an update today from DMR, on the soil testing and Geotech report on the Willow site as it pertains to a potential DPW building. The Preliminary Assessment report showed no areas of concern and the borings came back with fair soil conditions. There is approximately 4 to 6 feet of fill material. This can be addressed during construction if the council goes this direction. The next step is to close out Phase I, after we receive the final report. We should be able to hold a town hall meeting in early 2023.
5. Chief Wright and I have completed our evaluation of all of our wireless communication devices. This includes cell phones, cellular tablets, and vehicle wireless devices. Over the last year we reduced the number of devices operated by the borough as well as switched carriers. Cell phone communications were switched over this morning and police vehicle wireless communications will

take place in the coming weeks. These changes will save the Borough approximately \$5,000 per year.

### **Report of Mayor Sara Todisco**

House Fire - As many of you are probably aware, there was a house fire on Second Avenue last week. Most importantly, no one was injured. Our Fire Department responded swiftly and professionally to contain the fire. I want to thank our volunteers for the job they did. I saw them respond to an alarm later the same day on Third Avenue. The amount of commitment and time put in by our volunteers can never be underestimated. They are truly incredible.

Thanksgiving - I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving spent with their families and their friends. It's a good day to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for. I am extremely grateful personally, but also as the Mayor of our amazing community, I am thankful for all our departments and volunteers who are at the heart of our town.

Thomas P. Houghton - This past Thanksgiving was also the 27th anniversary of the passing of Garwood Police Officer Thomas P. Houghton who died in the line of duty. Please join me in always remembering the sacrifice of this young man in service to our community.

### **Comments from the Council:**

Councilman Graham commended the Garwood Fire Department for their response to the house fire on Second Avenue.

Councilman Kearney

Thank you, Mayor, and good evening everyone. One quick note, there is an Ordinance up for first reading tonight which updates Fire Prevention (*Chapter 83*) in the Borough Code. As I reported in our last meeting, there are a handful of minor language updates, including clarification that Fire Officials must be state certified, an addition giving Fire Officials the ability to reassess inspection fees for non-compliance or missed appointments, and adjustments to the inspection categories and fee schedule requested by the Fire Official. I'm requesting the support of the full Council on the Introduction for Ordinance 22-18 tonight. I'll be using the rest of my comment time tonight to make a statement regarding the response of the Garwood Fire Department to last Tuesday's structure fire at a residence on 2nd Avenue. Thankfully, the fire was quickly contained and no one was injured.

The short story is, this was an excellent fire department response, and I mean this for any fire department, paid or volunteer, anywhere. The fact that our department is fully volunteer, had the first apparatus on scene, and had a total of 14 volunteer firefighters responding to a call in the middle of the workday (most of them leaving their paid jobs to do so), is outstanding.

I'm not just going to talk about the short version, though. The way this call was handled deserves more than a sound bite. As this year's Fire Commissioner, I'm proud of our firefighters, on every day, but very much so on this particular day, for putting their work in. We should all be proud our ladder truck was the first on the scene, proud our firefighters put water on the fire after quickly searching out the source, proud that they suppressed the fire in short order, containing it to the first floor, and that they also limited the damage to the home as much as possible. We should be proud of our fire officers for directing resources appropriately, professionally, and safely.

The overall response, of our own fire department, as well as the mutual aid companies from Cranford and Westfield who responded to the second alarm, mutual aid dispatch and the mutual aid coordinators, was really second to none last Tuesday. Also, regarding mutual aid, only the largest fire departments in our area, such as Elizabeth or Union Township, would be able to respond to an actual working fire and strike a second alarm without needing mutual aid to assist. Even those large departments regularly need mutual aid. Mutual aid is an essential part of how fighting fires works here in New Jersey and in many places across America, but when there is this type of incident, where seconds count to preserve, fortunately in this

case, property, or in other cases, life...I personally am thankful we have a fully staffed and committed fire department right here in Garwood to quickly answer the bell when it rings.

Councilman Lazarow commended the Celebration Committee on the success of the Borough tree lighting event.

Councilwoman Salmon NO REPORT

Council President Blumenstock

I've got some thank you's to hand out...Just a big thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, it was above and beyond. The Lions Club had a successful Pancake Breakfast on Sunday. Thanks to our Lions volunteers, both big and little, and to everyone who came out to enjoy some pancakes and bacon. And thank you to the Green Team members who helped put the Adopt-A-Pot trees together in our town's big planter pots. They look great and I love to see so many new businesses participating and sponsoring them.

#### **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on November 14, 2022.

Minutes of the Executive Session of the Mayor and Council held on November 14, 2022.

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

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

##### **1) GARWOOD PLANNING BOARD**

a) 11/14/2022, RE: Minutes

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##### **2) RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

a) 11/14/2022, RE: Minutes

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#### **ORDINANCE:**

##### **ADOPTION:**

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 22- 16 by title only:

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 22-16**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 34, ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT", ARTICLE V, "PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS".**

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-16-INTRO\\_REVISING\\_PD\\_CHAPTER\\_34.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-16-INTRO_REVISING_PD_CHAPTER_34.pdf)

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 22-16. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 22-16.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue requested clarification regarding the off duty pay process and the billing for vehicles.

Mr. Harris and Chief Wright clarified the payment processes.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 22-16.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilman Graham, to adopt Ordinance No. 22-16.

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call:

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

5-AYES Ordinance No. 22-16 was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 22- 17 by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-17**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 106 (LAND USE), ARTICLE VIII (ZONING REGULATIONS), NEW SECTION 124.1 (SHORT TERM RENTALS) IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD.**

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-17-INTRO\\_Short\\_Term\\_Rentals.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-17-INTRO_Short_Term_Rentals.pdf)

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Graham, to introduce Ordinance No. 22-17.

Roll Call:

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

3-AYES, 2-RECUSE Ordinance No. 22-17 was introduced.

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 22- 18 by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-18**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 83, ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION", "ARTICLE I FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND ARTICLE II FIRE HYDRANTS"**

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-18-FIRE\\_PREVENTION.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-18-FIRE_PREVENTION.pdf)

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Council President Blumenstock, to introduce Ordinance No. 22-18.

Roll Call:

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

5-AYES Ordinance No. 22-18 was introduced.

**ORDINANCES: (CONT'D)**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 22- 19 by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-19**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 99, ENTITLED “HEALTH AND SANITATION”, ARTICLE III, “REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND DEBRIS”.**

<https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-19-INTRO- Property Maintenance.pdf>

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Graham, to introduce Ordinance No. 22-19.

Roll Call:

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

5-AYES Ordinance No. 22-19 was introduced.

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:**

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair**

The finance committee met last week to discuss a couple of topics. The first item will be discussed in an executive session. Secondly, I wanted to update the council that the finance committee has been in discussions with our borough administrator about ways to reduce healthcare costs given the fact that the state healthcare plan has stated they will be increasing rates by 22%. We have been aggressively pursuing options to help find ways to reduce these costs and hoping to report on some viable options in the near future.

**FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair**

Thank you, Mayor, I have the activity report for the month of October tonight.

The Garwood Fire Department responded to a total of 10 incidents, including:

- 2 Alarm Activations
- 1 Odor of Gas
- 3 Smoke Conditions
- 1 Hazardous Materials Spill
- 1 Elevator Rescue

There were also two mutual aid responses, one each into Rahway and Cranford (both for 8 total hours each). Total firefighter hours for all alarms in October are 86 hours.

Extra Duty hours as follows:

- 10/9 Fire Prevention Week Open House - 14 firefighters for 98 hours
- 10/13 Fire Prevention Week Lincoln School Presentations - 11 firefighters for 99 hours
- 10/13 October Monthly Meeting - 25 firefighters for 38 hours
- 10/15 Detail Assisting the Green Team at Kennedy Plaza - 4 firefighters for 5 hours
- 10/16 General Cleanup Detail for Engine 5 & Truck 1 - 22 firefighters for 6 hours
- 10/28 Fire Prevention Detail at the YMCA - 3 firefighters for 2 hours
- 10/31 Garwood Lions Halloween Parade Detail - 7 firefighters for 3 hours

Closing with a thank you to the Council for supporting the introduction of Ordinance 22-18 earlier this evening.

**FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: VACANT** NO REPORT

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

No report, Mayor, but thanks to the department for getting all of our holiday decorations together at Borough Hall and around town on our light poles, as well as everything they did to help for the Tree Lighting. It's a busy time of year and we appreciate the dept doing the holiday decorating rush each year.

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

- Since the last meeting of Mayor and Council on November 14, 2022 the Garwood Police Department has recorded the following activity:
  - Initiated 33 motor vehicle stops
  - Conducted 37 building/property checks
  - Assigned to 32 fixed traffic posts (Radar, Stop Sign, Distracted Driving)
  - Responded to 19 calls for medical assist
  - Responded to 11 business/residential alarms
  - Responded to 25 false 911/fire/co alarms
  - Conducted 4 welfare checks
  - Initiated 13 community policing posts
  - Responded to 1 Residential Structure Fire

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:  
Councilwoman Salmon, Chair**

Councilwoman Salmon provided an update to the Committees.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney**

No official report for tonight, but I will be scheduling a committee meeting in December to review how communications with the public have proceeded since the elimination of the Public Information Officer earlier this year as well as to discuss information brought back from this year's League of Municipalities classes on the topic of public information.

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

December 1 through 30 - Donations for Our Furry Friends – The Library will be accepting donations of pet food, cleaning supplies, pet toys, blankets, towels, coupons and gift cards etc. for the local Humane Society. Please give what you can.

December 5 through 22 Holiday Backdrop - Come take your holiday picture at our do-it-yourself Holiday Photo Station complete with a festive backdrop and a cardboard Santa. Goodie bags for kids are available while supplies last. The backdrop will be available during library hours on a first-come, first-serve basis.

December 6 at 3pm - Virtual Kids 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. Sign up on the Library's website calendar or by phone.

December 13 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.

December 30 at 11:30 Countdown to Noon Bring in the New Year at the Garwood Library. Enjoy sweet treats, crafts, and a whole lot of fun with a noon ball drop celebration for children in 2nd grade and younger. Registration is required.

\*The Library will be closed on December 24 and 26 for the Christmas Holiday and December 31 for the New Year's Holiday.

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON: Councilman Kearney**

The Garwood Board of Education met in a special session on Tuesday, November 1st for the purpose of appointing a new Superintendent. Mr. Christopher Kinney was appointed by the Board as both the Superintendent and Director of Special Services. He will begin with the district effective January 1st, 2023. Congratulations to Mr. Kinney, and welcome to Garwood! The next regular meeting of the Board will be tomorrow, Tuesday November 15th, 7pm at Lincoln School.

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

No report Mayor, but looking forward to our Holiday Party at the Westwood this Thursday.

**SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney**

The Small Business Board met just before this meeting via Zoom, for review of the “Taste of Garwood” promotion, initial planning for our proposed “Wellness Week” and to discuss Board membership.

We had a good discussion on the pros and cons of the recent promotion, ideas for another run of Restaurant Week potentially around May of next year (adding in much more lead time for planning, advertising and either location of the banners or getting some new ones). The initial concepts for a Wellness Week are going along well, tentatively on the calendar in March of 2023.

On the topic of Board membership, the Board will carry the discussion into our next meeting, which will be scheduled after the reorganization of the Mayor & Council in early January, so we can also re-organize the Board and then provide names for the Mayor to appoint for any open positions.

**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 five minutes.

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

John Bartolick, 231 Hemlock Avenue, requested clarification on Ordinance No. 22-17.

Mr. Bartolick commented on the short term rental ordinance.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, requested clarification regarding Executive Session matters.

Mr. Paterson commented on the door replacements in Borough Hall and on the short term rental ordinance.

Michelle Capobianco, 404 Myrtle Avenue, commented on the short term rental ordinance.

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

Mr. Abramson clarified concerns regarding Ordinance No. 22-17.

Councilman Graham commented on the public comments made regarding short term rentals.

Councilman Kearney commented on the public comments made regarding short term rentals

**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. 22-170**

**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 2022 for Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, NJ 07027.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-171**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign a Proprietary Services Agreement between **JOBS4BLUE** and the Borough of Garwood to administer off duty services provided by the Garwood Police Department.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-172**

**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 refund check for the tax overpayments on the following properties:

<b>PROPERTY OWNER</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>BLOCK/LOT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
J SCALZADONNA	445 SECOND AVE 110/6		\$ 89.97
FRANCIS KELLY	317 MYRTLE AVE 408/11		\$2,235.50
KAREN IVANYO	412 BEECH AVE	411/19	\$2,459.07

**REFUND TO:**

CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS  
 PO BOX 9202  
 COPPELL, TX 75019-9760

AMOUNT OF REFUND: \$4,784.54

EXPLANATION: 4Qtr 2022 taxes were paid by CORELOGIC Tax Services in excess of the amount due. Refund is made to the tax servicer on behalf of the homeowner.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-173**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby directs the transfers of 2022 budget appropriations be and they are hereby made; and

**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.

**2022 Budget Transfer #1**

**Resolution #22-173**

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	Group Insurance	Employer Active	2-01-23-220-200-1000	33,000.00
			Total	<u>33,000.00</u>

<b>TO:</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	Streets & Roads	Shop Equipment Supplies	2-01-26-290-200-0155	4,000.00
	Streets & Roads	Tires & Tubes	2-01-26-290-200-0500	3,000.00
	Streets & Roads	Maintenance of Trucks	2-01-26-290-200-0550	16,000.00

Police	Equipment Maintenance	2-01-25-240-200-0150	4,000.00
Police	Uniforms	2-01-25-240-200-0430	4,000.00
Police	Other Expenses	2-01-25-240-200-0980	2,000.00
Total			<u>33,000.00</u>

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-174**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby appoints Erick Schoenberger as a Step 2 Probationary Patrolman in the Garwood Police Department, effective December 5, 2022, at an annual salary of \$54,100 and in accordance with the existing P.B.A. Contract

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that he will be on probation for a period of one year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-175**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator to sign a Customer Assessment Access Agreement for the Borough Municipal Building and Borough Fire Department to determine eligibility in the PSE&G Energy Saver Program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-176**

**RESOLUTION REJECTING THE REQUEST FOR PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS**

**WHEREAS**, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey the Municipal Clerk was authorized to advertise for an RFP entitled “**2023 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS**”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received one proposal for 2023 Professional Services - Planning Board Attorney. from Savo Schalk on November 21 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal from Savo Schalk must be rejected due to missing documents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood that an RFP for 2023 Professional Services - Planning Board Attorney requires readvertising.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to readvertise an RFP for 2023 Professional Services - Planning Board Attorney.

A motion was made by Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Kearney, to adopt Consent Agenda

Roll Call:

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

**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 Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow, to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

Roll Call:

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:14 P.M. the Municipal Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-177**

**CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL MATTERS 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 Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow to adopt Resolution 22-177. All in favor.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Thursday, December 8, 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 Council President Blumenstock, second by Councilman Lazarow to adjourn.  
Time: 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:  
Catherine D. Cameron, R.M.C.  
Borough Clerk