

Borough of Garwood
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 8, 2022

Council President Blumenstock presided over the Council meeting.

Time: 6:32 pm

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	ABSENT		
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
James Wright, Chief of Police
Mike Disko, Borough Engineer
Catherine D. Cameron, Borough Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Municipal Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-178

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING 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 Councilwoman Salmon, to adopt Resolution 22-178. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Salmon, second by Councilman Graham, to resume the regular session. All in favor.

Council President Blumenstock stated the regular order of business will be suspended for the purposes of administering Oath of Office to Probationary Patrolman Erick Schoenberger and discussion/appointment of the vacant council seat.

Council President Blumenstock stated the Borough Administrator will administer the Oath of Office to Patrolman Schoenberger.

Mr. Harris administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Schoenberger.

The Municipal Clerk 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 December 8, 2022 to November 7, 2023:

1. Salvatore Piarulli
2. James Mathieu
3. Rachel Herz

Council President Blumenstock requested a nomination from Council.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Salmon, second by Councilman Graham, to elect Rachel Herz as Council Member.

Discussion ensued. Council members commended the nomination of Mrs. Herz.

Roll Call:

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

Council President Blumenstock stated Mr. Harris will administer the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Council Member and to take their seat on the dais.

Mr. Harris administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Herz.

Mrs. Herz thanked the Council for her nomination.

Mrs. Herz was excused from the Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, to resume the regular session. All in favor.

Report of Borough Engineer:

AGENDA DECEMBER 8, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING ENGINEERING TOPICS TO DISCUSS

- NJDOT MA 2023 GRANT AWARDS WERE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED. GARWOOD WAS AWARDED \$463,370.00 FOR RESURFACING OF SECTIONS OF BEECH AVENUE (CENTER – RANKIN), HEMLOCK AVENUE (EAST – LEXINGTON) AND MYRTLE AVENUE (MAPLE – DEAD END). THIS IS OUR HIGHEST AWARD EVER. SEE ATTACHED LETTER.

PREVIOUS MA AWARDS CONSIST OF:

- MA 2022 - \$330,000
- MA 2021 - \$395,000
- MA 2020 - \$380,000
- MA 2019 – \$280,000
- MA 2018 - \$216,000 PREPARED BY CA & DG
- MA 2017 - \$220,000 PREPARED BY CA & DG
- CONTRACT 2022-2 CURB REPLACEMENT ON SOUTH AVENUE (BASE BID + ALTERNATE #1) ACCESSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS AT HARTMAN PARK (ALTERNATE #2)
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. FINAL CONTRACTOR PAYMENT UNDER REVIEW. PROJECT UNDER BUDGET. UNION COUNTY COMPLETED MILLING AND PAVING.
- CONTRACT 2022-1 RESURFACING OF SECTIONS OF HAZEL AVENUE, HEMLOCK AVENUE, SPRUCE

AVENUE AND THIRD AVENUE – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – TREE PLANTINGS ON HEMLOCK AVENUE BEING PERFORMED TODAY. BITUMINOUS MATERIAL TESTING WAS PERFORMED – NO PENALTIES. FINAL PAYMENT BEING PREPARED.

- 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 GALLOWS 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. FINANCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA EXCHANGED.
- ELIZABETH GAS PERFORMED MILLING AND RESURFACING OF STREETS IDENTIFIED AS THE WILLOW-CENTER STREET PROJECT. ROOF DRAIN COMPLAINT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ELIZABETHTOWN GAS. WAITING ON REMEDIAL PAVING REPAIRS.
- IN DESIGN – NJDOT MA22 RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS. PROJECT WORK INCLUDES RESURFACING OF: FIFTH AVENUE (CEDAR ST. TO DEAD END – 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.) ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST = \$555,550. (GRANT APPLICATION) NJDOT GRANT AMOUNT \$330,000
- STORMWATER ORDINANCES NEED UPDATES

Council President Blumenstock requested clarification on the grants/projects mentioned above.

Mr. Disko clarified questions regarding the grants/projects mentioned above.

Councilman Lazarow requested clarification regarding bituminous testing.

Mr. Disko provided clarification.

Councilman Kearney requested clarification regarding the 2023 Congressional Grant.

Mr. Disko provided clarification.

Report of Borough Attorney NO REPORT

Report of Borough Administrator

1. Resolution 22-182 and 22-183 are for applying for Community Development Block Grant funding also know as CDBG through Union County. Resolution 182 is for the construction of ADA accessible sidewalk ramps at the intersection of West and Myrtle. We are looking to expand our complete streets and by increasing sidewalks on West Street. Resolution 183 is for funding for our Senior Programs
2. Resolution 22-181 is updated resolution that includes the hardware as well as installation for a Pedestrian Crossing Beacon. This will be for the intersection at Third and Cedar
3. Resolution 184 please note the start time for the reorg meeting will be 6PM

Comments from the Council:

Councilman Graham

I wish to welcome Officer Schoenberger to the police department and look forward to meeting with him to discuss my goal to have better communication between our officers and the public.

I also want to welcome Mrs. Herz to the council and I thank her for stepping forward to serve the community. I understand that serving is a sacrifice of one's time and energy and I certainly appreciate it.

Councilman Kearney

Thank you, Council President, welcome to our new Council Member Mrs. Hertz, our new police officer, and a good evening to all. Only one comment tonight. We have an Ordinance originating from the Fire Committee up for second reading tonight, which will update Chapter 83 of the Borough Code, the chapter dealing with Fire Prevention. I'm requesting support of the full Council for the adoption of Ordinance 22-18 tonight.

Councilman Lazarow

Councilman Lazarow welcomed Officer Schoenberger to the Police Department and Mrs. Herz to the Borough Council.

Councilwoman Salmon

Councilwoman Salmon welcomed Officer Schoenberger to the Police Department and Mrs. Herz to the Borough Council.

Council President Blumenstock

Just to repeat a thank you to the Garwood Fire Department for extending Mayor and Council the invitation to their holiday party. A great time as always, and congratulations to the men and women honored that evening for their service.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on November 28, 2022.

Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on November 28, 2022.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) TOWN OF WESTFIELD

a) 05/03/2022 RE: Ordinance

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

RECEIVED AND FILED

ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION:

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

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 22-18. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 22-18.

John Pritchard, 410 Spruce Street stated support for the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilman Graham, to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 22-18.

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Graham to adopt Ordinance No. 22-18.

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call:

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

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

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\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-19-INTRO-Property_Maintenance(1).pdf)

List correspondence concerning Ordinance No. 22-19. NONE

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No. 22-19. NONE

A motion was made by Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Lazarow to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 22-19.

A motion was made by Councilman Lazarow, second by Councilman Kearney, to adopt Ordinance No. 22-19.

Discussion: NONE

Roll Call:

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

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

INTRODUCTION:

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 22-20 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 34, ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT,” ARTICLE I, “ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND ADMINISTRATION.”

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-20-Amending_PD_Table_of_Organization.pdf

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Kearney, to introduce Ordinance No. 22-20.

Roll Call:

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

5- AYES Ordinance No. 22-20 was introduced.

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 22-21 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-21

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/22-21-AMENDING_CHIEF_OUTSIDE_DUTY.pdf

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Kearney, to introduce Ordinance No. 22-21.

Roll Call:

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

5- AYES Ordinance No. 22-21 was introduced.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-22

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.6 IN FRONT OF 405 WILLOW AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD.

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

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

Roll Call:

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

5- AYES Ordinance No. 22-22 was introduced

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 22-23 by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE V, "BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR, BOROUGH CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, BOROUGH TREASURER" AND ARTICLE VIIIA, "OTHER OFFICERS AND POSITIONS".

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/22-23-Intro-Removing_Job_Duties.pdf

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Kearney, to introduce Ordinance No. 22-23.

Roll Call:

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

5- AYES Ordinance No. 22-23 was introduced.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: Councilman Lazarow, Chair NO REPORT

FIRE AND OEM: Councilman Kearney, Chair

Thank you, Council President. To begin, I have the November activity report for the Fire Department. The Garwood Fire Department responded to a total of 13 incidents, including 1 House Fire, 1 Motor Vehicle Fire, 2 Alarm Activations, 3 Gas Odors; 3 Odor of Burning Reports, 1 Smoke Condition, 1 Assist to Garwood PD (Lockout), 1 Assist to Garwood FAS (CPR). There was one mutual aid response, into Union Township for a total of 3 firefighter hours. Total firefighter hours for all alarms in November are 86. The November monthly meeting was held on the 2nd, with a total of 27 firefighters in attendance for 54 hours. Training: 11/15 Drill at Middlesex County Fire Academy, live burn with basement and first floor hose evolutions, search and rescue operations and ventilation. 18 firefighters for a total of 81 hours. Extra Duty: 11/3 work detail, 5 firefighters for 5 hours, 11/10 Truck #1 Inspection, 2 firefighters for 13 hours, 11/13 Christmas Decorations at firehouse - 3 firefighters for 9 hours, 11/19 Boot Drive, 13 firefighters for 91 hours, 11/26 Borough Tree Lighting, 10 firefighters for 25 hours. Changing gears, my wife and I had a great time attending the annual Garwood Fire Department holiday dinner at the Westwood last weekend. It was great to see the rest of the Mayor and Council there and to celebrate with our firefighters and their families, as well as honor a number of them and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary for service anniversaries ranging from 5 years all the way up to an amazing 45 years! Finally, thank you to the Council for the unanimous support adopting Ordinance 22-18 tonight.

FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND SHADE TREES: VACANT

Mr. Harris provided an update on the Committee.

STREETS, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: Council President Blumenstock, Chair

In addition to regular garbage pickup, the Department performed weekly bagged leaf pickup for the north and south side of the Borough. They disposed of the bagged leaves at the Union County Conservation Center in Springfield. They also cleared the debris from the tops of all stormwater drainage inlets on the North and South side of the Borough before heavy forecasted rains. The DPW installed holiday decorations on the municipal building, the lights on the Christmas tree at the Municipal complex, as well as put up the winter banners throughout the business district. They also delivered the holiday decorations and assembled the tree for the Council Chambers. The Department removed a shade tree at 259 Hemlock Avenue using Fanwood's bucket truck and repaired the potholes at the intersection of West and Willow Avenues and on Center Street (near the underpass) utilizing winter mix asphalt.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Graham, Chair

Since the last meeting of Mayor and Council on November 18, 2022 the Garwood Police Department has recorded the following activity: Initiated 16 motor vehicle stops, conducted 35 building/property checks, assigned to 6 fixed traffic posts (Radar, Stop Sign, Distracted Driving), Responded to 17 calls for medical assist, responded to 8 business/residential alarms, Responded to 16 false 911/fire/co alarms, Conducted 3 welfare checks, Initiated 10 community policing posts.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: RECREATION, HISTORICAL AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Salmon, Chair

Councilwoman Salmon provided an update on the Committees.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Councilman Kearney NO REPORT

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 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 NO REPORT

GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON: Council President Blumenstock

We had a great time at our Christmas party at the Westwood last week, it was a great way to start the holiday season. We had a special craft class today where we stenciled tote bags. And next Thursday the 15th is our next Senior Club meeting at 12pm at the Knights of Columbus.

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON: Councilman Kearney NO REPORT

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report for November, 2022.

https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Addendum_November_2022.pdf

A motion was made by Councilman Graham, second by Councilman Lazarow, 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.

Bruce Paterson, 325 Willow Avenue, requested clarification regarding the Congressional grant and the Executive Session matter.

Michelle Capobianco, 404 Myrtle Avenue, requested clarification regarding the budget transfer resolution and the status of the short term rental ordinance.

Rich McCormack, 101 Fourth Avenue, stated support for the nomination of Mrs. Herz.
Mr. Rich McCormack thanked Mayor Todisco for her many years of service to the Borough.

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

Council President Blumenstock and Mr. Harris provided clarification regarding the Congressional grant. Mr. Abramson provided clarification regarding the Executive Session matter

Mr. Abramson provided clarification regarding the short term rental ordinance status.

Mr. Harris provided clarification regarding the budget transfers.

Council President Blumenstock thanked Mr. McCormack for his comments.

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. 22-179

RESOLUTION CANCELING UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.

40A: 4-60

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-60 provides for the governing body to cancel unexpended budget appropriations prior to the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the CFO/Treasurer has identified appropriations in the 2022 budget that she intends to cancel.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, that the following unexpended balances of 2022 budget appropriations be canceled to the credit of Fund Balance:

Operations – Excluded from “CAPS”

Debt Service – Interest on Notes	\$3.76
Debt Service – Interest on Loan Repayments	\$0.62

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to record the effects of this resolution on the financial accounts of the Borough.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-180

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that they hereby approve the following meeting schedule for 2023.

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council are Second and Fourth Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

***Exception: Monday, Nov. 20, 2023.**

2023 Council Meeting Schedule

Jan. 12 & 26	Feb. 9 & 23	March 9 & 23
April 13 & 27	May 11 & 25	June 8 & 22
July 13 & 27	Aug. 10 & 24	Sept. 14 & 28
Oct. 12 & 26	Nov.9 & *Nov.20	Dec. 7 & 21

RESOLUTION NO. 22-181

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 22-161 adopted on November 14, 2022 the Borough of Garwood approved the award of purchase of pedestrian safety beacons in accordance with the specifications and quote from Garden State Highway Products, Inc., 301 Riverside Drive, Millville, NJ 08332, dated 11/02/2022; and

WHEREAS, a quote has been received from Garden State Highway Products, Inc., 301 Riverside Drive, Millville, NJ 08332, for installation services for said pedestrian safety beacons, #S-QUO016580 in the amount of \$28,404.87 dated 11/30/2022 attached hereto and made part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood hereby amend Resolution No. 22-161 to reflect the award of installation services for said pedestrian safety beacons from Garden State Highway Products, Inc., 301 Riverside Drive, Millville, NJ 08332.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this quote is being charged to Bond Ordinance No. 22-07, subject to the Borough Treasurer executing the appropriate Certification of Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-182

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator to prepare, sign and submit a Community Development Block Grant application for the construction of 4 (four) ADA ramps at the intersection of West Street and Myrtle Avenue.

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: \$50,000

GRANT REQUEST: \$20,000

RESOLUTION NO. 22-183

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the grant application for Community Development Block Grant Year 49 for Senior Citizen Social Service Programs

GRANT REQUEST: \$50,000.00

RESOLUTION NO. 22-184

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby amends the time for the Reorganization meeting of the Mayor and Council for 2023 on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, from 7:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. to be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, NJ.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-185

RESOLUTION REJECTING THE REQUEST FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER 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 two proposals for 2023 Professional Services-Public Defender from Kologi Simitz, Counsellors at Law and Jill Anne LaZare, LLC on November 21 2022; and

WHEREAS, the proposals must be rejected due to being substantially higher than the budgeted amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood that an RFP for 2023 Professional Services - Public Defender requires readvertising.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to readvertise an RFP for 2023 Professional Services - Public Defender.

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham AYE

Councilwoman Salmon

AYE

Councilman Kearney AYE

Council President Blumenstock

AYE

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Graham AYE

Councilwoman Salmon

AYE

Councilman Kearney AYE

Council President Blumenstock

AYE

Councilman Lazarow AYE

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Thursday, December 22, 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 Councilman Kearney, second by Councilman Lazarow, to adjourn. Time: 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Catherine D. Cameron, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk