



**BOROUGH OF GARWOOD**  
**MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA**  
**April 10, 2025**

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Moment of Silence  
Salute to the Flag

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk and advertised on December 26, 2024. Notification was sent to the Local Source Union County, 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 241, P.L. 1975).

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Blumenstock	_____		
Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

**Roll call staff and professionals:**

John Arthur, Borough Administrator  
Adam Abramson, Borough Attorney  
Doug Stoffer, Chief of Police

**Reports:**

Report of Borough Attorney  
Report of Borough Administrator  
Report of Mayor Blumenstock

**Comments from the Council:**

Councilwoman Boto  
Councilman Foley  
Councilman Kearney  
Councilman Lazarow  
Councilman Padusniak  
Council President Nolde

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on March 27, 2025.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

All in favor \_\_\_\_\_, opposed \_\_\_\_\_?

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Correspondence from County of Union re: Adulticide used to control adult mosquitos  
[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Union\\_County\\_Notification\\_-\\_Adulticide\\_used\\_to\\_control\\_adult\\_mosquitoes.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Union_County_Notification_-_Adulticide_used_to_control_adult_mosquitoes.pdf)

**ORDINANCES:**

**FINAL ADOPTION AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 25-12 by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-12**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 134, ENTITLED "SEWERS", ARTICLE V, "INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND FEES", SUBSECTION 134-15C**

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/FOR\\_ADOPTION\\_-\\_Ord.\\_25-12\\_Amending\\_Chapter\\_134\\_Section\\_134-15C\\_Industrial\\_Sewer\\_Charge.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/FOR_ADOPTION_-_Ord._25-12_Amending_Chapter_134_Section_134-15C_Industrial_Sewer_Charge.pdf)

Any correspondence received concerning Ordinance No. 25-12

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No 25-12

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 25-12.

All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_, opposed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion:**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-13**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 34, ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT", SECTION 4, ENTITLED "APPOINTMENTS".**

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/FOR\\_ADOPTION - Ord. 25-13\\_Amending\\_Chapter\\_34\\_Police\\_Dept\\_Section\\_4\\_Appointments.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/FOR_ADOPTION_-_Ord._25-13_Amending_Chapter_34_Police_Dept_Section_4_Appointments.pdf)

Any correspondence received concerning Ordinance No. 25-13

Does anyone present wish to be heard concerning Ordinance No 25-13

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 25-13.

All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_, opposed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion:**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

**INTRODUCTION:**

Municipal Clerk to read Ordinance No. 25-14 by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-14**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2025 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord. 25-14\\_Cap\\_Bank.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord._25-14_Cap_Bank.pdf)

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to introduce Ordinance No. 25-14.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, ARTICLE I “TRAFFIC AND PARKING”, SECTION 21-8.8 “LIMITED BUSINESS PARKING”.**

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord. 25-15 Amending Chapter 21-8.8 Limited Business Parking\(1\).pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord. 25-15 Amending Chapter 21-8.8 Limited Business Parking(1).pdf)

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to introduce Ordinance No. 25-15.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-16**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 115 “MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES”,  
ARTICLE III “EMERGENCY ALARMS”**

<https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Ord. 25-16 - Amending Chapter 115 Article III Emergency Alarms - False Alarms.pdf>

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to introduce Ordinance No. 25-16.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

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

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

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Councilman Padusniak, Chair

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilwoman Boto, Chair

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

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Council President Nolde, Chair

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

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON:** Councilman Kearney

**GARWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON:** Mayor Blumenstock

**SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY LIAISON:** Councilman Kearney

**BOARD OF HEALTH LIAISON:** Councilman Foley

**PLANNING BOARD LIAISON:** Councilman Kearney

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report for March, 2025

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Zoning\\_Enforcement\\_Officers\\_Report\\_-\\_March\\_2025.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Zoning_Enforcement_Officers_Report_-_March_2025.pdf)

Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement Officer's Report for March, 2025

[https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property\\_Maintenance\\_-\\_Code\\_Enforcement\\_Repor\\_-\\_March\\_2025.pdf](https://garwoodnj.govoffice3.com/vertical/Sites/%7B7F1088A0-CEC9-4505-80EE-1DF1BF7DFFBD%7D/uploads/Property_Maintenance_-_Code_Enforcement_Repor_-_March_2025.pdf)

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept Officer's reports.

All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_, opposed: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to close public comment.

All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_, opposed: \_\_\_\_\_

**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. 25-86**

**RESOLUTION FOR CONDUCTING ANNUAL BUDGET EXAMINATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted

to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Garwood has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2025 budget year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Borough of Garwood that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
  - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
  - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
  - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
  - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
  - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
  - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
  - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated
  - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
  - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROVED BUDGET**

It is hereby certified that the Approved Budget complies with the requirements of law and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:78(b) and NJAC 5:30-7.

It is further certified that the municipality has met the eligibility requirements of NJAC 5:30-7.4 and 7.5, and that I, as Chief Financial Officer, have completed the local examination in compliance with NJAC 5:30-7.6.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-87**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD FOR THE YEAR 2025**

**WHEREAS** that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2025.

**WHEREAS**, that said budget will be published in the in the April 17, 2025 edition of the Union County Hawk.

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on the 2025 Municipal Budget will be held on May 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, at which time and place public comments to said Budget for the year 2025 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the 2025 Municipal budget is hereby approved by Borough Council.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-88**

**RESOLUTION FOR PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER FROM GARWOOD HOSPITALITY GROUP LLC TO B & J GROUP LLC**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 2006-33-005-010, heretofore issued to Garwood Hospitality Group LLC for premises located at pocket license, Garwood Borough, New Jersey;

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

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

**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** that the Borough of Garwood Governing Body does hereby approve, effective April 10, 2025), the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to B & J Group LLC, 414 South Avenue, Unit 1 and does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: “This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to B & J Group LLC, 414 South Avenue, Unit 1 effective April 10, 2025.”

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-89**

**AWARDING CONTRACT FOR 2025 FOOD CONCESSION STAND  
LOCATED AT THE GARWOOD SPORTS AND RECREATION COMPLEX**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Garwood posted in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law for bids for 2025 Food Concessions Operator for the Concessions Stand located at the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex on March 13, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Garwood received one (1) bid on March 13, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, a bid was received from Legacy Hospitality & Entertainment Group LLC, 155 Willowbrook Blvd., Suite 110, Wayne New Jersey 07470; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrator reviewed the bids, called references and deems the bid acceptable.

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

1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Legacy Hospitality & Entertainment Group LLC, 155 Willowbrook Blvd., Suite 110, Wayne New Jersey 07470 for 2025 Food Concessions Operator for the Concessions Stand located at the Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex.
2. The contract shall be awarded for a one (1) year term beginning June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026 with an option to renew for two one-year extensions.
3. That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this resolution and the bid document along with the contract on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and
4. A copy of this resolution will be provided to Sandy Bruns, CFO and Legacy Hospitality & Entertainment Group LLC

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Consent Agenda.

**Discussion:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Patusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

**RESOLUTIONS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to adopt Resolution # 25-\_\_\_\_\_.

**Discussion: Mayor and Council**

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Patusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FIRE AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Director	Ken Capobianco (3 Year Term: 01/01/2025-12/31/2028)
Police Chief	Douglas Stoffer
Deputy Coordinator	Chris Czacharowski
Fire Chief	John Scalzadonna
Superintendent DPW	Clint Dickson
First Aid President	Glen Costello
Engineer	Michael Disko
Ex-Officio	Jennifer Blumenstock, Mayor
	John Arthur, Borough Administrator

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND REFUNDS AS LISTED ON FILE:**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Payment of Claims Resolution.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Boto	_____	Councilman Lazarow	_____
Councilman Foley	_____	Councilman Padusniak	_____
Councilman Kearney	_____	Council President Nolde	_____

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on **Tuesday, April 22, 2025 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 \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn.

All in favor \_\_\_\_\_, opposed \_\_\_\_\_?

Time: \_\_\_\_\_