

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Friday, January 3, 2020 at 7:05 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice was provided by mail, fax and email to the official City newspapers and to other interested parties and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin boards in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, Frank J. Calandriello, Erin N. Delaney, Joseph Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso

Also Present: City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica

City Clerk Pavlica introduced Fire Company No. One President Glenn A. Mati who acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Master of Ceremonies Mati recognized Fourth Assistant Fire Chief Alan Tani who called the Department to order.

Master of Ceremonies Mati called upon Third Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Swistak who lead the meeting in the Flag Salute.

Master of Ceremonies Mati called upon Reverend John Czubkowski, the Pastor of Praise Church, located at 145 Main Street, who offered a Special Invocation.

Master of Ceremonies Mati introduced Ex-Fire Chief James Kovacs and Assistant Fire Chief Kyle Kovacs of Fire Company No. Two for a Special Presentation to Ex-Fire Chief Harry Yakimik for his more than 60 years of dedicated service to the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Ex-Fire Chief James Kovacs said that everyone was here tonight to honor one of our own. He said that tonight the City celebrates the 63rd Anniversary of Harry Yakimik's tenure with the Garfield Fire Department. He said that after returning home with an honorable discharge after serving in the US Army during the Korean War, Harry Yakimik came back home to Garfield and settled down with his sweetheart, Joanie, and established their Family. He said that he joined Garfield Volunteer Fire Company No. Two and within a very short number of years served in every Firematic Position with the Fire Company, and every Executive Position except one. He said that Harry Yakimik served as Secretary of the Garfield Fire Relief Association for over twenty years. He said that he was instrumental in the adoption of City Council Ordinance No. 1414 which resulted, from 1970 on, with the rotation of the Fire Chiefs on a one year basis among the five City Fire Companies. He said that Harry Yakimik was instrumental in the creation of plans and the construction of the Garfield Firefighters Memorial Monument outside of City Hall. He said that tonight Harry Yakimik is being presented with a special recognition of a plaque and a special badge in recognition of his 63 years of dedicated service to the Garfield Fire Department and the citizens of the City of Garfield. He said that this plaque is presented by the Garfield Mayor and Council, the Garfield Fire Department and the officers and members of Fire Company No. Two.

Ex-Chief Kovacs spoke on his privilege to have served as Master of Ceremonies for three of Harry Yakimik's presentations, with that being his recognition in 2007 on his 50th Anniversary of Service to the Fire Department, last year he was presented a similar award as tonight's presentation by the South Bergen Fire Chief's Association, and now tonight, this presentation. He said that he knows Harry Yakimik, not only as a Brother Firefighter, but as a friend and a mentor, and somebody that he has relied on throughout the years, and who was always there for him, especially during those 8:00 AM Coffee Meetings at the Firehouse.

Ex-Fire Chief Harry Yakimik thanked the Fire Department for all the years that they backed him, he thanked the Mayor and Council for what they did, and he thanked the Fire Chief. He thanked everybody and said that he appreciates this recognition very much, and to be able to be here tonight.

At this time, Mayor Rigoglioso pinned the special badge on Ex-Fire Chief Yakimik.

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Each Councilmember offered words of thanks and congratulations to Ex-Fire Chief Yakimik.

City Clerk Pavlica read the following letter from City Manager Tom Duch:

To Harry Yakimik: I am in South Jersey attending to the needs of an ill client. I have waited for the day that the City would honor you for your 62 plus years of service as a volunteer fireman. You are someone that I have always looked up to. You have always been there when the City needed you.

I remember years ago, when I was the Mayor and there was a fire at the Chemical Company on Monroe St. You had the knowledge and the expertise to direct extinguishing that fire quickly and properly. Your knowledge of the plant and the chemicals involved proved invaluable to the City.

You are a shining example of what a volunteer really is. I know you have been an exceptional Father, a much loved Husband, and now a respected Grandfather, but to the City and to our younger firefighters you are what volunteering is all about. I wish you many more happy health years.

Mayor Rigoglioso commented that the City also wanted to publicly recognize Ex-Fire Chief Ernest P. Rosolen, who could not be here this evening due to an illness, and to honor him for his 60 years of dedicated service to the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Rigoglioso asked City Clerk Pavlica to read the following letter from City Manager Duch:

To Ernie Rosolen: Thank you for 60 years of dedicated service to the Garfield fire department. I first came to know you during the years I worked in Garden State Paper Company as a mechanics helper. Ernie was in the front office and was one of the higher ups but always had time for the young college students working at the mill.

Our friendship really developed when you were elected as City Council Man when I served as the Mayor. You were dependable, reliable and loyal. It was my pleasure to serve on the Council with you along with Irene Jarosz, Phil Gervato and Frank Calandriello, Sr. Our years on the governing body really brought us together.

You have helped me in my current position by filling in as acting City Manager many times. Your service to the City has always been rendered with distinction. God bless you and your beautiful family.

At this time, Master of Ceremonies Mati called upon Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Swistak to speak on a special presentation to Ex-Fire Chief Ernie Rosolen. Assistant Chief Swistak said that, unfortunately, Ex-Chief Rosolen could not be here this evening. He said that firefighters will present the following plaque to Ex-Fire Chief Rosolen at his house tonight, which reads: "Presented to Ernie Rosolen in recognition of 60 years of devoted service to the Garfield Fire Department and the citizens of the community from September 1959 to September 2019 from Garfield Fire Company No. Four". He said that Mayor Rigoglioso will follow the firefighters to Ernie Rosolen's home tonight and present him with a special 60 year service badge.

Master of Ceremonies Mati publicly recognized the various dignities in the audience.

Master of Ceremonies Mati called upon Outgoing Fire Chief Jason Tani to conclude Unfinished Business for the Firematic Year 2019:

Garfield Fire Department

Fire Calls 2019

Total Calls: 865

Fire	123
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion	3
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	14
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	156

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Service Call	255
Good Intent Call	77
False Alarm & False Call	236
Severe Weather Incidents or Standby	<u>1</u>
Total Incident Count:	865

Resolution No. 20-1

WHEREAS, Jason Tani has served as Fire Chief of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department for the year 2019, and

WHEREAS, the services rendered to the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Garfield have been such as to be above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, and

WHEREAS, under the jurisdiction of Jason Tani the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department maintained its high standard of service and devotion to duty with respect to protection of life and property of the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Garfield, all of this be in keeping with the highest traditions of the standards set for fire service, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield desires to express its appreciation to Fire Chief Jason Tani for his singular devotion and dedication to the fire service of the City of Garfield,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Fire Chief Jason Tani be and is hereby commended for the excellent service he has rendered to the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Garfield during his tenure as Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the City of Garfield and that a certified copy of this approved resolution also be included in the personnel jacket of Fire Chief Jason Tani.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Each Councilmember and the Mayor offered words of thanks and congratulations to Ex-Fire Chief Tani.

At this time, Mayor Rigoglioso presented a framed copy of Resolution No. 20-1 to Ex-Fire Chief Tani and pinned the Ex-Fire Chief Badge on him.

Ex-Fire Chief Tani thanked the Fire Company for allowing him to serve as Chief in 2019. He thanked City Manager Duch for his help and understanding throughout the year. He thanked the Fire Department for all their assistance when he needed it during the past year. He thanked Mutual Aid for their help in 2019. He thanked his Family, and especially his wife who kept him sane throughout the year. He offered congratulations to incoming Fire Chief Michael Colon, and to the Officers in 2020. He wished them a safe and quiet year.

Ex-Fire Chief Tani presented a bouquet of flowers to his wife, Rosanna.

City Clerk Pavlica administered the Oath of Office to the Line Officers of Fire Company No. One, followed by Fire Companies No. Two, Three, Four and Five.

City Clerk Pavlica announced that in accordance with an election held by the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department, City Manager Thomas J. Duch appointed the following to their respective offices for a term of one (1) year:

Alan Tani	Fourth Assistant Chief
Anthony Swistak	Third Assistant Chief
Edward J. Morano	Second Assistant Chief
Kyle Kovacs	First Assistant Chief
Michael Colon	Fire Chief

City Clerk Pavlica administered the Oath of Office to the Assistant Fire Chiefs for the year 2020.

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Mayor Rigoglioso administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Michael Colon while his wife Lori and son Michael held the Bible.

Mayor Rigoglioso presented the Fire Chief Badge to Chief Michael Colon on behalf of the City of Garfield.

Fire Chief Colon wished everybody a Happy New Year. He congratulated all the Officers who were sworn in. He said that he looks forward to working with the firefighters of the Fire Department, the entire Mayor and Council, the City Manager, the City Clerk, everybody in the City Hall Finance Department, all his Mutual Aid Chiefs, the Superintendent of Public Works, the Police Chief and Police Department, and the Emergency Management Coordinator. He said that his biggest goal is to bring everybody home safe this year from every fire or every call.

He presented a bouquet of flowers to his wife, Lori.

Each Councilmember and the Mayor offered words of congratulations.

Resolution No. 20-2

Resolution Re: 2020 Temporary Budget Appropriations

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the 2020 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time provided and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Mayor and Council, City of Garfield, that the following temporary appropriations be approved as the temporary budget, which are effective January 1, 2020, be made and certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the City Chief Financial Officer along with the City Administrator and City Finance Department.

See

the

following pages numbered 447, 449, 451, 453

for

Temporary

Budget

Appropriations

Resolution # 20-002

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General Appropriations within Caps

Administration and Executive

Salary and Wages	\$	106,541
Other Expenses		23,625

Mayor and Council

Salary and Wages		9,884
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Municipal Clerk

Salary and Wages		71,682
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Retirement

Other Expenses		17,063
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Elections

Other Expenses		6,563
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Financial Administration

Salary and Wages		66,150
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Audit Services		15,750
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Other Expenses		16,065
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ADP		13,388
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Tax Assessment Administration

Salaries and Wages		28,337
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Other Expenses		19,688
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Revenue Administration

Salary and Wages		50,190
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Other Expenses		19,688
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Legal Services

Salary and Wages		41,267
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Other Expenses		5,250
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Other Expenses Tax Appeal		13,125
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Engineering Services and Cost

Other Expenses		7,875
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Public Buildings and Ground

Salries and Wages		17,507
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Other Expenses		32,130
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Municipal Land Use Law NJSA 40:55D-1

Planning Board

Salary and Wages		3,064
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Other Expenses		3,938
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Zoning Board of Adjustment

Salary and Wages		3,523
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Other Expenses		3,150
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Police	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,335,871
Other Expnese	91,875
Pension Pursuant 43:12	1,050
Purchase of Police Cars	13,125
Traffic Division	5,775
Uniform Fire Safety Act	
Salaries and Wages	66,620
Other Expenses	8,138
Fire Other Expenses	122,063
Aid to Ambulance other expenses	21,000
Emergency Management Services	
Salaries	923
Other Expenses	10,500
Roads Repairs & Maintenance	
Salaries	297,255
Other Expenses	81,375
Snow Removal	39,375
Recycling Program	
Other Expenses	2,888
Health & Welfare	
Board of Health	74,726
Salaries and Wages	15,593
Health Officer	
Other Expenses	10,763
Recreation & Education	
Parks and Playgrounds	
Salries and Wages	220,118
Other Expenses	69,615
Celebration of Public Events	
Anniversary and Holidays Other expenses	21,000
Housing Inspection	
Salaries and Wages	47,250
Other Expenses	10,658
Garbage and Trash Removal	
Other Expenses	561,750
Animal Control	
Other Expenses	13,125
Municipal Court	
Salaries and Wages	101,490
Other Expenses	14,700
Public Defender	
Salaries and Wages	2,070
Prosecutor	
Salaries and Wages	17,063

Insurance	
Other Insurance	\$ 321,300
Employee Group Health	1,309,106
Health Benefit Wairver	26,250
Historical Society	
Other Expenses	263
State Uniform Construction Code	
Buildings Inspections	
Salaries and Wages	59,505
Other Expenses	12,184
Contribution to Redevelopment Agency	
Salary and Wage Adjustment	
Utilities	
Communications	73,500
Electric and Gas	93,713
Street Lighting	77,648
Telephone	6,694
Gasoline	<u>40,163</u>
Total Operations within Caps	<u>6,893,523</u>
Deferred Charges and Statuaroy Expenses	
Social Security	154,875
Pension Adjustment fund	525
State Unemployment Insurnce	2,625
PERS	559,460
PFRS	<u>183,750</u>
Total Deferred Charges	<u>901,235</u>
Total General Appropriations within Cap	<u>7,794,758</u>
Operations Excluded from Cap	
Passaic Valley Sewer Commission Contractual	498,750
Maintenance of Library	236,250
Length of Service Awards Program	<u>15,750</u>
Total Other Operations Excluded from Caps	<u>750,750</u>
Capital Improvements	
Capital Improvement Fund	65,625
Improvements of Fire House	13,125
Improvement to Recreation Building	<u>13,125</u>
Total Capital Improvements	<u>91,875</u>

Municipal Debt Service	
Payment of Bond Principal	\$ 538,125
Interest on Bonds	210,000
Principal & Interest - DCA Loan	2,573
Loan Repayments for Principal & Interests	<u>18,664</u>
Total Municipal Debt Excluded from Caps	<u>769,362</u>
Total Appropriations Excluded from Cap	<u>1,611,987</u>
Total General Appropriations	<u>\$ 9,406,745</u>

Water Utility

Operating	
Salaries	\$ 128,071
Other Expenses	441,788
Group Insurance	76,713
Debt Service	
Payment of Bond Principal	85,313
Interest on Bonds	30,188
Interest on Notes	9,844
EIT Loan	108,938
Statutory Expenditures	
Social Security System (O.A.S.I)	<u>9,674</u>
TOTAL WATER UTILITY APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 890,529</u>

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ALOIA	X			
CALANDRIELLO	X			
E. DELANEY	X			
J. DELANEY	X			
RIGOGLIOSO	X			

I hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council at a Meeting held JAN 03 2023

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK

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Reverend John Czubkowski, Pastor of Praise Church, concluded the ceremony with a Special Benediction.

Master of Ceremonies Mati invited everyone to the Frank B. Calandriello Senior Center located at 480 Midland Avenue for refreshment and fellowship.

At 8:00 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Erin Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Calandriello, duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5



Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK