

PLANNING BOARD, CITY OF GARFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Conducted on January 22, 2026

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman James Kovacs at 7:06 p.m. who thereupon read the statement required by the Open Public Meeting Act. Secretary called the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Everett Garnto
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane
Chairman James Kovacs
Vice Chairman John Tamweber
James Clark
Costantino Conte
Gerald Walis
Suny Mellawa, 1st Alternate

Absent:

Michael Garcia
Fasil Khan

Others present were:

Alyssa Cimino, Esq., Attorney of the Planning Board
Eileen Boland, Planning Board Engineer
Lyndsay Knight, Planning Board Planner
Beth Calderone, Certified Court Reporter

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SUNSHINE LAW: Read by Chairman James Kovacs
PUBLIC LAW 1975 CHAPTER 231 "OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT" PUBLIC
HEARING: December 24, 2025 Council Chambers, City Hall Commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Gerald Walis was sworn in as a regular member of the Planning Board.

Suny Mellawa was sworn in as an alternate member of the Planning Board.

The Chairman requested a motion to appoint a Chairperson for the Planning Board.

Motion to appoint James Kovacs as Chairman of the Planning Board.

Moved: Vice Chairman John Tamweber
Second: Mayor Everett Garnto

Mayor Everett Garnto – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane – Aye
Chairman James Kovacs - Abstain
Vice Chairman John Tamweber – Aye
James Clark - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Gerald Walis - Aye
Motion Approved.

The Chairman requested a motion to appoint a Vice Chairperson for the Planning Board.

Motion to appoint John Tamweber as Vice Chairman of the Planning Board.

Moved: Mayor Everett Garnto
Second: Gerald Walis

Mayor Everett Garnto – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane – Aye
Chairman James Kovacs - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber – Abstain
James Clark - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Gerald Walis - Aye
Motion Approved.

The Chairman requested a motion to appoint the Attorney for the Planning Board.

Motion to appoint Alyssa Cimino, Esq. as Planning Board Attorney.

Moved: Mayor Everett Garnto
Second: Vice Chairman John Tamweber

Mayor Everett Garnto – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane – Aye
Chairman James Kovacs - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber – Aye
James Clark - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Gerald Walis - Aye
Motion Approved.

The Chairman requested a motion to appoint the Secretary for the Planning Board.

Motion to appoint Rosemarie Williams as Planning Board Secretary.

Moved: Mayor Everett Garnto
Second: Vice Chairman John Tamweber

Mayor Everett Garnto – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane – Aye
Chairman James Kovacs - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber - Aye
James Clark - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Gerald Walis – Aye
Motion Approved.

The Chairman requested a motion to appoint a Planning Board Engineer.

Motion to appoint Boswell Engineering as Planning Board Engineer.

Moved: Mayor Everett Garnto
Second: Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane

Mayor Everett Garnto – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane – Aye
Chairman James Kovacs - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber – Aye
James Clark - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Gerald Walis – Aye
Motion Approved.

The Chairman requested a motion to appoint the Planning Board Special Projects Engineer.

Motion to appoint Neglia Engineering Associates as Special Projects Engineer.

Moved: Mayor Everett Garnto
Second: Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane

Mayor Everett Garnto – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane – Aye
Chairman James Kovacs - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber - Aye
James Clark - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Gerald Walis – Aye
Motion Approved.

The Chairman requested a motion to appoint the Planning Board Planner.

Motion to appoint Neglia Engineering Associates as the Planning Board Planner.

Moved: Mayor Everett Garnto
Second: Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane

Mayor Everett Garnto – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane – Aye
Chairman James Kovacs - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber - Aye
James Clark - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Gerald Walis – Aye
Motion Approved.

The Chairman requested a motion to appoint a Court Reporter for the Planning Board.

Motion to appoint Beth Calderone as Planning Board Court Reporter.

Moved: Mayor Everett Garnto
Second: Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane

Mayor Everett Garnto – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane – Aye
Chairman James Kovacs - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber - Aye
James Clark - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Gerald Walis – Aye
Motion Approved.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on December 18, 2025.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on December 18, 2025.

Moved: Gerald Walis
Second: Mayor Everett Garnto

Mayor Everett Garnto – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane – Aye
Chairman James Kovacs - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber – Aye
James Clark - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Gerald Walis - Aye
Motion Approved.

The Chairman asked if there were any bills or correspondence.

Ms. Cimino stated that there were no bills or correspondence.

The Chairman asked if anyone from the public wanted to come forward.

The Chairman stated that no one from the public came forward.

Motion to close the public session.

Moved: Mayor Everett Garnto
Second: Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane

Mayor Everett Garnto – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane – Aye
Chairman James Kovacs - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber – Aye
James Clark - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Gerald Walis - Aye
Motion Approved.

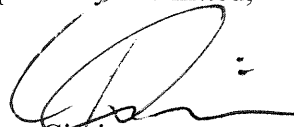
The Chairman asked for a motion to close the meeting.

Motion to close meeting.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane
Second: Mayor Everett Garnto

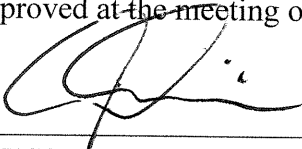
Mayor Everett Garnto, Jr. – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane – Aye
Chairman James Kovacs - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber – Aye
James Clark - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Gerald Walis - Aye
Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Alyssa Cimino
Planning Board Attorney

Approved at the meeting on February 26, 2026.



ALYSSA CIMINO
Planning Board Attorney