

**AGREEMENT
between
THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD**

and

**THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICEMEN'S
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
GARWOOD, LOCAL #117
PATROL AND SUPERIOR OFFICERS**

**JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER
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PREAMBLE

This Agreement entered into this _____ day of December, 2024 between the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "Borough" or "Employer" and the Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local No. 117, hereinafter referred to as the "PBA".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Borough and the PBA recognize and declare that providing quality police protection for the Borough is their mutual aim; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has the obligation, pursuant to Chapter 303, Public Laws of 1978, as amended, to negotiate with the PBA as the representative of employees hereinafter designated with respect to the terms and conditions of employment;

WHEREAS, the parties have reached certain understandings which they desire to confirm in this AGREEMENT;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the following mutual covenants, it is hereby agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I RECOGNITION

The Borough hereby recognizes the PBA as the sole and exclusive representative and bargaining agent for all police officers employed by the Borough and Police Department excluding the Chief of Police, for the purpose of collective negotiations with respect to salaries, hours of work, benefits, working conditions, procedures for adjustment of disputes and grievances and other related matters.

ARTICLE II MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

A. The Borough hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and Constitution of the State of New Jersey and of the United States and any modifications made thereto, and any ordinances and resolutions passed by the governing body.

B. The PBA recognizes that the Borough's rights to manage its affairs and direct its work force, and within existing framework with the Statutes of the State of New Jersey, to maintain the Borough of Garwood in the County of Union in as efficient a manner as is consistent with good management practices and fair labor standards. The Borough has, and is vested with, all the customary and usual rights, powers, functions, and authority of management. The PBA further recognizes that the management of the Borough, the control of its properties and the maintenance of order and efficiency is solely a responsibility of the Borough.

C. All rights which ordinarily vest in and are exercised by employers are reserved to and remain vested in the Borough. The Borough shall have all other rights and prerogatives including those exercised unilaterally in the past subject only to clear and express restrictions governing the exercise of these rights as are expressly provided for in this Agreement.

D. The Borough retains the sole right to suspend, demote, discharge or take other disciplinary action for good and just cause according to law, provided that in the exercise of this right it will not act in violation of the terms of this Agreement.

E. The PBA agrees that the exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority,

duties or responsibilities of the Borough, the adoption of policies, rights, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only by the specific and express terms hereof as are in conformance with the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act, Constitution and Law of New Jersey and of the United States and ordinances of the Borough of Garwood.

F. The Borough agrees the Management Rights Article shall not be used as a guise to unfairly discriminate against any employee(s) or the PBA.

G. The Borough has the sole and exclusive responsibility for determining the manning strength of the police department and to determine the level of services and funding in order to protect the health, welfare and safety of the residents and employees. In order to protect the health and safety of the employees of the police department and the residents of the Borough, the employer shall attempt to maintain sufficient manpower on each shift in order to allow for backup in emergency situations provided, however, that this shall not be interpreted as establishing any specific minimum manning requirement.

H. The Borough may employ a dispatcher or dispatchers to conduct dispatching and other appropriate functions. The Borough will not lay off police officers for the purpose of replacing them with dispatchers, but it may replace police officers with dispatchers through attrition.

ARTICLE III POLICE OFFICER'S RIGHTS

A. Pursuant to Chapter 303, Public Laws of 1968, as amended, the Borough hereby agrees that every regular police officer shall have the right to organize and freely join and support the PBA and its affiliates for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations and other concerted activities for mutual aid and protection. As a body exercising governmental power under the laws of the State of New Jersey, the Borough undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage or deprive or coerce any police officer in the employment of any rights conferred by Chapter 303, Public Laws of 1968, or other laws of New Jersey or the Constitution of New Jersey and the United States; that it shall not discriminate against any police officer with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of his/her membership in the PBA and its affiliates, his/her participation in any legal activities of the PBA and its affiliates, collective negotiations with the Borough, or his/her institution of any grievance, complaint or proceeding under this Agreement, or otherwise with respect to any term or condition of employment.

B. Upon written advance request, an employee shall be given the opportunity to review and examine pertinent non-confidential documents including those related to performance evaluation and conduct in his/her personnel file or in any permanent supplementary file. The Employer shall honor an employee's written request for copies of such documents in the file. Any review and examination shall take place in the presence of an appropriate official of the Department. The employee may file a written response of reasonable length to any document in the aforesaid file which is derogatory or adverse to the employee, and the response will be included in the personnel file or permanent

supplementary file. The employee shall be given a copy of any derogatory or adverse material which is placed in the employee's personnel file. The Employee shall sign a receipt for such material, whether or not the employee agrees with the content.

ARTICLE IV GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The procedure for adjusting grievances shall provide the officer with full opportunity for presentation of his/her grievance and for the participation of the PBA representatives. Should a dispute arise between the Borough, the PBA, and any member officer as to the meaning, application or operation of any provision of this Agreement, such dispute or difference shall be presented by any one of the parties within no more than *seven (7)* calendar days from the time the same arose, and settled in the manner prescribed herein. The procedure hereby established, unless changed by mutual consent or waived in part or in its entirety, shall be as follows:

Step A. The appropriate PBA representative, the aggrieved party, and the Chief of the Department or his/her representative shall attempt to reach a settlement of the dispute. If they fail to reach an agreement within *five (5)* calendar days, the aggrieved party shall furnish a written statement of the grievance to the Police Commissioner on a form provided by the Borough for automatic referral to Step B.

Step B. One or more members of the Grievance Committee designated by the PBA and the Police Commissioner shall attempt to settle the dispute within *five (5)* calendar days or the dispute will automatically be referred to Step C.

Step C. One or more members of the Grievance Committee designated by the PBA and the Mayor and Council shall attempt to settle the dispute within *fifteen (15)* calendar days. Should no acceptable solution be reached or should no response be received by the PBA within *fifteen (15)* calendar days, then the PBA, solely, or Borough, shall have the right to submit the matter to the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) for binding arbitration. The PBA shall notify the Borough within *ten*

(10) calendar days of receipt of the answer or from the date on which the answer was due of its intent to file for arbitration under the terms of this Article.

The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of PERC. The cost of said arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties. The respective costs incidental to the representation of the parties through the proceedings shall be borne by each party incurring the same.

The decision of the arbitrator shall be in writing and shall be final and binding on the parties. The arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, delete from, or modify the terms of this Agreement.

All matters governed by this Agreement shall be arbitrable to the extent permitted by law.

Any grievance not processed within the time periods set forth herein, or pursued to the next step not within the time periods prescribed herein shall be deemed waived. The parties may mutually agree in writing to extend the time limits at any step of this procedure.

ARTICLE V VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS

A. VACATIONS

1. Police officers hired prior to January 1, 2018 shall receive annual vacations as follows:

- (1) Any police officer who has not completed one year of service (to be computed from the date of his/her appointment) shall receive *forty-eight (48) hours* vacation after completion of his/her probationary period.

- (2) Effective January 1, 2015, officers who have been continuously employed for not less than one year up to five (5) years shall receive *84 hours* vacation with pay.

- (3) Officers who have been continuously employed for not less than five (5) years and up to ten (10) years shall be entitled to *120 hours* vacation with pay.

- (4) Officers who have been continuously employed for not less than ten (10) years up to fifteen (15) years shall be entitled to *144 hours* vacation with pay.

- (5) Officers who have been continuously employed for not less than fifteen (15) years up to twenty (20) years shall be entitled to *160 hours* vacation with pay.

- (6) Officers who have been continuously employed for not less than twenty (20) years up to twenty-five (25) years shall be entitled to *200 hours* vacation with pay.

- (7) Officers who have been continuously employed for not less than twenty-five (25) years shall receive *240 hours* vacation with pay.

- (8) Vacations are to be taken from January 1st to December 31st at the Police Chief's discretion.

- (9) Due to the change as of January 1, 1993, hereinafter set forth, to the

four (4) day on, four (4) day off-twelve (12) hour day schedule, vacation periods will be converted as of January 1, 1993 from working days to working hours. For example, for a police officer employed for not less than one (1) year up to five (5) years who now receives *"ten (10) working days' vacation"* shall receive *"eighty (80) work hours vacation."* This change from days to hours is not intended to change the method of utilization of vacation periods. Detectives' vacation hours shall be based on an 8.5-hour day. For example, a detective who received 10 working days' vacation shall receive 85 hours of vacation.

2. For all new officers hired on or after January 1, 2018, they shall receive the following annual vacation leave:

(1) Any police officer who has not completed one (1) year of service (to be computed from the date of his/her appointment) shall receive forty-eight (48) hours vacation upon the successful completion of the police academy or six (6) months with the Department if the police officer is not required to sit for the academy.

(2) Officers who have been continuously employed for not less than one (1) year through five (5) years of service shall receive 84 hours of vacation leave.

(3) Officers who have been continuously employed for not less than five (5) years and up to ten (10) years shall be entitled to 120 hours of vacation leave.

(4) Officers who have been continuously employed for not less than fifteen (15) years up to twenty (20) years shall be entitled to 160 hours of vacation leave.

(5) Officers who have been continuously employed for not less than twenty (20) years and thereafter shall be entitled to 200 hours of vacation leave.

B. HOLIDAYS

(1) Beginning January 1, 2003 and for each year thereafter, all police officers shall receive *one hundred twenty (120) holiday hours pay*, which shall be calculated each year following the calculation of the new salary guide or salary figures. Said holiday compensation shall then be considered as part of the employee's creditable base salary.

(2) The PBA authorizes the Borough to withhold said holiday pay, less appropriate deductions, from each employee's pay. The Borough shall then disperse said withholdings check, not later than November 30th of each year. Should the employee leave the Borough's employment prior to December 25th, said employee's final check shall reflect the advancement of the payment subject to proration as set forth in (4) below.

(3) A new employee shall receive holiday compensation in his/her first contract year pro rated at 1/12 per month.

(4) All holiday compensation shall be prorated (1/12 per month) in the last year of employment (retirement and/or resignation).

C. PAY IN LIEU OF

In the event vacations are not taken by December 31st, the employee shall be paid for the remaining days at the employees per diem rate, up to a maximum of 72 hours for the unused vacation days. All vacation shall be accounted for by November 30th and the days not taken shall be paid for in the first pay period of December.

D. PERSONAL DAYS

Each police officer shall receive two (2) *personal days*, which days may be taken off at the employee's discretion with the approval of the Chief of the Department provided that at least 48 hours written notice is given to the Chief of the employee's intention to use his/her personal days. In the event that personal days are not used by the end of the

calendar year, no payment of same shall be made and such days shall not be accumulated from year to year. Additionally, each police officer shall have one (1) additional personal day subject to the above restrictions, and subject to the further restriction that such personal day cannot be utilized if the utilization will create the need for overtime work.

E. TERMINAL LEAVE

Upon retirement, each officer shall be entitled to *one (1) calendar month* of terminal leave, provided said officer is eligible for regular retirement under the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (exclusive of disability retirement), and provided that said officer advised the Mayor and Council in writing on or before ninety (90) days prior to the adoption of the coming budget of his/her intention to retire.

Upon regular retirement, the Borough shall compensate the employee in the amount equal to the employee's regular rate at the time of retirement for fifty percent (50%) of all accumulated and unused sick time accrued from January 1, 1978 and thereafter, said payment shall be in a lump sum check.

Accumulated sick time cash-in shall be capped at \$15,000. However, any officer who has more than \$15,000 of banked sick time as of April 30, 2015 shall be red-circled at the higher amount.

Further, the Borough shall pay the employee at the employee's regular rate at the time of retirement for all accumulated compensatory time regardless of the type of retirement, provided that no change in practice is intended.

All officers shall have their vacation, sick and personal time prorated for cash-in purposes in their year of retirement.

Employees hired on or after January 1, 2023 shall not be eligible for terminal leave payment.

F. SELECTION

For purposes of selecting vacation time off, officers shall pick and be awarded vacation time off in accordance with seniority within each respective rank, that is, either patrol officers or superior officers.

If a steady platoon system is utilized by the Borough to implement the (4) on/(4) off schedule, it is agreed that vacation selection shall be by rank in the platoon, and then by seniority in rank. Further, it is agreed that when one officer in a platoon is on vacation, no other officer in that platoon shall take a vacation time unless specifically approved of by the Chief of Police. As a general rule, same will not be allowed.

G. The change in the contract from days to hours for such items as vacations, holidays and the like is not intended to change the method of utilization of same.

H.

1. Employees shall be afforded twenty-four (24) hours of time off for their 4on/4off, twelve (12) hour schedule. The scheduling of this time off cannot create overtime. This time shall not accumulate from year to year nor be subject to any payout.
2. The detectives working five (5), eight and one-half (8.5) hour shifts per week will be afforded twenty-five and one-half (25.5) hours of additional time off. The scheduling of this time off cannot create overtime. This time shall not accumulate from year to year nor be subject to any payout.

ARTICLE VI LONGEVITY

A. The following shall be the longevity schedule for those officers hired *after January 1, 1998*:

Years Completed	Amount
5 years	3% over base pay
15 years	5% over base pay
20 years	6% over base pay

Additionally, as to officers employees as of January 1, 2005 (and not as to those hired after January 1, 2005), an additional one percent (1.0%) over base pay after 23 years completed as a police officer of the Borough of Garwood, or after 20 years as a police officer of the Borough of Garwood with 23 years of creditable service in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System, or after completion of 24 years in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System.

B. The following shall be the longevity schedule for those officers hired *on or after January 1, 2012*:

Years Completed	Amount
5 years	\$2145.00
15 years	\$4267.00
20 years	\$5121.00

The foregoing amounts shall not be compounded by any wage increases received by unit members.

C. Longevity is eliminated for any officer hired on or after January 1, 2015.

ARTICLE VII SICK LEAVE

A. Police officers shall be granted *one hundred twenty (120) hours* sick leave per year (except for the detective, who shall be granted fifteen (15) sick days per year).

Commencing January 1, 1981, any amount of sick leave not used in any calendar year shall accumulate to the employee's credit from year to year and may be used if and when needed.

For the purpose of computing the amount of sick leave in the "bank" as of December 31, 1980, the number of days reflected in each officer's terminal leave account as of December 31, 1980 shall be multiplied by two (2). Commencing January 1, 1981, sick leave shall be utilized and accumulated from year to year in accordance with this Article VII. Terminal leave credit shall continue to accrue in accordance with Article V, Section E, and it is understood that no changes in such terminal leave plan are being made hereby.

B. When ill, a police officer shall check in with the officer on the desk and provide as much notice of absence as possible. Every absence in excess of three (3) consecutive working days must be certified by a written statement from the employee's attending physician.

C. The Borough reserves the right to request a physical examination by the Borough Physician at the Borough's expense in all cases of illness or disability.

D. A new employee shall receive twelve (12) hours sick leave at the completion of two (2) months and an additional twelve (12) hours every month thereafter to the maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) hours for that initial contract year.

E. It is acknowledged by the Borough and by the PBA that injuries arising out

of and in the course of the employee's employment by the Borough of Garwood are subject to the worker's compensation statutes and other controlling or applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey.

F. Each officer, solely at the officer's option, shall be entitled to "cash in" each year's unused sick leave at the end of that year equal to *fifty percent (50%)* of the employee's unused annual sick leave allotment. Thus, an employee could cash in a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) hours annually, assuming that no sick leave was used in that year. The amount received would be sixty (60) hours pay at the officer's regular rate. Officers hired on or after May 21, 2010 shall not be afforded any payment for unused sick days during their employment with the Borough in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-10.4.

G. The change in the contract from days to hours for such items as sick leave is not intended to change the method of utilization of the same.

H. Sick leave may be utilized by employees to care for members of their immediate family household who may be requiring such attention in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act.

I. Long Term Disability Bank.

1. After two (2) years of service, each employee shall receive on lifetime long term disability bank (LTDB) of six (6) months' disability pay which LTDB shall be available to the employee after thirty (30) calendar days of non-work related sickness or disability ("the waiting period"). The LTDB shall not be construed as "sick leave" or as "Worker's Compensation". During the thirty (30) day waiting period, the employees may utilize sick days if

available. If the employee does not have enough available sick time, the employee shall be allowed to borrow sick time from the subsequent year, only. If the employee does not return to employment and consequently does not earn the borrowed sick time, he shall be required to reimburse the Borough for the borrowed time. The employee shall receive full pay for so long as the sickness or disability continues and for so long as the employee has remaining time in the LTDB. The Borough reserves the right to insure itself for sickness and disability of employees. Employees utilizing the long term disability or any other form of Borough compensation, including sick time, for any event covered by Insurance for sickness, injury or disability, shall cooperate fully with the Borough and the carrier in reporting, verifying and processing claims. The determination of the Borough's disability insurer, if there is one, shall be binding on the employee as to the employee's continued eligibility for disability payments and for utilization of the LTDB. The employee shall cooperate fully with the disability carrier, if applicable. Failure to cooperate shall result in cessation of payment through the LTDB.

2. An employee who utilizes part of the LTDB shall retain the remainder for future use. An employee who utilizes the entire LTDB, whether as one or several instances of sickness or disability extending beyond the thirty (30) day waiting period for each occurrence, shall have no further benefits under this provision and the Borough shall have no further obligation to the employee for sickness or disability, provided that the employee may utilize

accumulated sick leave, or other accumulated paid time off, if available, for any period of sickness or disability.

3. Whenever any absence of eight (8) calendar days or more is anticipated, the employee shall provide a physician's certificate as to the nature of the sickness or disability and the anticipated duration thereof. The Borough may require a new certification every three (3) weeks. The employee shall also provide such certifications or forms as the Borough or its insurer may require. The Borough reserves the right at any time to have a physical examination by a physician of its choice at the Borough's expense.
4. Any employee who has never utilized any portion whatsoever of the employee's LTDB and who is entitled to terminal leave under Paragraph E of Article V heretofore above, shall be entitled to receive one (1) additional month of Terminal Leave. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2023 shall not be eligible for terminal leave and/or an additional terminal leave payment.

J. Disability Plan:

1. The Borough shall continue to maintain its presently existing disability policy (or an equal or better policy) for all bargaining unit members who are eligible under the policy who have exhausted their accrued paid leave banks and who have used their LTDB.

2. While on long-term disability receiving disability benefits under the policy, an employee's pay will be 66 2/3% of his/her base salary up to a maximum of \$700.00 per week (plus any index that the insurance carrier applied). Pension contributions and

benefits shall continue. The disability check shall be endorsed by the employee to the Borough.

3. The Borough shall establish a payroll deduction for employees who elect to purchase a supplemental disability policy.

ARTICLE VIII CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

A. All newly appointed officers shall receive a new full uniform upon appointment which shall consist of the following:

1. 3 Blauer S/S wool blend armorskin base shirt w/ patches & embroidery (#8472) (navy blue).
2. 3 Blauer L/S wool blend armorskin base shirt w/ patches & embroidery (#8471) (navy blue).
3. 3 Blauer side pocket wool blend trousers (#8565) (navy blue).
4. 1 Blauer wool blend "Armorskin vest carrier w/ embroidery (#8470) (navy blue).

CLASS (A) FORMAL UNIFORM

5. 1 single breasted 4 pocket blouse coat w/patches (silver buttons with New Jersey State Seal) (navy blue).
6. 1 long-sleeve duty shirt with patches (navy blue).
7. 1 short-sleeve duty shirt with patches (navy blue).
8. 1 pair of duty trousers (navy blue).

OUTERWEAR & COVERS

9. 1 Blauer 3 season winter coat.
10. 1 Class (A) trooper hat.
11. 1 Winter fur trooper hat.
12. 1 lightweight baseball hat with embroidery.

PINS & BADGES

13. 1 pair of Department collar pins (GPD).
14. 1 engraved name tag.

- 15. 1 silver tie clip.
- 16. 1 Department badge.
- 17. 1 Department hat badge.

BODY ARMOR & LEATHER

- 18. 1 bullet proof vest (threat level to be discussed).
- 19. 1 "CapStun" spray and leather holder (basket weave).
- 20. 1 leather gun holster (basket weave).
- 21. 1 leather magazine holder (basket weave).

A newly appointed officer may be issued used leather goods provided that they are approved by the firearms officer.

B. When an officer goes from uniform to civilian clothes or vice versa, the Borough will reimburse the officer for the change in uniform at a maximum amount of \$450.00. Any changes in uniforms for the department as a whole mandated by the Borough shall be paid for in total by the Borough.

C. Uniforms damaged in the line of duty or civilian clothes in the case of the detective shall be replaced new by the Borough, provided it is reported to the desk officer.

D. Capstan or Pepper Spray shall also be considered as part of the regular uniform, for officers who have qualified with same in accordance with Department SOP.

ARTICLE IX EMERGENCY TIME OFF

A. Death in the Family

In the event of a death of a police officer's wife, child, stepchild, brother, sister, mother, father, step parents, mother-in-law, father-in-law or grandparents, the police officer will be granted a leave during the period of 30 days from the date of death not exceeding **four (4) scheduled working days**. A police officer will be granted leave of **one (1) day**, (day of burial) in the event of the death of a brother, sister, or grandparents of his/her spouse, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew.

B. In the event of an emergency illness or accident to a member of his/her family, a police officer shall be given **one (1) duty day** or evening off per year with notice to the duty officer. For the purpose of this Article, a police officer's family shall include the spouse, child, parent, brother, and sister of the police officer.

ARTICLE X INSURANCE

A. Health Benefits

The Borough of Garwood shall provide health benefits for the members of the bargaining unit to the extent provided for in Resolution 3108 adopted by the Mayor and Council on December 9, 1975, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk and annexed hereto as Addendum A. The plan of health benefits is annexed hereto as Appendix B. If the Borough elects to change insurance carriers or plans or to be self-insured, the new benefits provided shall be equal to or better than the benefits set forth herein. The Borough shall obtain a letter from the insurer or broker confirming that the new benefits are equal to or better than the replaced benefits. Said benefits, including dental benefits as set forth below, shall apply to eligible retirees and their dependents as set forth in the attached Addendum A. Officers shall be required to contribute to his/her health benefits in accordance with the Tier IV (Year 4) rates set forth in Chapter 78, P.L. 2011. Retiree survivor benefits shall be provided only to the officer's spouse and dependents at the time of retirement.

The Borough shall not pay for Medicare Part B for any officer who had less than 20 years of service with the Borough as of June 28, 2011, the effective date of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011.

All officers hired on or after January 1, 2018 shall be afforded retiree health benefits until the employee becomes Medicare eligible. All officers hired on or after January 1, 2018, upon the officer(s) becoming Medicare eligible, the Borough of Garwood shall no longer provide retiree health benefits (neither primary and/or secondary health benefits).

B. Dental Insurance

The Borough of Garwood will provide a Dental Plan through the State Health Benefits Dental Plan. The Borough will pay 100% of the cost for the dental DPO for employee and dependents. If the employee wishes to participate in the DEP dental plan, the employee will pay 50% of the premium cost through a payroll deduction.

C. Other Insurance

The Borough shall provide liability insurance, worker's compensation insurance, and false arrest insurance for all police officers. In the event criminal or civil charges are brought against a police officer as a result of performance of his/her duty, the Borough shall provide him with an attorney of his/her choice to defend such action, provided, however, that where civil charges are defended by the insurance carrier, the police officer shall accept such defense. Where the officer is entitled to retain an attorney of his/her choice, the attorney chosen by the officer shall submit his/her proposed fees to the Borough. The Borough shall not be obligated to pay fees in excess of the rate paid by the Borough to the Borough Attorney or one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per hour, whichever is greater. The Borough shall only be obligated to pay reasonable fees. The Borough shall only be obligated to pay for the officer's defense in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-155.

ARTICLE XI HOURS OF WORK, SALARIES AND OVERTIME

A. Hours of Work

The work schedule for all uniformed officers, patrol and superior, shall be pursuant to a schedule based upon two (2) shifts daily of twelve (12) hours each. The schedule will provide for an eight (8) day work week, with four (4) twelve (12) hour days on and four (4) days off each eight (8) day work week,

The schedule for the detective shall be based upon a seven (7) day work week consisting of five (5) 8.5 hour shifts per week.

Deviations from this schedule shall be permitted, pursuant to mutual agreement between the police officer involved and the Chief of Police.

B. Salaries

(1) Salary Increases Steps 1 through 10 (guide to be equalized prior to the below percentage increases):

- a. January 1, 2023 (Retroactive) Steps 2 through 10 2.5%
- b. January 1, 2024 Steps 1 through 10 2.5%
- c. January 1, 2025 Steps 1 through 10 2.5%
- d. January 1, 2026 Steps 1 through 10 2.5%

A new 11-step guide shall be implemented effective 1/1/15. All officers not at top step shall receive their step on their anniversary date. See Addendum C.

Step 1 to increase to \$50,000 effective January 1, 2023. Probation Step to increase to \$48,000 effective January 1, 2023. Probation step shall not be subject to the increases set forth in Section B(1)(a)-(d) of this Article.

(2) Salary Increases Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain:

- a. January 1, 2023 (Retroactive) 3.0%

b. January 1, 2024	3.0%
c. January 1, 2025	3.0%
d. January 1, 2026	3.0%

(3) **27 Pay Periods.** In a year when a biweekly payroll would result on twenty-seven (27) pay periods, the pay periods will be adjusted as necessary to remain at twenty-six (26) pay periods. This may result in a one (1) week gap between pay cycles, but will not change the annual salary an officer receives.

C. Overtime

(1a) Pursuant to Section 207K of the Fair Labor Standards Act, a twenty-eight (28) day/one hundred seventy-one (171) hour work period is established. Police officers shall receive pay at the rate of time and one-half or compensatory time at the rate of time and one-half, at the officer's option, for any time over one hundred seventy-one (171) hours in the twenty-eight (28) day work period.

(1b) Subparagraph (1a) shall not apply to the detective. Pursuant to Section 207K of the Fair Labor Standards Act, a seven day, 42.5 hour work period is established for the detective. The detective shall receive pay at the rate of time and one-half or compensatory time at the rate of time and one-half, at the officer's option, for any time over 8.5 hours in one day or 42.5 hours in one week.

(2) A police officer shall receive a minimum of three (3) hours overtime for his/her appearance in court or Grand Jury, provided said appearance is by subpoena, or is authorized by one of the following: The Municipal Prosecutor, Judge of the Municipal Court, or Chief of Police. All other call-ins outside an officer's or detective's regular work hours are subject to the three (3) hour guarantee. All call-in related overtime is to be

exempt from 28 day rule as in the above cited Act.

(3) Regular police officers shall be given first priority to work all open shifts which are available resulting from sickness, vacation, holidays, or the inability to fill the duty roster with regular police officers. The Chief of Police or officer in charge, shall make the selection of the regular officer to be assigned to the open shift on a basis which will give equal opportunity for all regular personnel to participate. In making assignments to the open shift, a regular patrol officer or officer shall be assigned on his/her off duty day in order to avoid shifts of longer than twelve (12) hours duration. When such an officer is not available, any police officer may be assigned to the open shift. The assignment to the open shift of a regular police officer already scheduled to work shall be for a tour of duty not in excess of four hours, except at the discretion of the Chief of Police in an emergency or other similar situation.

(4) Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to prohibit the Borough from using Special Law Enforcement Officers in any manner it deems appropriate, consistent with the provisions of the "Special Law Enforcement Officers Act" and the express language of this Agreement.

(5) Whenever a patrol officer or the detective shall be "Shift Commander", he shall be compensated at the Sergeant's rate for that shift.

(6) Officers who are required to remain working beyond their shift due to an order of their supervisor, the officer shall be afforded time and one-half for any time worked beyond their respective shift that day.

ARTICLE XII MISCELLANEOUS

A. PBA Business Leave

The State Delegate of the PBA shall be granted leave from duty with pay for attendance at regularly scheduled meetings of the State PBA, County PBA, and Tri-County PBA when such meetings take place at a time when such officer is scheduled to be on duty. The PBA President shall be granted leave from duty with pay for attendance at regularly scheduled meetings of the State PBA, County PBA, and Tri-County PBA in place of the State Delegate at a time when such officer is scheduled to be on duty, at the discretion of the Chief of Police. The PBA President shall also attend said meetings with the State Delegate when a written request is received requesting his/her attendance from the sponsoring PBA officials, at the discretion of the Chief of Police. The State Delegate and one Alternate Delegate elected to represent their local at the annual convention shall be granted leave from duty with pay, not to exceed **seven (7) days**. The PBA Delegate plus one alternate shall be permitted leave without loss of pay or other benefits to attend the State PBA Mini-Convention.

B. Educational Benefits

The Borough shall reimburse tuition, books and travel expense in the event a police officer attends a police related school in furtherance of his/her education if said school is authorized by the Mayor and Council.

C. Non-Police Functions

Officers of the police department shall be required to perform police functions in accordance with rules and procedures established by the Mayor and Council and the Chief of Police, and further, shall perform such other police functions as may be ordered

by the Chief of Police from time to time.

D. Mileage Allowance

Policemen shall be paid the I.R.S. rate for mileage when they use their own vehicles for any police purpose.

E. Unused Benefits

Any monies, which may be due and owing to a police officer at the time of his/her death because of accrued pay, accumulated leave, vacation or overtime will be paid to the personal representative of his/her estate. Employees hired on or after May 21, 2010 shall not be afforded a payout of sick time upon death. Sick time payments are only allowed upon retirement for anyone hired on or after May 21, 2010, in accordance with New Jersey law.

F. Deadline for Negotiations

New negotiations shall commence in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:12-2.1.

G. Prior Practices

All other rights, benefits, privileges, duties, responsibilities and requirements affecting police officers which are not specifically provided for or abridged by this Agreement including those which are provided for by resolution, ordinance or regulations, now or in the future, shall remain in full force and effect provided they are not in contravention of any laws of the State of New Jersey or inconsistent with the terms of the within Agreement.

H. Savings Clause

Should any part or provision herein contained be rendered or declared invalid by any reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation or by any decree of a Court

or Agency of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or provision of this Agreement shall not invalidate the remaining portions thereof.

I. No Waiver

The failure of either party to enforce or seek enforcement of a particular part or provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed as a waiver of any rights contained therein or benefits conferred thereby by such failure.

J. Service Credit from Previous Jurisdiction

Employees hired after January 1, 1996 shall not receive any service credit for employment with any other jurisdiction.

K. Addendum

The attached addendum is incorporated into and a part of this Agreement.

L. Non-Mandatory Health Screening

Any employee who undergoes a non-mandatory health screening through the Gift from Captain Buscio CardioPulmonary Diagnostic on the officer's day off shall be afforded a personal day. However, the use of the personal day cannot create overtime. The non-mandatory health screening is done on an annual basis.

M. Training Assignment/Authorized Leave

(1) Once an officer has been approved to attend a school or training, the training coordinator will immediately enter the details (date/times) into the schedule through the schedule software.

(2) An officer who is approved for school or training for more than four (4) hours on a regularly scheduled work day (0400-1600), the officer will be considered "removed" from the schedule and their assignment for that day will be school/training. An officer who is approved for training which is four

(4) hours or less will be required to return to work following their training.

This does not include "travel time."

(3) In the event that another officer regularly assigned to the same squad calls out sick, the officer attending the school or training will be expected to report to duty as normally scheduled unless the Chief of Police or his designee approves the shift to be covered with overtime.

(4) If a squad is at full complement, then the officer scheduled for training will leave at 0000 hours to have at least eight (8) hours in between the end of their shift and the start time of the training. If the squad is not full and causing overtime then that officer will be pulled from training at the final determination of the Chief of Police.

(5) In the event that another officer regularly assigned to the same squad calls out sick, the officer attending training is expected to stay on duty as normally scheduled unless the Chief of Police or his designee approves the shift to be covered with overtime.

N. If a squad is at full-complement, then the officer scheduled for court will leave at 0000 hours to have at least eight (8) hours in between the end of their shift and the start time of the court. If the squad is not full and causing overtime then that officer will be rescheduled from court at the final determination of the Chief of Police.

O. Secondary or Off-Duty Employment

(1) Effective upon the final adoption of an amended Borough Fee ordinance by the Borough, the fee for extra-duty employment shall be increased to \$85.00 per hour and the emergency rate shall be increased to \$100.00 per hour. Extra-duty employment afforded by another municipality will be paid at that specific municipality's extra-duty rate. There shall be no retroactive increases afforded to PBA members.

ARTICLE XIII DUES DEDUCTION AND AGENCY SHOP

A. The Borough shall deduct Association dues, initiation fees, and assessments from the wages of all personnel covered by this Agreement who have filed with the Borough a proper dues authorization card as required by the laws of the State of New Jersey, specifically N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9e. The Association shall advise the Borough of the fixed and standard dues, fees, and assessments of its members. The Borough shall deduct a proportionate amount from each paycheck and deliver to the Association on the first of each month the previous month's dues collection.

(1) New Employees

On or about the last day of each month, beginning with the month this agreement becomes effective, the Borough will submit to the PBA a list of all employees who began their employment in a bargaining unit position during the preceding thirty (30) day period. The list will include names, job titles and dates of employment for all such employees.

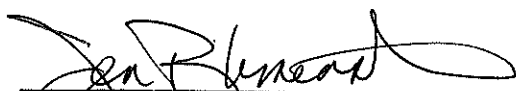
ARTICLE XIV DURATION

The terms of this Agreement shall be January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026.


ATTEST:


BOROUGH OF GARWOOD


Nenette Perry, Borough Clerk
1/27/2025


Jen Blumenstock, Mayor

PBA LOCAL #117


Chris Czachorowski, President


PBA Supervisor Representative

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Resolution No. 3108 Adopted December 9, 1975

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GARWOOD, NEW JERSEY

DECEMBER 9, 1975

their spouses, as well as the payment of health insurance premiums required by the program, on a basis comparable to the reimbursement made by the State to its eligible pensioners and their spouses in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 75, Public Laws of 1972.

- d. require the local employer to pay the full cost of such premiums and Medicare charges.

3. We hereby agree to pay the premium or periodic charges for the benefits provided to all eligible retired employees and their dependents covered under the program, but not including survivors, if such employees retired from a State or locally-administered retirement system effective after the date the employer adopted the State Health Benefits Program on a benefit based on 25 years or more of service credited in such retirement system, ~~excepting the employees who elected deferred retirement~~, but including the employees who retired on disability pensions based on fewer years of service credited in such retirement system and also to reimburse such retired employees for their premium charges under Part B of the Federal Medicare Program covering the retired employees and their spouses in accordance with the regulations of the State Health Benefits Commission.

4. This resolution shall provide for an effective date not earlier than the first day of the month, at least 90 days following the receipt of such resolution by the Health Benefits Bureau in the State Division of Pensions.

Motion for adoption duly seconded by Councilman Jones, whereupon Mayor Horbacz directed roll call. AYES: Councilmen Alimonti, Costello, Egles, Councilwoman Gurrieri, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Mann. Unanimously carried.

which shows the percentages attained by said members for a period of one year from December 1, 1974 to November 30, 1975 be made a part hereof.

Motion for adoption duly seconded upon motion by Councilwoman Mann, whereupon Mayor Horbacz directed roll call. AYES: Councilmen Alimonti, Costello, Egles, Councilwoman Gurrieri, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Mann. Unanimously carried.

Moving its adoption Councilman Alimonti introduced the following resolution:

Addendum A - Page 1 of 2

Adopted December 9, 1975

RESOLUTION NO. 3108

A RESOLUTION to adopt the provisions of Chapter 88, Public Laws of 1974 to permit local public employers to pay the premium charges for certain eligible pensioners and their dependents and to pay Medicare charges for such retirants and their spouses covered by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program.

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Borough of Garwood, Union County hereby elects to adopt the provisions of Chapter 88, Public Laws of 1974 and adhere to the rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission to implement the provisions of the law.

2. We hereby acknowledge that the rules and regulations of the State Health Benefits Commission established that Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 does:

- a) apply to all eligible present and future pensioners of the employer and their dependents.
- b) continue as long as the state is paying the cost of its eligible pensioners and their dependents in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 75, Public Laws of 1972.
- c) provide for local employer reimbursement of federal Medicare premiums for eligible pensioners and/or

ADDENDUM B

RESOLUTION NO. 07-210

ADOPTED MAY 22, 2007

TWO PAGE DOCUMENT ATTACHED HERETO

HR-0428-0508

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - DIVISION OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

New Jersey State Health Benefits Program

PO BOX 288
TRENTON, NJ 08625-0288

RESOLUTION No. 07-210

A RESOLUTION to adopt the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.38 under which a public employer may agree to pay for the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) coverage of certain retirees.

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Borough of Garwood - County of Union - ID #092700

(CORPORATE NAME OF EMPLOYER - COUNTY - STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM ID NUMBER)

hereby elects to adopt the provisions of NJSA 52:14-17.38 and adhere to the rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission to implement the provisions of that law. This resolution affects employees as shown on the attached Chapter 48 Resolution Addendum. It is effective on the 1st day of January 1, 2007.

(MONTH)

(YEAR)

We are aware that adoption of this resolution does not free us of the obligation to pay for post-retirement medical benefits of retirees or employees who qualified for those payments under any Chapter 88 or Chapter 48 Resolution adopted previously by this governing body.

We agree that this Resolution will remain in effect until properly amended or revoked with the State Health Benefits Program. We recognize that, while we remain in the State Health Benefits Program, we are responsible for providing the payment for post-retirement medical coverage as listed in the attached Chapter 48 Resolution Addendum for all employees who qualify for this coverage while this Resolution is in force.

We understand that we are required to provide the Division of Pensions and Benefits complete copies of all contracts, ordinances, and resolutions that detail post-retirement medical payment obligations we undertake. We also recognize that we may be required to provide the Division with information needed to carry out the terms of this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union

Borough of Garwood
CORPORATE NAME OF EMPLOYER

403 South Avenue
ADDRESS

on the 22nd day of May, 2007

Garwood, NJ 07027

Attest: Christina M. Ariemma
SIGNATURE

Approved: Dennis J. McCarthy, Mayor

Christina M. Ariemma, Municipal Clerk
OFFICIAL TITLE

908-789-0710
TELEPHONE NUMBER

ADDENDUM C

SALARY GUIDE

Step	2023	2024	2025	2026
Probation	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000
1	50,000	51,250	52,532	53,845
2	55,651	57,043	58,469	59,930
3	61,508	63,046	64,622	66,238
4	67,366	69,050	70,776	72,546
5	73,223	75,053	76,930	78,853
6	79,080	81,057	83,083	85,160
7	84,937	87,060	89,237	91,467
8	90,795	93,064	95,391	97,776
9	96,651	99,068	101,544	104,083
10	102,508	105,071	107,698	110,390
Sergeant	111,523	114,869	118,315	121,864
Lieutenant	116,110	119,593	123,181	126,876
Captain	121,609	125,257	129,015	132,885

*Effective January 1, 2018, a stipend of \$3500.00 per year will be afforded to an officer assigned as a detective. The stipend shall be paid out in equal bi-weekly payments in the officer's base pay. Should the officer be removed from the assignment, the stipend shall terminate and the officer no longer afforded same.