

## WORK SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

Mayor Cosgrove called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Cosgrove, Deputy Mayors Baratta, Deputy Mayor Trawinski (late), Councilmembers Peluso and Swain.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Acting Manager Van Kruijning, Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski and Attorney Mondello.

### **CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION:**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Baratta and a second by Councilmember Swain, the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 7:35 p.m.

**WHEREAS;** the Open Public Meeting act of the State of New Jersey permits the public to be excluded from certain matters to be discussed by the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS;** the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn desire to discuss Pending Litigation – Tax Appeal Sandvik; and

**WHEREAS;** these matters are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussions; and

**WHEREAS;** minutes will be taken during this closed session and once the need for confidentiality no longer exists the minutes will be available to the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn that the public be excluded since these matters as set forth above are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussions.

Deputy Mayor Trawinski arrived at 7:40 p.m.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

### **RADBURN SCHOOL PTA 5K**

Councilmember Swain stated they received a letter from the Radburn PTA president, who indicated that they were interested in having a 5K run to raise money for a playground. She recently learned that the students do not have access to the nearby playground.

Julie Kossoy, 17-06 Alden Terrace, from Radburn PTA stated that the 5K run was planned for April 27<sup>th</sup>. The playground is owned by the Radburn Association and the school does not have access to it. Mayor Cosgrove stated that the Sunrise Rotary has offered to help.

Acting Manager Van Kruijning asked if the race was taking place in the area of Radburn School. Ms. Kossoy confirmed that. She was waiting for the town's approval so that the route could be coordinated. Acting Manager Van Kruijning suggested that she contact him and speak with OEM Coordinator Demeraski, similar to the steps taken with the January 1<sup>st</sup> Run. They will also coordinate with the Police. He advised her that there will be some costs involved. He asked if there will be any intersection or traffic lights involved. Ms. Kossoy stated that there will not be any intersections, as they will be staying between Fair Lawn Avenue, Radburn Road and Saddle River Road.

Councilmember Peluso asked if Ms. Kossoy reached out to the Board of Education for funding. Ms. Kossoy stated that they had not spoken to the Board as there were some PTA funds allocated to the program. Councilmember Peluso stated that he was on the Shared Services Committee with the Board of Education. He will bring this up at the November meeting. Ms. Kossoy stated that they were using this event as a fundraiser. It was not a school event. The PTA has their own budget and funds. Mayor Cosgrove clarified that Councilmember Peluso wondered if the Board would help offset the Borough's cost, as they would have to supply Police and DPW employees to barricade streets. He felt it was a good idea to bring this up at the Shared Services meetings.

Councilmember Swain suggested that the PTA contact the Fair Lawn Rotary Club through Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski, as they might be interested in helping as well. Mayor Cosgrove clarified that Sunrise Rotary was going to help with logistics, since they have organized runs. Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated that she mentioned this at the last Executive Board meeting as a worthy project. They might be able to purchase some equipment. Councilmember Swain felt the PTA should come back in November to update the Council as to who is going to be involved and the associated costs. Councilmember Peluso felt the PTA needed to find funding as quickly as possible.

There was unanimous consensus that Radburn PTA continue planning for their 5K Run.

#### **PETITION RE SPEEDING ON LYNCREST AVENUE**

Traffic Safety Officer Franco and Interim Chief Cauwels were present.

Deputy Mayor Trawinski stated that he respectfully disagreed with Traffic Safety Officer Franco's suggestions, which were tried years ago and did not work. As a resident of Lyncrest Avenue he has firsthand knowledge of how dangerous the intersection is. Residents on Orchard Street received a mid-block stop sign even though the manual on traffic control devices did not permit it.

The intersection has poor visibility and drivers must pull out into the corner in order to see the traffic. Stop signs do not attract attention because when they get knocked down, they are replaced either too high or too low. When they do detours off River Road, they fail to post warning signs to appropriately direct traffic and many drivers run the stop signs and end up on his lawn or his neighbors' lawn.

He has complained about this intersection for many years and has heard all the stories and excuses. The time has come for the Council to say that while they appreciate what Traffic Safety Officer Franco is saying, the street needs appropriate speed tables both before and after the intersection to slow traffic. They need to look at obstructions to the existing sight line and have the Engineer look to see if there are corrective actions that the Property Code Enforcement Official can take. They should also consider restricted parking so vehicles such as landscaping trucks do not park at the corner and hinder the site line.

He reiterated his belief that speed tables are the only effective way to reduce speeding. Although it is a one way street, he suggested installing a stop sign heading southbound on Lyncrest at Willow to interface with the speed tables.

Interim Chief Cauwels stated that they put out the mechanism to gauge the number of cars going down the road and their speed, and the preliminary data shows that Lyncrest Avenue may qualify for a speed table. Traffic Safety Officer Franco stated that the data they have is contradictory to what Deputy Mayor Trawinski was saying. There have been six crashes in five years at the intersection. One accident was minor, two had no injuries and three had injuries. There are no accidents that they are unaware of unless someone bumped someone and drove away. Deputy Mayor Trawinski stated that cars have driven into his bushes and up his lawn twice in the last two years and once into his neighbor's bushes when the Police were not called and they just worked things out. However, his son's camera's system can now record the intersection and will be able to provide data.

Councilmember Swain asked if the crashes are occurring more frequently now than in the past. Traffic Safety Officer Franco there has been one accident a year on average, occurring at random times during the day. Drivers stopped at stops signs, did not see approaching vehicles and pulled out in front of them. Deputy Mayor Trawinski stated that drivers have to pull up ten to 15 feet when headed westbound to be able to get a clear view down Lyncrest. Traffic Safety Officer

Franco stated that was the case at many intersections. Under the manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices the street does not meet the criteria for a multi-approach stop sign.

Preliminary data from a device placed on September 12<sup>th</sup> indicates the street qualifies for a speed table. In order for him to decide where to place the speed table to adequately slow traffic, he has to capture data from the 4 and 3 block and also down by St. Anne's. The area may qualify for more than one speed table. They cannot exceed more than 3,000 vehicles per day in order to install a table.

They do not do enforcement when they are capturing data because they want to record accurate speeds. They will capture real data from several locations on a street. He then turns on the display which will show the actual speed and speeders will slow down. The device is turned off and after a week or two the speeds start increasing again and that is when they do enforcement. This keeps the speed down for a couple of months.

They use the 85 percentile of speed, which mean they pick 85% of the vehicles and knock off the bottom 15%, so as not to include vehicles that are stopping or turning at a low speed. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile on Lyncrest is 30 mph, and the average speed is less than 24 mph. There are between 800 and 1000 vehicles traveling per day in one direction. In terms of speeding, those rates are not very high.

Traffic Safety Officer Franco discussed speed tables in other locations in town. Deputy Mayor Trawinski stated that the two speed tables on Southern Drive were very effective. Traffic Safety Officer Franco stated that the object of a speed table is not to reduce the speed below the posted speed limit. Drivers are not expected to drive at 10 mph, but rather at the posted speed of 25 mph. Drivers do not have to hit the brakes.

Councilmember Swain felt it was obvious that something had to be done. She respects what Traffic Safety Officer Franco has said and done, but she has heard Deputy Mayor Trawinski express concern about this matter many times in the past six years. She wondered if the blinking stop sign could also be used in conjunction with the speed table. Deputy Mayor Trawinski felt it would get the drivers' attention. Traffic Safety Officer Franco stated that he was examining data for the flashing stop signs that exist. There have not been any crashes at Ellis and 12<sup>th</sup> Street since signs were installed there. The sign is designed to alert motorists to stop. They have asked DPW to trim the trees near the stop sign. He reiterated that the data does not warrant any additional stop control.

Deputy Mayor Baratta stated that she appreciated Traffic Safety Officer Franco's thorough explanation of the procedure he follows. She asked how long it would

take to collect the additional data. Traffic Safety Officer Franco stated that the Borough has a written policy regarding speed tables, which are usually installed in conjunction with their paving program due to the cost involved. If a roadway is slated for repaving, they will wait to install the speed table rather than pay to have it ripped up and reinstalled. If Lyncrest Avenue is not scheduled to be paved for another ten years, it will be added to the list of other requests for speed tables. Deputy Mayor Baratta asked if speed tables already installed will have to be ripped up when the road is repaved. Traffic Safety Officer Franco confirmed that they would.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that since this is a serious issue he felt the Council may consider spending some extra money. He wanted to make sure that by installing speed bumps on Lyncrest they would not be pushing traffic to surrounding streets such as Summit Avenue or 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Traffic Safety Officer Franco stated that was the primary complaint when they installed a signal light at Morlot and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Speed tables cannot be installed on 17<sup>th</sup> Street unless they go against DOT regulations, as more than 3,000 cars travel on the road daily.

Deputy Mayor Baratta asked if there have been complaints about the brightness of the flashing stop signs. Traffic Safety Officer Franco stated that they did receive some initially. He needs to review the actual print out but a preliminary look at the data box shows that crashes are up at Berdan and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Cosgrove asked if Interim Chief Cauwels and Traffic Safety Officer Franco can report back once they have their data. They need to consider Deputy Mayor Trawinski's comments and look at all options to keep the residents safe. Councilmember Peluso asked if Acting Manager Van Kruijning could notify the Council as to when Lyncrest is schedule to be paved.

Acting Manager Van Kruijning asked that the residents present from Lyncrest Avenue be allowed to speak.

There was consensus to allow the residents from Lyncrest Avenue to speak instead of waiting for Public Comments.

John Durso, 3-10 Lyncrest Avenue emphasized that it has become a crisis. Residents have sat in the middle of the street yelling at drivers to slow down because speeding has become commonplace. It is unacceptable. He appreciated the Council moving this towards a solution.

Tom Calabrese, 2-36 Cyril Avenue stated he has seen numerous accidents. When he drives to the intersection of Cyril and Willow Street he comes to a complete stop, even though there is no stop sign because of too many near accidents. He

suggested installing a blinking stop sign at the intersection of Willow Street and Cyril Avenue.

Scott Epstein, 3-23 Lyncrest Avenue suggested speaking to St. Anne's Church and School since parents were the worst offenders. No one comes to a complete stop at Willow Street. The intersections at the surrounding streets are also busy as residents use them as a cut through. He appreciated everyone's efforts, but pointed out that the data collection was skewed this weekend because of St. Anne's festival. Deputy Mayor Trawinski stated that as a trustee of St. Anne's Parish, he would be willing to speak to Father Joe and Ms. Stacchiotti, the principal.

Dr. Stacy McClusky-Durso, 3-10 Lyncrest Avenue thanked the Council for their attention. She asked them to use common sense as children's lives are in danger if steps aren't taken. The cost of the measures is less than the cost of a life. She asked the paving schedule be switched so that the speed tables could be installed now. Mayor Cosgrove stressed that the Council understood the urgency of the situation. They would not let the paving schedule stop them from trying to resolve the problem.

Deputy Mayor Trawinski stated that he respects Traffic Safety Officer Franco and knows the energy he puts into traffic safety. However, they heard similar comments when the residents on Orchard Street asked for a one way stop sign. He also heard that they could not shut the traffic light on Route 208 at McBride Avenue. When a woman was killed at the intersection, Mayor Keith told the DOT that the light was being shut down. He was willing to be patient and see the solutions first but agreed that there needed to be a common sense solution.

Traffic Safety Officer Franco stated that they needed to look at things globally. The accident on Route 208 was the conglomeration of many things. Originally the Borough did not want it closed because of the traffic burden it would place on Fair Lawn Avenue. They have to address all the issues. They have a legitimate complaint but so does 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Summit Avenue, Henderson Blvd. and many others. They cannot arbitrarily go out and do things since they do not have enough funds. He asked if the Council was prepared to say yes to every neighborhood that came out and asked for a speed table. Mayor Cosgrove stated that they will review the data that he provides. It is one case at a time.

#### **SELF STORAGE/U-HAUL FACILITY BEHIND ARCADIA ROAD HOMES**

Attorney Mondello explained that the Saddle Brook Zoning Board adjourned the application. The applicant's attorney indicated that they had heard Fair Lawn's complaints and will work with the County on a drainage solution. The Zoning Board Chairman stated that they would not go forward until there was a resolution proposed for the water situation. He asked the Council for guidance as to the

level of involvement. Ms. Bergailo's fees would be \$2,750 and Attorney Rosenberg would be paid \$100 per hour.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that over the weekend he received several calls about the flooding on Arcadia. This was a concern because of the set back shown on the drawings. When there is flooding on Arcadia, the UPS trucks go by and create a wake that pushes the water into those homes. He asked Acting Manager Van Kruiningen if they could block the street during flash floods so it is not used as a through street. Deputy Mayor Trawinski suggested using Jersey barriers. Acting Manager Van Kruiningen stated that the Borough also had them.

Deputy Mayor Trawinski thought they should be fully involved in the application as the impact on the nearby streets could be substantial. They needed to be vigilant and watchful. It was worth having Attorney Rosenberg appear with Cheryl Bergailo. There is also an aesthetic impact on the nearby homes as the site is enormous and deep.

Councilmember Swain stated that she was hesitant to spend taxpayer's money. She would like to wait and see before bringing in Ms. Bergailo. Attorney Mondello stated that the Council was concerned about the drainage, but it appears that the problem is going to be solved. Deputy Mayor Trawinski was not so sure it will be resolved.

Mayor Cosgrove suggested having Attorney Rosenberg monitor the case without hiring Ms. Bergailo. Attorney Mondello stated that the very nature of the water problem will take time and will not be solved in a month or two. Mayor Cosgrove stated that they also need to be mindful of the quality of life for the Fair Lawn residents who will now have a 40 foot building in their backyard. Attorney Mondello will advise Attorney Rosenberg that he is to object to this project.

There was consensus to have Attorney Rosenberg monitor this matter.

### **BERGEN COUNTY HISTORY GRANT APPLICATION**

Felice Koplik, Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission was present.

Acting Manager Van Kruiningen stated that the Bergen County 2014 History Grant Program was now available and the declaration of intent to file is due on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Commission has proposed publishing a brochure to educate Fair Lawn and Bergen County residents about historic sites in Fair Lawn. The preliminary cost of the project is approximately \$4,000. They will be requesting a \$2,000 grant from the County grant. Since the Commission does not have a budget, the \$2,000 matching funds would have to come out of the Mayor and Council's budget.

Deputy Mayor Trawinski recused himself.

Councilmember Swain thought the Council had already approved the brochure. Acting Manager Van Kruningen stated that this project had to be held over since they missed last year's deadline to submit a declaration of intent to file.

There was consensus to provide the \$2,000 matching funds for the Historic Commission's brochures from the Mayor and Council's budget.

### **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilmember Swain stated that her thoughts were with the families in Washington, D. C. who were impacted by last night's tragedy. Something must be done about gun control.

She attended the Community Garden on Sunday, where they were having an end of season picnic comprised of food items from the garden. Every plot is taken. She felt they should consider having a second Community Garden as the program is a success.

The Arts Council is accepting photographs for their expo until September 21<sup>st</sup>. They are planning an Art Show to showcase the work of Fair Lawn residents and are searching for locations to display the work. They discussed using the Community Center but there is a problem with hanging items. Mayor Cosgrove stated that there was a hanging system that must be used. Councilmember Swain stated that the gallery at the Library is booked a year in advance. She wondered about displaying the pictures in Borough Hall.

The ADA Meeting and the Green Team meeting were postponed. Both groups are meeting Thursday night. She and Acting Manager Van Kruningen attended the RRIC meeting last week. She updated the group on the various items Council was working on. RRIC is still focusing on shopping locally and promoting local realtors, retails, office space, etc.

Councilmember Peluso stated that the Garden Committee is doing weeding at the Recycling Center and clearing things out for next year. The Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention will be meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month. There was no meeting in August.

Deputy Mayor Trawinski stated that the BIC met on September 12<sup>th</sup> but he missed the meeting due to the heavy rains that evening. The agenda indicated that the Board received a draft audit report from its Auditor, which shows everything is in order. Charles Tregidgo, the Treasurer, is doing a good job. The BIC got web posting reports which can be distributed to the Council if anyone would like to see

it. They also received their public relations report in addition to its normal financial statement.

He attended last week's Planning Board meeting but recused himself on two items. He asked if he could report of the items in his capacity as liaison. Attorney Mondello stated that he could. Deputy Mayor Trawinski stated that a conceptual application was submitted for a handicap accessible ramp at 11-26 Saddle River Road. The Board had numerous questions on the location of the ramp. The owner of the property did not show up so the Board will have to revisit this. The applicant will be informed that conceptually the Board is in favor of a handicap ramp but felt there were better locations.

The impervious coverage ordinance was reviewed by the Planning Board, whose recommendation will be forwarded to the Council by Cathy Hochkeppel. He was also recused on this matter. The Board Secretary reported on a Food Handler's application from the owner of Sugar Flake bakery, who requested permission to go into the space previously occupied by Verizon where he would retail items. No baking would be done on sight. The ordinance allows the Board secretary to send applicants straight for a C.O. provided the application is compliant and there are no changes, which shows that Fair Lawn is a business-friendly town.

He concluded by stating that the Board discussed the first 41 pages of the Master Plan and a number of suggestions were made. There was good input received in advance from the Historic Preservation Commission and the Environmental Commission. Ms. Bergailo will notify the Board when the first draft of the entire Master Plan will be completed so that they can begin scheduling hearing. Four public hearings were included in Ms. Bergailo's and Boswell Engineering's contract. The Board was leaning towards late October or mid-November. They were very appreciative of the initial work and there will be a series of ordinance changes for the Council to consider if they adopt the Master Plan, such as strengthening the powers of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Deputy Mayor Baratta stated that the Environmental Commission reviewed the list of contaminated properties in Fair Lawn and received updates on the Westmoreland Well Field site. The 501(c)3 Committee meets tomorrow. She got caught in the flashflood last week for two hours and the dispatchers she had to call were wonderful. The Route 208 overpass at Berdan Avenue was flooded and emergency responders were helping two flooded cars whose occupants were on the roof.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that the Gold Sale sponsored by the Community Center 501(c)3 Committee raised over \$1,000. The next fundraiser is Wednesday at Sage Restaurant, who will give them 10% of the lunch and dinner check proceeds. Participants must present a flyer. There is another meeting tomorrow evening.

The Fire Department has received the two new pieces of apparatus. Engine 1 and Engine 4 are in the Borough garage, where the membership is training on the equipment. The trucks should be in service in the next two weeks. Company #3 is having a golf outing a week from Friday and a beefsteak will follow. Company #4 is having a pig roast at the Dutch House on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

He, Councilmember Peluso, Acting Manager Van Kruijning, Interim Chief Cauwels and Superintendent Graff met to discuss Trunk or Treat, which was a success last year. This year's event will be held in the large parking lot at Memorial Park from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Manager's office will send a flyer to the Board of Education.

He stated that he is receiving numerous noise complaints from a new nightclub that has opened up in Paterson. He asked Attorney Mondello to look into how they can enforce their noise ordinance on Friday and Saturday nights. Attorney Mondello thought the complaints had to be filed in Paterson, not Fair Lawn. Acting Manager Van Kruijning stated that the complaints are coming in after 11:00 p.m.

Councilmember Swain asked if anyone has tried speaking with the owner. Deputy Mayor Trawinski felt that would be an excellent first step. Acting Manager Van Kruijning noticed that there is an outdoor eating area towards the river. Mayor Cosgrove will call.

The Shade Tree Commission received a proposal from resident Cornell Christianson, who offered to form a Shade Tree Walking Committee. The Commission was concerned because there were eight different walks and most were on Board of Education property. Approval would be needed. They felt the Tree Walking Committee should be a sub-committee of the Shade Tree Commission and not an independent committee. Cornell Christianson could submit quarterly reports rather than attend monthly meetings as he suggested. Mr. Christianson drafted a resolution saying walks would be free, but if someone wanted to pay the guide they could. Both he and the Shade Tree Commission were against that.

Deputy Mayor Baratta questioned what Mr. Christianson would be reporting about. Mayor Cosgrove explained this was a walking project that engaged various groups such as the Boy Scouts. They want to put up signs identifying the types of trees. Mr. Christianson will advertise the walks in the paper. Deputy Mayor Baratta did not like the idea and worried about liability. Deputy Mayor Trawinski stated that he did not want to sanction this as an official Borough activity.

There was unanimous consensus not to sanction the Tree Walk as an official Borough event.

Deputy Mayor Trawinski referenced Alexa Nicolau, the student who wants to distribute reflective wrist bands to commuters. He noted that the County's Division of Highway Safety has 2,000 wrist bands received through a grant that they are willing to give to Fair Lawn. He gave Mayor Cosgrove the contact information for Lt. DiRienzo. Mayor Cosgrove stated that there is a company in Hawthorne that read the article and would like to donate 500 wristbands. The owner of the Rail Yard coming into the old Trackside location also wants to purchase some bands to hand out. Councilmember Swain noted that that the wristbands are great for cyclists, too. Deputy Mayor Baratta suggested asking the houses of worship to distribute them to their members.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that he would meet with Alexa again as she and her friends would like to help distribute the bands to commuters.

Councilmember Swain stated that the Borough of Ridgewood received approval from the DEP to install an ADA ramp at Graydon Pool. She felt they were instrumental in helping that cause.

#### **REVIEW OF TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated that there are a number of contracts that have to be signed with CBDG, including one at the Senior Center and Road Resurfacing. The resolutions will be on non-consent. Deputy Mayor Trawinski stated that he also needed the bid for Beyer Bros. to be placed on non-consent as they were once a client. Mayor Cosgrove asked if he could vote on item a. regarding a state contract for fire equipment. Attorney Mondello stated that he should recuse himself. Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski will remove the resolution from the Consent Agenda.

She asked if minutes have to be on non-consent if a Councilmember has recused him or herself from an item. Attorney Mondello stated that the minutes could be on the Consent Agenda because they reflected the recusals. Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated that the minutes of August 20<sup>th</sup> will be in tomorrow's packets. Two weeks ago she forgot to put the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with Sunsys, LLC for the right of way on the agenda. She also stated that she is adding a resolution authorizing the shared services agreement with Elmwood Park for the Construction Official.

She asked about the Mayor's request for a proclamation for Cutters' Day on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Cosgrove stated that proclamation could be presented on October 8<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the reason that Fair Lawn High School teams are called the Cutters is because 70 years ago students cut class before a game. Deputy Mayor Baratta felt they were condoning this incident. Councilmember Swain agreed. History is always interesting but she did not feel a proclamation was

appropriate. Mayor Cosgrove stated that rather than issuing a proclamation he will mention the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary during Council Comments.

### **CAMPBELL STREET LOTS OWNED BY THE BOROUGH**

Councilmember Peluso discussed the two lots they tried to sell a year ago. He spoke to a few realtors who felt the price was too high. He suggested reducing the price of the lots from \$175,000 to \$150,000.

There was consensus to auction the lots again at a reduced cost of \$150,000.

Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski will send letters notifying the nearby residents of the price reduction.

### **BERKSHIRE ROAD**

Councilmember Peluso stated that several residents had complained about motorists speeding down Berkshire Road. He asked Acting Manager Van Kruijning if the Police could look into this.

There was consensus to have Acting Manager Van Kruijning ask the Police Department to look into speeding on Berkshire Road.

### **ASSEMBLY BILL A-248/SENATE BILL S-2458 DEFEATED SCHOOL BUDGET DEADLINE**

Councilmember Swain stated that although the bill does not currently pertain to them because they are not voting on the school budget they may want to consider sending a letter to Senator Gordon asking him to support changing the deadline.

There was consensus to send a letter to Senator Gordon as discussed above.

### **PORTABLE BASKETBALL HOOPS IN ROADWAY**

Acting Manager Van Kruijning stated that he was approached by Property Maintenance, Recycling and the Road Department as leaf removal is about to begin and snow plowing is around the corner. He asked the Council's permission to prepare a letter that would be sent to 86 residents, reminding them to remove the hoops from the right of way to allow for efficient cleaning.

There was consensus to allow Acting Manager Van Kruijning to prepare a letter asking that portable hoops be removed from the roadway.

**BROADWAY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

Don Smartt and Charles Tregidgo were present.

Acting Manager Van Kruningen referenced his email regarding professional services for the continuation of engineering costs for the Broadway bump outs. Unless they move this along they face the risk of losing two NJDOT grants totaling \$296,000. CFO Palermo has certified that funds are available for this additional professional service. Deputy Mayor Trawinski stated that there was no reason not to do this since the BIC has not changed their position. Mr. Smartt confirmed that.

Mr. Smartt stated that the problem the Borough has experienced with the technical department of NJDOT is truly disappointing. It has delayed the project two years, nearly doubled the costs from the amount the Borough had budgeted and has taken what they had hoped would be a minimum of four intersection improvements and whittled it down to one. However, the BIC wants to continue this commitment in spite of the problems caused by NJDOT. They will continue to advocate for the Hawk lights and are moving forward with adding pedestrian lights underneath at their cost. Elmwood Park has made a commitment of \$20,000 to match the Borough's funds and an additional \$3,000 to help install lighting under their portion of the roadway.

He expressed chagrin with the NJDOT. Broadway cancelled a program they worked on for two years to put a "Welcome to Fair Lawn" sign on the roadway, because the cost of putting the sign was \$5,000 but the cost for a flagman was \$1,000 a day for three days. They thought it was unconscionable to raise the cost of the investment.

There was consensus that the bump outs on Broadway proceed.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Bob Beshlian reported that a sign was going up. Mr. Smartt explained that they were putting a new gateway sign, which doesn't require State permission.

**MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Craig Miller, 5 Ramapo Terrace stated that the Planning Board gave consent to the pervious pavers but the homeowner can only go over 10% one time. He has seen the Zoning Board be very lenient and wondered if a new Board would adhere to that. Deputy Mayor Trawinski explained that they meant one time in the context that as right now the impervious coverage could go from 35% to 45% if they used pervious pavers.

Mr. Miller stated that he noticed hedges in the Radburn area that are in the line of site and are in excess of three feet. Mayor Cosgrove suggested Mr. Miller give Acting Manager Van Kruiningen a list so he could look into it. Deputy Mayor Trawinski stated the grass at the Medical Arts Center at Summit and Broadway is two feet high and needs to be cut. Acting Manager Van Kruiningen will follow up.

Ruth Gormans, 39-37 Sycamore Drive thanked Mayor Cosgrove for riding on the mini bus. She gave him some pictures which showed that residents utilized the minibus for shopping and other trips. Although Councilwoman Swain's taxi was a nice idea, she felt the minibus was more helpful. The riders know each other and offer each other support. She was concerned that the word about the minibus was not getting out.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that he enjoyed his trip on the mini bus and noted that the Council had voted to purchase a new minibus. Ms. Gorman felt the route is difficult. Mayor Cosgrove stated that they would be eliminating the dead area where no one ever gets on. Mayor Cosgrove stated that the Council understood and was working towards a solution.

Acting Manager Van Kruiningen stated that he was informed by Interim Chief Cauwels that the two intergovernmental transfers from Paterson are going to be signed off Thursday and will be on their own and two of the three recruits from the Academy are on their own, with the third expected to be on his own in a week or ten days.

He stated that Attorney Mondello dropped off the keys to the Second Street property, which the Borough now owns. Electricity, water and gas will be turned off. He would like to begin demolition in the next four to six weeks and Engineering is obtaining some price quotes. Mayor Cosgrove asked about having the Fire Department do training at the house. Acting Manager Van Kruiningen stated that OEM Coordinator Demeraski had already approached him about this, but he was concerned because he was unsure about the structure and safety of the home. He would prefer that the first responders work on the exterior of the house.

Councilmember Swain asked about the three recruits going out of their own. She wondered if that was based on each individual's readiness. Acting Manager Van Kruiningen stated that it was. Two of the recruits out of the academy were ahead of schedule in being signed off and the last recruit was on schedule.

Councilmember Swain stressed to Ms. Gormans that the Council's aim was to improve mini bus services.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Baratta and a second by Deputy Mayor Trawinski, the Work Session was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

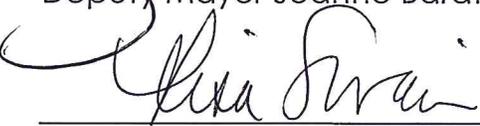
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Municipal Clerk

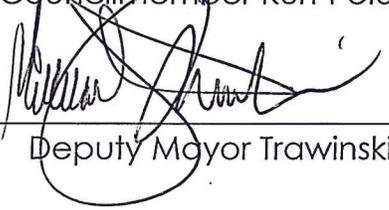
The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

  
Mayor John Cosgrove

  
Deputy Mayor Jeanne Baratta

  
Councilmember Lisa Swain

  
Councilmember Kurt Peluso

  
Deputy Mayor Trawinski

