

## REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

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

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, annual notice of all meetings of the Borough of Fair Lawn was published in "The Record" issue of December 14, 2012. Notices were also posted on the bulletin board located on the first floor of the Municipal Building; copies were mailed to The Community News and posted on the Borough of Fair Lawn website. The annual notice identified the meeting location and the time of Council Meetings and Work Sessions.

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

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

### **PROCLAMATIONS: GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY**

Municipal Clerk read the proclamation.

Mayor Cosgrove expressed his condolences to the McGill family from Ramsey on the loss of their son in Afghanistan.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Swain expressed her condolences to the McGill family. It is a tragedy. He certainly served his country very well. Last Tuesday she mentioned the shooting in the DC Navy Yard. Two days later the shooting in Chicago occurred. It is time for stronger gun control.

She, Mayor Cosgrove, Acting Police Chief Cauwels, OEM Coordinator Demeraski and Battalion Chief Yuskaitis were at Shop Rite last Wednesday doing their part to end hunger as baggers. A great deal of money was raised that day. She urged the community to do whatever they can to help those in need.

Councilmember Swain congratulated the winners of the Bergen County Utilities Authority Environmental Challenge grant including Pat Ward from Milnes School, Craig Cohen from Memorial and Susan Goldstein from Thomas Jefferson. She commended the teachers for their outstanding work.

Councilmember Swain announced that the ADA Committee will be holding another dance on Friday night at the Community Center. The newest liaison for the ADA Committee is the Garden State Grandmas. She mentioned that a portion of the funds raised at the Fair Lawn Rotary Pancake Breakfast on October 13 will be donated to the ADA Committee. That event will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. She

concluded by expressing her condolences to the Weinstein family who mourn the loss of former Mayor Weinstein's mother.

Councilmember Peluso also expressed his condolences to the Weinstein family and the McGill family. He noted that the League of Women Voters was registering voters at the Shoprite this morning. He thanked them for their hard work. Two days ago he saw Captain Kneer at the Warren Point School interacting with the students in a new program. Saturday he went to the opening day of Soccer. It is amazing the amount of time that the All Sports volunteers spend on the Borough's youth.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that he and Councilmember Swain cut the ribbon for the property at the corner of Blue Hill and Broadway which they purchased with Open Space funds. It was attended by some of the members of the Open Space Committee and Deputy Mayor Baratta was also present. Mayor Cosgrove was the emcee at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Athletic Hall of Fame dinner. This week is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of naming of the Cutter Football. He thanked the Lady Cutters and the boys Cutter soccer teams that worked with the special needs soccer teams.

Mayor Cosgrove continued that he had the honor of attending the Jewish War Veterans dinner. Mr. Fineberg from Elmwood Park liberated the concentration camp where Mr. Peck, a Fair Lawn resident was interred. Mr. Fineberg will be traveling to France to receive the Legion of Honor Medal.

The first Annual Community Garage sale will be held this Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Over 319 residents are participating. Participants are reminded that signs cannot be placed on telephone poles or trees or in the public right of way. A list of participating households is available in the Mayor's office, Borough Manager's office, Fair Lawn Senior Center, Community Center, the Library and on the Borough's website at [www.fairlawn.org](http://www.fairlawn.org). For more information contact the Acting Borough Manager.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Acting Manager Van Kruijning stated that there were no changes to the Manager's Report. Anyone with questions can contact his office.

## **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:**

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Councilmember Swain, it was unanimously agreed to read the following ordinance by title and open the time for public comments.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2293-2013  
(RESOLUTION NO. 327-2013)**

**AN ORDINANCE AND APPROPRIATING \$200,000 FOR THE  
COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM, COUNTY-WIDE ADA RAMPS, CURBS  
AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION CO-OPERATIVE FUNDED FROM  
THE BERGEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

There being no comments by the public, upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Councilmember Swain, it was unanimously agreed to close the time for public hearing.

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution No. 327-2013 adopting Ordinance No. 2293-2013 was discussed.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that the County Road work grant is for ADA ramps, curbs and sidewalks on Fair Lawn Avenue.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 327-2013 adopting Ordinance No. 2293 – 2013 was unanimously passed.

Deputy Mayor Baratta and Deputy Mayor Trawinski arrived at 7:46 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Councilmember Swain, the time for public comments on Agenda items only was opened.

There being no comments from the public, upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso, the time for public comments was unanimously closed.

**RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #21-2013**

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Trawinski, Consent Agenda 21-2013 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #328-2013 - Interlocal Services Agreement with  
Elmwood Park: Construction Official
- b. Resol. #329-2013 – Authorizing the Execution of a Memo of  
Understanding with the Central Bergen  
Mutual Aid Association to Install Radio Equipment
- c. Resol. #330-2013 – Award of Bid: Printed Supplies – Recycled  
Paper
- d. Resol. #331-2013 – Approval of Minutes:  
Work Session 8/5/13  
Special Meeting 8/5/13

Closed Session 8/5/13  
Regular Meeting 8/20/13  
Closed Session 8/20/13  
Work Session 8/20/13

- e. Resol. #332-2013 – Cancel Year 2013 Property Taxes 2-34 31<sup>st</sup> Street
- f. Resol. #333-2013 – Cancel Unexpended Capital Ordinance Balances
- g. Resol. #334-2013 – Award Contract for the Sale of Recyclables
- h. Resol. #335-2013 - Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- i. Resol. #336-2013 – Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement to Install Telecommunication Facilities in the Right-of-Way - Sunesys, LLC
- j. Resol. #337-2013 - Amending Professional Services Agreement - H2M Broadway Pedestrian Safety Improvements

**RESOLUTION NO. #338-2013 – AUTHORIZING PURCHASES WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS - SKYLANDS AREA FIRE EQUIPMENT & TRAINING (SAFE-T)**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Baratta and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution #338-2013 was approved, with Mayor Cosgrove recused.

**RESOLUTION NO. 339-2013 - AWARD OF BID: TWO (2) GMC SIERRA 4-WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP TRUCKS WITH FISCHER MOUNTED 2 "X" SNOW PLOWS OR APPROVED EQUAL**

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution #339-2013 was passed with Deputy Mayor Trawinski recused.

**RESOLUTION NO. 340-2013 - AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND GRANT CONTRACT - BERDAN GOVE INCLUSIONARY PLAYGROUND PHASE 1 (\$30,000)**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Baratta and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution #340-2013 was passed with Deputy Mayor Trawinski recused.

**RESOLUTION NO. 341-2013 - AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT CONTRACT - SENIOR CENTER GREASE TRAP/SEWER LINE**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Baratta and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution #341-2013 was passed with Deputy Mayor Trawinski recused.

**RESOLUTION NO. 342-2013 - AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF BERGEN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT CONTRACT  
- ROAD RESURFACING**

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Baratta, Resolution #342-2013 was passed with Deputy Mayor Trawinski recused.

**RESOLUTION NO. 309-2013 - CONFIRMATION OF FIRE BOARD ACTIONS**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Baratta and a second by Deputy Mayor Trawinski, Resolution #309-2013 was passed with Mayor Cosgrove recused.

**RESOLUTION NO. 325-2013 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING 7/16/13**

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Baratta, Resolution No. 325-2013 was passed with Mayor Cosgrove abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Baratta and a second by Councilmember Peluso, the time for Public Comments was unanimously opened.

Rich. Seibel, 33-07 Halsey Road thanked the Council for the Gold Star Mother Proclamation. The Gold Star is an emblem of honor and glory and symbolizes that a family member has made the supreme sacrifice for his or her country and has given what President Lincoln called "the last full measure of devotion to their Country's cause".

The 1984 Charter of the American Gold Star Mothers' Organization inculcates a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and Nation; inculcates lessons of patriotism and love of Country in communities and perpetuates the memories of those whose lives were sacrificed in our wars. No single group has sacrificed more than our service men and women's mothers, who instilled in them the values that made them brave, selfless volunteers. It is the mothers who shed their tears when their soldier doesn't call and cry when they do. It is the Gold Star mother who says "thank you" to the Marine who presents her with a folded American flag at the graveside of her young soldier.

It is our duty as Americans to support those who move towards the sound of the guns and, in doing so, we must also support their families or there will be no more volunteers. When you see these patriots at the airports, train stations and bus depots, please shake their hands and thank them for their service. Tell them to keep their heads down and call their mother.

He mentioned Staff Sergeant Tim McGill, 30 years old from Ramsey who was killed along with Staff Sergeant Liam Nevens, 32 years old of Denver, Colorado and Specialist Joshua Strickland, 23 years old from Woodstock, Georgia.

He concluded by stating that the ultimate Gold Star Mother is Alicia Sullivan whose five sons died when their ship was sunk on November 13, 1942 during WWII. He reiterated his thanks to the Council for doing the Gold Star Mother proclamation.

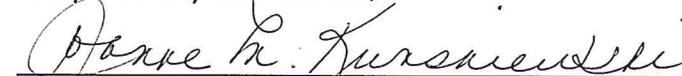
Mayor Cosgrove thanked Mr. Siebel for reminding them, as they live in a world where you sometimes forget the people who make these sacrifices for them. He remembers when Mr. Siebel's son was serving in the Marines how difficult it was for him and his wife. He admired him for living this everyday and for trying to help the families.

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Trawinski, the time for public comments was unanimously closed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

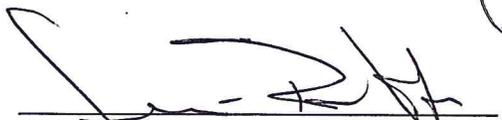
Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and second by Deputy Mayor Trawinski, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

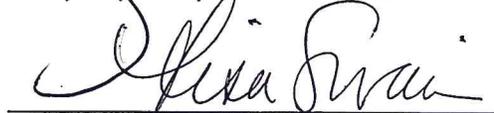
  
Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC,CMC,MMC  
Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

  
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Mayor John Cosgrove

  
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Deputy Mayor Jeanne Baratta

  
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Councilmember Kurt Peluso

  
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Councilmember Lisa Swain

  
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Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski