

REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 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 Mayor Trawinski (Late), Councilmembers Peluso and Swain.

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Baratta

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

PROCLAMATION: PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski read the proclamation.

Mayor Cosgrove expressed condolences to Superintendent of Elections Patricia DiConstanzo, whose husband recently died from Pancreatic Cancer. He noted that the Council was wearing purple ribbons in support of Pancreatic Cancer research and funding.

Andrea Millstein, a Fair Lawn resident, accepted the proclamation and read a statement on behalf of the North Jersey affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Ms. Millstein's husband, George, passed away from Pancreatic Cancer in February, 2011. Deaths from Pancreatic Cancer were increasing and it is expected to be the second leading cause of cancer death by 2020. She thanked the Council for bringing awareness to this disease. For more information, residents can contact Pancan.org.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked Mrs. Millstein for being an advocate.

Deputy Mayor Trawinski arrived at 7:35 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Peluso stated that Tuesday was Election Day. He encouraged residents to vote and have their voices heard. Although Super Storm Sandy took

place a year ago, there were people still suffering. He asked that residents continue to help out in whatever way possible.

Councilmember Swain stated that the Library was holding an Arts and Crafts Boutique on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The new mini bus program has been postponed to the beginning of the year. Residents with questions can see Acting Manager Van Kruijning.

She shared Councilmember Peluso's thoughts about Super Storm Sandy. Her heart goes out to those residents who are still suffering and trying to put their lives back together.

The ADA Committee is holding a dance, sponsored by the Veterans Council on November 22nd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Green Team will be awarding the Green Award to an individual at the November 26th Council Meeting. Tonight they will be voting to accept a \$2,000 grant on sustainability that was awarded to the Green Team, which will be used to purchase a tool shed for the Community Garden, rain barrels and materials for an anti-idling campaign.

She congratulated Traffic Safety Officer Franco, who received a special recognition award at the AAA Safety Awards Program at the Brownstone on October 23rd. Traffic Safety Officer Franco has been with the Borough for 30 years and has been a Traffic officer for the past 14 years. He is so compassionate to those who come to him with suggestions and complaints and he makes wonderful suggestions on how to make Fair Lawn safer.

Monday, November 11th is Veterans Day. There will be a ceremony at Borough Hall at 11:00 a.m.

She responded to comments made at a previous meeting by Pam Coles, who commended Deputy Mayor Trawinski and Deputy Mayor Baratta for establishing both the Historic Preservation Commission and the Open Space Committee, and saving the Naugle House. In reality Marty Etlar, Owen McCarthy, Deputy Mayor Trawinski and Deputy Mayor Baratta formed the Historic Preservation Commission with former Mayor Steve Weinstein. Mr. Weinstein also formed the Open Space Committee before Deputy Mayor Trawinski and Deputy Mayor Baratta were on the Council and he served as its co-chair with Owen McCarthy. Later on Deputy Mayor Trawinski joined the Committee as a liaison. Two million dollars in open space funds were raised under the Democratic majority.

Deputy Mayor Trawinski echoed Councilmember Peluso's comments regarding Election Day and Super Storm Sandy. He had family members who lost their year round home in South Jersey and he lost his second home in Ortley Beach. Of the 2,600 residences in Ortley Beach, all but 63 were impacted. There is a still a tremendous need throughout the entire State.

He reported that Governor Christie will be at the Senior Center tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. It is an open event. Halloween reminds him of Officer Collura's contribution of glow sticks, as depicted in the Memorial in front of Borough Hall. They should never forget that she gave her life for the residents of this town. He reminded residents to turn their clocks back next weekend for daylight savings.

He concluded by stating that he didn't care who got the credit for the Open Space Committee and saving the Naugle House.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that he attended the AAA Safety Awards Luncheon and saw Traffic Safety Officer Franco receive his award. Traffic Safety Officer Franco received a standing ovation at the event. He is recognized as a leading authority and resource on traffic safety. Fair Lawn also won an "Outstanding Achievement" award for traffic safety, which is a reflection on Traffic Safety Officer Franco and the entire Police Department.

He thanked the Chamber of Commerce for a wonderful street fair – it was a great day. He thanked Alexa Nicolau, a High School senior and her friends for handing out reflective wristbands at the train station. The bands were donated by a Hawthorne company, Luna Tagz. They also received 500 bands from the County Police, so more will be distributed in the future. He encouraged commuters to wear them, as pedestrian safety was an issue.

He noted that this is the 15th year that the Police have been distributing glow sticks to elementary students. The Borough is holding a "Trunk or Treat" at Memorial School from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Halloween evening. Participants must stay for the entire time period.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting Manager Van Kruijning stated that the Manager's report was submitted without change. Anyone with questions should call him.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Trawinski, it was unanimously agreed to read the following ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 2295-2013 (RESOLUTION NO. 352-2013)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, 2000, BY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 232 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE VIII, "TRAFFIC", MORE PARTICULARLY SECTION 232-54, TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Trawinski and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 352-2013 introducing Ordinance No. 2295-2013 was discussed.

Deputy Mayor Trawinski thanked Mr. Lang for attending tonight's meeting and last week's Work Session and Mr. Spiers for his initial inquiry regarding this matter. He also thanked Attorney Mondello and Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski for preparing the ordinance so quickly for tonight's agenda. He hoped that this would be adopted on November 26th and be put into effect.

Councilmember Swain stated that this is a dangerous intersection. The ordinance will prohibit right turns on red, which will make it safer for people crossing at the intersection. Although the Council was aware of this situation, this is another example of residents coming to them and everything coming together. Mayor Cosgrove stated they are also working with the County for other solutions since this is a County road. He thanked the Council for supporting this. Councilmember Peluso thought this was a good plan. He was proud to be on the Council. Residents from various sections of town have come forth with issues and the Council is always receptive.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 352-2013 introducing Ordinance No. 2295 - 2013 was unanimously passed.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:

Deputy Mayor Trawinski was recused.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2294-2013 (RESOLUTION NO. 353-2013)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT, ACCEPTANCE AND DEPOSIT OF FUNDS THEREFORE (BERDAN GROVE INCLUSIONARY PLAYGROUND PHASE I)

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. 353-2013 adopting Ordinance No. 2294-2013 was discussed.

Mayor Cosgrove explained that this is phase one of an inclusionary playground, which all children will be able to use. Once again Fair Lawn is taking the lead, as there are not many other communities that have inclusionary parks. He thanked the ADA Committee and its co-chairs, Steve Weinstein and Marianne Pettineo for moving forward with this initiative.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 353 -2013 adopting Ordinance No. 2294 – 2013 was unanimously passed.

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 #23-2013

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Councilmember Swain, Consent Agenda 23-2013 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #354-2013 – Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- b. Resol. #355-2013 – Name Change – Radio Repair and Maintenance Contract
- c. Resol. #356-2013 – National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- d. Resol. #357-2013 – Approval of Minutes:
Closed Session 9/17/13
Work Session 9/17/13
Regular Meeting 9/24/13
- e. Resol. #358-2013 – Award of Bid: Tree Trimming
- f. Resol. #359-2013 – Award of Bid: Tree and Stump Removal
- g. Resol. #360-2013 – Authorizing Demolition of 4-50 2nd Street Property
- h. Resol. #361-2013 – Requesting Approval of a Special Item of Revenue - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Energy Allocation Initiative
- i. Resol. #362-2013 - Authorizing Purchases with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors - AAA Emergency Supply
- j. Resol. #363-2013 - Requesting Approval of a Special Item of Revenue - Sustainable Jersey Capacity – Building Grant

- k. Resol. #364-2013 – Appointment to the Green Team Advisory Committee

**RESOLUTION NO. 365-2013 – URGING BERGEN COUNTY TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS
AT SADDLE RIVER ROAD AND FAIR LAWN AVENUE**

There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 365-2013 was passed, with Deputy Mayor Trawinski recused.

**RESOLUTION NO. 366-2013 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING
9/10/13**

There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution No. 366-2013 was passed, with Deputy Mayor Trawinski recused.

RESOLUTION NO. 367-2013 - CONFIRMATION OF FIRE BOARD ACTIONS

There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and Deputy Mayor Trawinski, Resolution No. 367-2013 was passed with Mayor Cosgrove recused.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Pam Coles, 13-34 George Street commended the job done by Borough employees, the Police, first responders and former Manager Metzler during Hurricane Sandy. She handed out emergency flyers to the residents on Chandler Drive, who were thankful to learn where to get a hot shower or cup of coffee.

She responded to Councilmember Swain's comments. She and other concerned residents have been coming to meetings since 2003 when the Naugle House was sold under Mayor Ganz and rezoned, and before any of the present Council was elected. They went to Council meetings, Planning Board meetings and Zoning Board meetings to save this historic site built in 1741 and prevent it from being torn down. She would do it all again as they still have more historic sites to save.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that one of the things they learned from Hurricane Irene and Super Storm Sandy is that it is important for residents to register with the Borough's 911 reverse call list and also provide a cell phone number.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Trawinski and second by Councilmember Peluso, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.



Mayor John Cosgrave

Absent

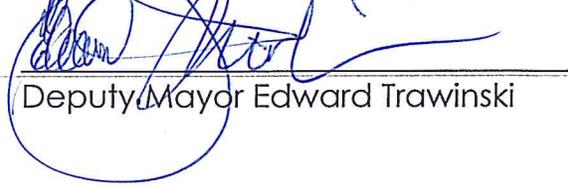
Deputy Mayor Jeanne Baratta



Councilmember Lisa Swain



Councilmember Kurt Peluso



Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski

