

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER BY THE TOWN CRIER:

Town Crier Tim Yuskaitis called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and made the following statement: My fellow Americans, the ethics of this County of ours is that is up to the people, for the people and by the people. The United States of America is a Republic, a Democracy and as such, we the people gather each November in the election of our officials of government. We thank these people for exercising their voting privilege. Today, on this 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord 2013, the great citizens of this town of Fair Lawn, which was built with a rich history and an overwhelming sense of community, were here to celebrate this election process by the installation of our elected officials. May God grant these honorable persons the wisdom, stamina, courage and devotion to duty for surely they will carry the torch of freedom and stand guard over this communities well being. Thank you!

PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES HONOR GUARD

FLAG SALUTE LED BY JACK DELANEY

INVOCATION BY RABBI LAPP

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT:

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: Councilmembers Baratta, Cosgrove, Peluso, Swain and Trawinski.

ALSO PRESENT: Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski and Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski.

VOCAL PERFORMANCE BY BRIDGET MARESCA:

Bridget Maresca sang the National Anthem.

NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR:

Councilmember Baratta and Councilmember Trawinski nominated Councilmember Cosgrove as Mayor.

ELECTION OF MAYOR:

There being no further nominations, the time for nominations was closed. Upon motion by Councilmember Baratta and a second by Councilmember Trawinski, Councilmember Cosgrove was unanimously elected Mayor for the year 2013.

NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR:

Mayor Cosgrove nominated Councilmember Baratta as Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Trawinski seconded the nomination.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

There being no other nominations, the time for nominations was closed. Upon motion by Mayor Cosgrove and a second by Councilmember Trawinski, Councilmember Baratta was elected Deputy Mayor with Councilmembers Peluso and Swain dissenting.

NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Deputy Mayor Baratta nominated Councilmember Trawinski as Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs. Mayor Cosgrove seconded the nomination.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

There being no other nominations, the time for nominations was closed. Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Baratta and a second by Mayor Cosgrove, Councilmember Trawinski was elected Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs with Councilmembers Peluso and Swain dissenting.

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYORS:

Judge Miquel Dela Carrera stated that he has known John Cosgrove since they were 11 and went through high school together. He felt the majority of the Council has ties to the Class of 1973 in Fair Lawn High School. It was his privilege and honor to swear John Cosgrove in as Mayor.

Judge Miguel Dela Carrera swore Councilmember John Cosgrove in as Mayor.

County Executive Donovan stated that Deputy Mayor Baratta is her Chief of Staff in the County Executive's office and does a fabulous job there. She did a fabulous

job as Mayor last year and knew that she would be a great Deputy Mayor. She has the highest respect for what Deputy Mayor Baratta does and thanked her on behalf of the 905,000 residents of Bergen County for what she does in the County Executive's Office and what she does for the people of Fair Lawn.

County Executive Kathleen Donovan swore Councilmember Jeanne Baratta in as Deputy Mayor.

County Executive Donovan stated that she and Deputy Mayor Trawinski have been friends for 25 years. She has seen him in all kinds of difficult situations. He is the County Administrator and was Deputy Mayor last year. He does an unbelievable job. The County has 70 towns all of which are unique and work differently. He is in charge of moving things down the line. She publicly thanked him for not only what he does for the 905,000 people of Bergen County but also for the residents of Fair Lawn.

County Executive Kathleen Donovan swore Councilmember Edward Trawinski in as Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs.

NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR ASSUMES THE CHAIR

Mayor Cosgrove assumed the chair.

MAYOR RELEASES THE HONOR GUARD

Lieutenant Kneer retired the colors.

REMARKS OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Cosgrove thanked everyone and made the following remarks. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the people of Fair Lawn for giving him the honor and privilege to serve as their Mayor. Special thanks went out to his friend, the Honorable Judge Miguel Dela Carrera, for swearing him in tonight. He and Judge Dela Carrera have been friends since they attended Radburn School together almost 50 years ago. He thanked the Council for giving him this opportunity. He thanked Mayor Baratta for the outstanding job she did in 2012.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that he knew that he had big shoes to fill, or actually in Mayor Baratta's case - high heels. He thanked her for all her hard work last year and her dedication to the people of Fair Lawn. He was proud to serve on this Council with such dedicated people and unlike what they seen in Washington in the last few months, this Council has the ability to come together and work toward making Fair Lawn a better place. He realized that sometimes it may not look like that, but he wanted to publicly thank Councilmember Swain, Councilmember

Peluso, Deputy Mayor Trawinski and Deputy Mayor Baratta for working for the people of Fair Lawn's best interest.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked his family, loved ones and friends for all their encouragement and support. Tonight he was fortunate to have many of them there with him. His three children John, Kevin and Kerryann were present and he thanked them for their love, patience and understanding as they have watched their Dad be involved in so many activities over the years. His big sister Peggy, who they almost lost last year, was here and he was delighted that she could be here with them. His girlfriend Maryanne whose unwavering support and encouragement keeps him going everyday was also present.

He was fortunate to have lived in Fair Lawn all his life. As he said last year, he was sure when his Grandparents traveled across the Passaic River and arrived in Fair Lawn over 100 years ago they never dreamt that their Grandson would have the honor of serving as the Mayor of Fair Lawn. He wished that his parents were alive and able to be here tonight. He felt they were the ultimate volunteers and instilled their love for Fair Lawn in him and it's because of them that he sits before them tonight. Much of what he has in life he owes it to them. He considered himself very fortunate to be able to serve as the Mayor of the town that he loved.

Tonight as they move forward he believed that it gives him the opportunity to tell the residents "The State of Fair Lawn's Union". The state of their union is strong, but in these difficult times they are facing the same challenges that many other cities, towns and boroughs are facing across this nation. The decline in the economy and escalating obligations have left them in a situation where they must constantly examine the way they operate. Although these are tough times he knows that this Council will continue to look at the budget and try to stabilize taxes. He was hopeful that they can preserve many of the amenities that have made Fair Lawn such a great place to live, such as the Library, the Community Center, the Senior Center and Memorial Pool which are the cornerstones of this community. He was sure that this Council will work together and try to keep the foundation of this community strong and preserve it for future generations.

Mayor Cosgrove felt that Fair Lawn was a great town. Based on what he has heard from the results of the recent survey, the overwhelming majority of the residents agree. Fair Lawn is a diverse community, but unlike other places in the country and in the world, our diversity is our strength. Fair Lawn is a large town with a small town attitude. The volunteers, employees and Police are second to none, as they just recently proved during Superstorm Sandy. He knew that all things for Fair Lawn are attainable if they work toward keeping Fair Lawn the great place it is. The challenge for all New Jersey communities is to get through these tough times and be ready to grow in the future. This Borough like others is fighting to

maintain their way of life. He knows that they will weather this storm, but he asked for their help and support.

He looked forward to working this year with the Council and the people of Fair Lawn to help shape their future. Over the next twelve months he was sure that they will have to deal with many complex issues, but he wanted the citizens of Fair Lawn to know that they will continue to listen to the people of Fair Lawn. They will also continue to try to limit the tax burden on the residents, resist overdevelopment and maintain the character of Fair Lawn, maintain a positive environment where they empower the employees and volunteers, create opportunities for commerce, assuring that the local businesses have the support they need to be successful, which will help to ease the tax burden and listen to all residents about their concerns and work diligently to address them.

Mayor Cosgrove's journey to this chair has been a long one, growing up in Fair Lawn he has been blessed with all the opportunities that this community has to offer. It's been said that it takes a community to raise a child and in his case he would be remised if he didn't take the time to thank all of those in Fair Lawn who have helped him such as his teachers, coaches, friends, fellow firefighters and relatives that have given him love and support throughout the years.

In closing he would like to say that he was looking forward to working with the people of Fair Lawn and the entire Council in 2013, and have high hopes and great expectations for Fair Lawn's future.

Thank you and God bless everyone and may God bless America.

REMARKS OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR:

Deputy Mayor Baratta wished everyone a happy new year. It was a great honor that she had, along with Deputy Mayor Trawinski, to nominate John Cosgrove as Mayor. Knowing him for over 40 years as a family friend, it was particularly gratifying for her. There was a recent Patch article with a comment that said she graduated a few years after Mayor Cosgrove but pointed out that she graduated many, many years after he graduated.

2012 was a difficult year for Fair Lawn residents whether it was financially, professionally or because of the damages that were suffered during the many storms or weather events. They have all had obstacles to overcome. But they handled it in true Fair Lawn fashion. They are a town that comes together for their neighbors and fellow human beings.

During Superstorm Sandy, Fair Lawn Rescue was one of the first responders on the scene of devastation in Moonachie and Little Ferry. The volunteer CERT team worked around the clock. Volunteers in this town went door to door checking on the elderly residents. Other first responders travelled to shore communities lending their expertise, the Borough employees went over and above. Once again when they put out a plea from this dais for the food pantry, the groceries started pouring in for those in need. When neighbors are down on their luck, they mobilize with compassion and selfless acts of kindness and generosity. Because of these things, she is and always will be proud to be a resident of this extraordinary town.

As this Council begins to serve in 2013, she was confident that they will do so for the betterment and benefit of all Fair Lawn residents with open minds and only the purest intention in their hearts. She looks forward to working together with the new Mayor and her fellow Councilmembers. She wishes all of them only the best for the New Year.

Deputy Mayor Baratta reminded everyone to keep the servicemen and women in their prayers who continue to serve them every day. May God bless everyone and may God continue to bless America.

REMARKS OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Deputy Mayor Trawinski welcomed County Executive Donovan and expressed his appreciation for the time she took out of her busy schedule to swear Deputy Mayor Baratta and him in.

He acknowledged Senator Gordon, Assemblywoman Wagner and Assemblyman Eustace and thanked them for what they do for the residents of Fair Lawn and this legislative district. He recognized the former Mayors Nick Felice, Bob Landzettel, Marty Etler, Steven Weinstein, Lisa Swain and Jeanne Baratta. He also acknowledged former Mayor Bob Gordon and former Mayor of Maywood, Tim Eustace. He thanked John Driscoll the former Freeholder Chairman for coming to the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Trawinski thanked first and foremost his wife, Diane and his three children for the time they give to him and allow him to do this. He thanked the people of Fair Lawn. This will be his last year serving on this Council having had the privilege of serving for twelve years. It has been a great run but when he realized that Councilmember Peluso's son and his grandson are in the same grammar school, living in the same neighborhood, he thought it was time for new blood and new vitality on this Council. This will be it for him on this Council.

Deputy Mayor Trawinski said in the plainest and simplest words he can, thank you to the people of Fair Lawn for giving him this privilege and he agreed with

everything that Mayor Cosgrove and Deputy Mayor Baratta stated previously. God bless each and every one of them and wished them a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. God Bless America and everyone in Fair Lawn.

Mayor Cosgrove released the members of Co. #4 so they could attend their monthly meeting.

REMARKS OF COUNCILMEMBER SWAIN:

Councilmember Swain wished a happy, healthy and more prosperous new year for Fair Lawn and its residents. She said more prosperous because they have to be thankful for what they do have. They can look around at some of neighboring communities and see they are not doing as well. Let's be thankful and continue to help those around who are less fortunate.

She thanked all the elected officials who are were there tonight. They know that Fair Lawn is a special place.

She congratulated the Fair Lawn Ice Hockey team for qualifying for the Bergen County Tournament. Fair Lawn has some very talented athletes in this community.

She also congratulated the Fair Lawn Sunrise Rotary on another great race! The participation this year was over 400 which meant more money was raised for the Rotary charities, and she was pleased to say they had a good turnout from Fair Lawn residents.

Councilmember Swain said she looking forward to starting her 6th year on the Council.

Over the past year, she has been the liaison to the American with Disabilities Act committee, where they were striving to meet the needs of Fair Lawn residents with special needs, young and old. They developed a plan to build an inclusionary playground at Berdan Grove and have been offering dances throughout the year at the Community Center.

As liaison to the River Road Improvement Corp, she has seen this committee work very hard at keeping the businesses thriving on River Road, while developing marketing programs to entice new businesses to make Fair Lawn their home.

Each year she tried to focus on something new, a new theme or program as a way to meet the needs of our residents. The goal was always the same -- to serve the residents, to deliver excellent services and to stabilize taxes.

This year, she believed they can do that through the latest initiative of the Green Team, One Pound at a Time which was officially launched on New Year's Day. She believed that everyone has to do their part to continue to make Fair Lawn a great place to live. As a community, they have to reduce our weight. If they can improve everyone's health, they will reduce the healthcare costs. Health insurance is a huge part of Fair Lawn's budget.

Next, if everyone could reduce their waste, they could save money. If they reduce their garbage by just one pound a week, they could save \$35,000 a year in garbage disposal fees. The easiest way to do this is to start composting.

The third part of the program includes keeping the tires on their cars properly inflated so that their cars will run more efficiently and they will save money on gas.

Councilmember Swain felt this was a win-win program for everyone. She suggested starting an exercise program, watch what is eaten, throw out less garbage and inflate the tires. By doing this, everyone will benefit. Councilmember Swain suggested giving one pound at a time a try.

In closing, she congratulated the new Mayor. She wished him a quiet year without any storms or natural disasters. She looked forward to continuing to serve the residents of Fair Lawn and working with all her colleagues on the council. Together they can work for the benefit of our community.

As they work together in Fair Lawn, it was her hope that the 113th Congress will also work together to serve the citizens of this country.

Councilmember Swain stated that she saw cooperation last night at the County reorganization meeting. It was a wonderful start for the County as the new Freeholders, Tracy Zur and Steve Tanelli were sworn in. She congratulated Fair Lawn's David Ganz who was sworn in as Freeholder Chairman.

Councilmember Swain offered hoped that 2013 be a healthy and prosperous year for all!

REMARKS OF COUNCILMEMBER PELUSO:

Councilmember Peluso thanked the Recycling Department for the good job they did picking up all the recyclables. He also wanted to acknowledge all of the Borough employee many of whom are also volunteers.

This past year on the Council has been a real privilege for him. There were a lot of things that he was proud of that they have done such as the budget, working with the Football Association to improve Walsh Pool and initiating a new ordinance that changes the time dumpsters can be picked up. The one great thing about these items he just mentioned was they voted unanimously as a Council on all of them. He hoped in the year ahead they will continue to work together to get things done.

Councilmember Peluso reminded everyone if they have any issues not matter how big or small, they should let them know. So many things were done because a resident brought an issue to their attention. They are there as a Council for the residents.

He wished the best of luck to the new Mayor. He thanked the community for giving him the privilege of being their Councilman.

Mayor Cosgrove stated the Adopt a Soldier Dinner which is a fund raiser / dinner dance will be held on January 12 at the Community Center. This organization supplies goods to the soldiers that are overseas. Local resident, Alan Krutchkoff, has been the spear head for this organization. It is being sponsored by himself, former Mayor Tedeschi and Albee Palmeri, the American Legion Commander. The cost is \$50 per person which includes beer, wine and soda.

He happened to see in The Record, a local athlete; Samantha Wilkes was named Athlete of the Week. It is a high honor. She had already signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Villa Nova. If anyone knows the Wilkes family, Bobby Wilkes was a standout basketball player and coach at Fair Lawn High School. His three sisters were great athletes but unfortunately there were no opportunities for women when he was growing up. Also nominated was Alexandria Kerr of Fair Lawn who plays for the ladies Cutters. It was a great week for athletes in Fair Lawn.

The Sunrise Rotary 5K was held on New Year's Day and Councilmember Swain walked away with a lot of hardware winning several metals. He congratulated her for being a great athlete.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski read the following appointments:

- a. Library Trustees –Bruce Rein, Diane Trawinski (Mayor's Designee)
- b. Environmental Commission Chairperson -Wendy Dabney
- c. Board of Education Shared Service Liaison – Councilmember Trawinski, Councilmember Peluso
- d. Planning Board designee – Thomas Carney

- e. Class II Planning Board Member – James Van Kruiningen

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

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

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #1-2013 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Trawinski and a second by Deputy Mayor Baratta, Consent Agenda 1-2013 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. No. 1-2013 - Professional Appraisal Services: Value Research Group
- b. Resol. No. 2-2013 - Professional Appraisal Services: McNerney & Assoc.
- c. Resol. No. 3-2013 – Professional Bond Counsel Services: Hawkins, Delafield & Woods
- d. Resol. No. 4-2013 - Borough Attorney: Ronald P. Mondello
- e. Resol. No. 5-2013 - Professional Planning Services for Green Acres Services: Michael Hakim
- f. Resol. No. 6-2013 - Professional Surveyor Services: Rigg Associates
- g. Resol. No. 7-2013 - Professional Grant Writing Services: Capital Alternatives Corp.
- h. Resol. No. 8-2013 - Professional Risk Management Services: Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. (PIA)
- i. Resol. No. 9-2013 - Professional Services: Computer Maintenance Service – Edmunds and Associates, Inc.
- j. Resol. No. 10-2013 - Professional Services: Labor Attorney
- k. Resol. No. 11-2013 - Professional Services: Environmental Consulting Services: Malcolm Pirnie
- l. Resol. No. 12-2013 - Professional Services: Alternate Prosecutor
- m. Resol. No. 13-2013 - Professional Services: Planner of Record
- n. Resol. No. 14-2013 - Professional Services: Health Care Provider
- o. Resol. No. 15-2013 – Professional Services: Nursing Services – The Valley Hospital

- p. Resol. No. 16-2013 – Professional Services: Health Educator – The Valley Hospital
- q. Resol. No. 17-2013 - Fire Officers
- r. Resol. No. 18-2013 - Liaison to Fire Board
- s. Resol. No. 19-2013 - Liaison to the Community Center
- t. Resol. No. 20-2013 - Senior Citizen Advisory Board
- u. Resol. No. 21-2013 - Rent Leveling Board
- v. Resol. No. 22-2013 - Holiday Celebrations
- w. Resol. No. 23-2013 - Property Maintenance/Facelift Committee
- x. Resol. No. 24-2013 - Insurance Commissioners Self Insurance
- y. Resol. No. 25-2013 - Advisory Committee on the Americans with Disabilities Act
- z. Resol. No. 26-2013 - Fair Lawn Borough Garden Committee
- aa. Resol. No. 27-2013 - Liaison to Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention
- bb. Resol. No. 28-2013 - Local Ethics Board
- cc. Resol. No. 29-2013 - Liaisons to RRIC, BIC, EDC
- dd. Resol. No. 30-2013 - Loss Control Services – J.A. Montgomery Risk Control
- ee. Resol. No. 31-2013 - Child Care Physician - Edward A. Sciano, Jr. MD
- ff. Resol. No. 32-2013 - Open Space Committee
- gg. Resol. No. 33-2013 - Public Action Compliance Officer
- hh. Resol. No. 34-2013 - Shade Tree Advisory Committee
- ii. Resol. No. 35-2013 - Interlocal Services Agreement with Ho-Ho-Kus: Health Officer
- jj. Resol. No. 36-2013 - Environmental Commission
- kk. Resol. No. 37-2013 - Appointing Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner
- ll. Resol. No. 38-2013 - Green Team Advisory Committee
- mm. Resol. No. 39-2013 - Broker of Medical and Dental: Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. (PIA)
- nn. Resol. No. 40-2013 - Health Care Physician – Dr. Marvin Wisch
- oo. Resol. No. 41-2013 - Volunteer Economic Development Administrator
- pp. Resol. No. 42-2013 - Fair Lawn Recreational Facility Review Committee
- qq. Resol. No. 43-2013 - Veteran and Volunteer Coalition
- rr. Resol. No. 44-2013 – Disciplinary Hearing Officer
- ss. Resol. No. 45-2013 - Zoning Board
- tt. Resol. No. 46-2013 - Planning Board

MANAGER'S APPOINTMENTS

Manager Metzler announced the following appointments: Prosecutor Marc Ramundo, Public Defender Vanessa Sinisi, Alternate Public Defender Carl Spector, Rent Leveling Board Attorney Charles Tregidgo and OEM Coordinator Wendy Demeraski.

Manager Metzler explained that Ms. Demeraski is the fourth Emergency Manager Coordinator for the Borough of Fair Lawn and is the youngest to assume the reins. He stated that Ms. Demeraski is a Certified Emergency Manager which is significant and he was proud that Fair Lawn is the only town that has been under the leadership of a Certified Emergency Management Coordinator, which is a high standard. She is a level two fire instructor certified by the State of New Jersey; she is working towards becoming an Emergency Management Accreditation Program Assessor which is significant because one of her goals is to have Fair Lawn be one of the first in the state to be accredited. She has authored the basic animal shelter program, she has been a volunteer fire fighter since 2001, she is the fire department's training officer, and she is working towards her Masters Degree in Public Administration. She was the primary author of an article about sheltering children with autism spectrum disorders. She is also the first female coordinator. It was his honor and privilege to introduce Wendy Demeraski as the OEM Coordinator.

Mayor Cosgrove stated this was a privilege for him because he has known Wendy Demeraski since she was three years old. He has been in the fire department with her father for many years. She is a hard worker and has studied hard. He was pleased she was the new OEM Coordinator.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #2-2013

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Trawinski and a second by Deputy Mayor Baratta, Consent Agenda 2-2013 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. No. 47-2013 - Cash Management Plan
- b. Resol. No. 48-2013 - Official Newspapers
- c. Resol. No. 49-2013 - Temporary Budget - Current Fund
- d. Resol. No. 50-2013 - Temporary Budget - Water Utility Fund
- e. Resol. No. 51-2013 - Petty Cash
- f. Resol. No. 52-2013 - Tax Assessment Interest
- g. Resol. No. 53-2013 - Annual Meeting Dates and Times
- h. Resol. No. 54-2013 - Defending Tax Appeals
- i. Resol. No. 55-2013 - Annual Sale of Delinquent Taxes
- j. Resol. No. 56-2013 - Authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to Execute Contract

- k. Resol. No. 57-2013 - Authorizing Renewal of Massage Establishment License: BRC Sauna & Spa
- l. Resol. No. 58-2013 – Award of Bid: (1) 2013 Ford “E” Modular Ambulance or Equivalent
- m. Resol. No. 59-2013 - Acquisition of Block 1206, Lot 18 and application for Green Acres Grant Funding

ORDINANCE 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. 2257-2013

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN 2000, CHAPTER 150 ENTITLED “NOISE” SPECIFICALLY SECTION 150-11 PROHIBITED ACTS

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Trawinski and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 60-2013 introducing Ordinance No. 2257-2013 was discussed.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked Councilmember Peluso for bringing this matter to their attention. He explained that this ordinance will prohibit the pickup of dumpsters at 6:00 a.m. and moves it back to 7:00 a.m.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 60-2013 introducing Ordinance No. 2257-2013 was unanimously passed.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Baratta and a second by Councilmember Peluso, it was unanimously agreed to open the time for public comments.

Senator Robert Gordon congratulated Mayor Cosgrove, Deputy Mayor Baratta and Deputy Mayor Trawinski on their appointments. He has known Mayor Cosgrove for a number of years. He wanted to reaffirm their commitment from District 38 legislators to work in partnership, as they have in the past, in addressing the problems Fair Lawn and the State have. Shortly before he came to the meeting, he heard a report of the latest projections of the budget deficit on the State level. They don't know how it will finally turn out but they do know that the State continues to be under severe financial pressure which means it will become even more difficult for municipalities. They will more likely have to cut municipal aid even further and put pressure on the budgets of the towns. It becomes more difficult every year to deliver the services that the people of the community

expect. To meet those challenges, they will need to be creative and most importantly, this is a time for bi-partisanship, this is a time for finding common ground and reaching consensus and avoiding the partisan bickering that has led Washington to gridlock. The problems are too daunting and the public has lost patience with this. He encouraged them to continue the tradition of bipartisan government and he was ready to support their efforts.

Senator Gordon spoke about needed reforms to the Open Public Records Act. They were moving forward to get the statute amended so that other communities would not have to deal with the problems Fair Lawn has faced. That was just one example of what they can do.

Assemblywoman Connie Wagner wished everyone a year of peace, joy and acts of kindness. At the beginning of the meeting, they heard the Rabbi with his prayers and the work of the Councils as a labor of love. She felt that Mayor Cosgrove has done so much for Fair Lawn and she could not think of a better person to be Mayor, although each one of them has done a great job. She offered Mayor Cosgrove a bottle of New Jersey wine. New Jersey has 200 wineries in New Jersey and suggested that people take trips to visit them or buy it online.

Assemblyman Tim Eustace pointed out that a town does not operate without it volunteers and certainly the Councilmembers are volunteers too. He thanked them for all their hard work. He felt it was nice to see John Cosgrove as Mayor.

Elizabeth Boas, 38-15 Pellington Drive, thanked all of the members of the Council for their work. She knew what it meant to be this involved. She thanked Jeanne Baratta who seemed to be tough with a gentle touch. She is an artist at heart but she can negotiate. She was grateful for her friendship.

The same goes to Deputy Mayor Trawinski. They know each other a long time. He is known in this town. She thanked him for serving for them.

When she moved into Fair Lawn, the Cosgrove name always popped up. His father was on the Council and then she finally met John Cosgrove. He seemed to be everywhere and involved in everything. It almost reminded her of an ice cream soda – different kinds of flavors – John too has his specific areas. He becoming Mayor is the cherry on top.

Daniel Dunay, 1 Hirschklau Lane, stated he was there on behalf of the Republican Club who two gifts. He gave flowers to Deputy Mayor Baratta and said he was very honored to have her serve as Mayor for the past year along with a gift certificate for her and her husband. Deputy Mayor Baratta thanked him.

Mr. Dunay presented a gavel to Mayor Cosgrove to commemorate him becoming Mayor. He commented that it was so nice to have Mayor Cosgrove as his mentor over the last few years. It was an honor for him to see him become Mayor. They are all proud of him and optimistic of what was to come. He looks up to all of the Councilmembers.

Ron Cole, 10 Ramapo Terrace, spoke about a famous comment from the Dodgers manager, "Nice guys finish last". He has come to realize how wrong that man was. He said that Mayor Cosgrove was a nice guy. He mentioned in his high school class, he was voted most congenial even though he beat out his nephew, Judge Dela Carrera by one vote. He suggested that Mayor Cosgrove be the poster child for nice guy of the year.

Pamela Coles, 13-34 George Street, congratulated Mayor Cosgrove on his appointment. The Council as a whole had to make tough decisions over the past year, especially with balancing the budget. She thanked Manager Metzler for holding the line on the budget.

She offered her thanks to Attorney Mondello for being so available to the residents of Fair Lawn. If anyone had a concern, he immediately got back to them. She thanked him for his service.

Ms. Coles spoke about Superstorm Sandy and the numerous volunteers. The volunteers have brought this town together; it was a labor of love. They have a community that cares for each other.

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

BENEDICTION BY DETECTIVE DAVID BOONE

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Trawinski and a second by Deputy Mayor Baratta, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Mayor John Cosgrove

Deputy Mayor Jeanne Baratta

Councilmember Kurt Peluso

Councilmember Lisa Swain

Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski