

## REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2014

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 20, 2013. 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 Dunay and Lefkowitz, Councilmembers Peluso and Swain.

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

### **PROCLAMATIONS: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Kwasniewski read the proclamation.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Peluso commented that he attended many events in the past few weeks. There was the Taste of Town sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. He felt it was a great event and was sold out. He thanked the restaurants who participated. There was a lot of great food.

Councilmember Peluso attended the Shared Service meeting with the Borough Manager and Deputy Mayor Dunay. He is happy that they have this open communication between the two government associations because they can see how it helps one another.

He also attended the St. Anne's DARE graduation along with the Mayor. It was a great event. He thanked Detective Boone for putting it together. The Principal of St. Anne's was happy to have the DARE program back again.

Councilmember Peluso thanked Fire Co. 4 for inviting him to their dinner. It was a great event.

He attended the Fair Lawn Recreation Review Committee meeting. They have decided to have a pool committee that is focusing on Memorial Pool and a field committee. He suggested that if anyone was interested in either the Pool

or Field committee they obtain a Citizen Leadership form from the Borough's website.

Councilmember Swain spoke about Malala Yousafzai who was born in 1997 in Pakistan. As a child she became an advocate for girl's education which resulted in the Taliban issuing a death threat against her. On October 9, 2012 a gunman shot Malala when she was traveling home from school. She survived and has continued to speak out on the importance of education. She attended a school her father founded. After the Taliban began attacking girl's schools in Swat, Malala gave a speech in Pakistan in 2008. The title of her talk was "How Dare the Taliban Take Away My Basic Right to Education". With a growing public platform, Malala continued to speak out about her right and the right of all women to an education. Her activism resulted in a nomination for the International Children's Peace prize in 2011. That same year she awarded Pakistan's National Youth Peace Prize.

The shooting resulted in a massive outpouring of support which continued during her recovery. She gave a speech at the United Nations on her 16th birthday in 2013. Malala has also written an autobiography entitled "I am Yousafzai, the Girl Who Stood up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban". Unfortunately the Taliban still considers Malala a target. Despite the Taliban's threats, Yousafzai remains a staunch advocate for the power of education. On October 10, 2013, the European Parliament awarded Yousafzai the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought. That same year she was nominated for a Nobel Peace prize. She did not win the prize but was nominated again in March of 2014. Councilmember Swain wanted to honor Malala tonight as they talk about women.

Councilmember Swain spoke about the Festival of Arts that she attended at the Community Center which was well attended. There were all different ages showcased. Not only art but also a fantastic orchestra played.

Councilmember Swain attended one of the three Master Plan Hearings. She was disappointed with the Chairman of the Planning Board because he was somewhat rude to some of the residents and a number of residents came up to her after the hearing and expressed their concern. A number of residents said they could not hear what was going on. She felt that having served on the Planning Board for three years, that when the residents come up to the microphone, they deserve respect.

Councilmember Swain suggested that a presentation be made at the Planning Board. Last night it was just opened to the residents that had questions. With the Master Plan being over 100 pages she thought a power point presentation would serve the people of Fair Lawn better.

Councilmember Swain noticed that the Borough does provide water in plastic bottles. She thought as they become more environmentally conscious that they should have reusable bottles. She encouraged the boards and committees or anyone that is meeting in this building to bring their own water bottle.

Councilmember Swain mentioned the successful ADA dance that was sponsored by the Garden State Grandmas. There were 60 new people registered.

Thursday night the ADA Committee would be hosting two groups who will be presenting a check. The ADA Committee is still accepting donations for the playground.

Deputy Mayor Dunay also thanked Fire Co. #4 for the invitation to their dinner. He thanked all of the offices of the Fire Department for their service to the Borough. He mentioned Kevin Twiggs who celebrated his 25th Anniversary as a member of the Fire Department and he is also a Borough employee. They are all very lucky to have him.

Deputy Mayor Dunay attended the Fair Lawn Rotary's annual beefsteak and tricky tray. They had a record turnout. He congratulated the Rotary members for putting on a great event. He encouraged everyone to attend this function because it is for the great work they do for charities internationally and locally.

He has heard positive feedback about the repairs of the roadways. As he mentioned two weeks ago, the Council had allocated a significant amount of money to help repair the potholes. They are continuing to work diligently to repair the potholes. He knows that Fair Lawn Avenue has seen real progress in the last few weeks. He suggested that the residents call the DPW to let them know about potholes. He realizes the potholes have been a serious hindrance to many people and in some cases a safety hazard. He suggested that if the residents have concerns they should continue to notify the Borough.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz advised people of a charity that has been started by Matt Aversa and three other people. It is called the Confession Stand. The website was "[www.theconfessionstand.org](http://www.theconfessionstand.org)". It is a charity that will use media, art and therapy as a vehicle of expression for those with mental or emotional disorders. It seems like an excellent website. They offer a lot of different services and a lot of events.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz attended the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention meeting. The committee is working to develop new and innovative ideas to help the youth stay away from these substances. They are talking

about participating in the street fair in June and certain contests that will award prizes for their ideas.

In regard to the Master Plan, as a member of the Planning Board she had a lot of positive feedback after the meeting and how well it was run. They received numerous comments and questions, all of which will be taken into consideration by the Planning Board. The next hearing is scheduled for April 7th. The planner did provide a presentation at the beginning of the hearing.

Mayor Cosgrove stated he attended the Fair Lawn/Ridgewood Weight Loss Challenge that was sponsored by Valley Hospital. There were over a hundred Fair Lawn residents that signed up.

He attended the St. Anne's DARE graduation with Councilmember Peluso. It was great to see the kids and to see how they interact with the Police Officers. Detective Boone did a great job at St. Anne's.

Last Friday he attended the ADA Dance at the Community Center. There were over 200 people there. The dance was sponsored by the Garden State Grandmas. It was great to see the grandmas out there dancing with all of the guests at the dance.

On Saturday, he attended the Stars basketball team which is a team that is sponsored by Fair Lawn All Sports for people and children with special needs. He thanked all of the young coaches that have stepped forward from the High School.

Mayor Cosgrove attended the pasta dinner held by Holy Name Society of St. Anne's. He thanked them for their generosity and hospitality.

Later that same night he attended the Fair Lawn Rotary Beefsteak. It's a fund raiser for them for all of the great things they do for Fair Lawn.

Mayor Cosgrove also attended the Festival of the Arts. It's a great display.

Mayor Cosgrove said that the New Jersey Devils have chosen in their town series the Borough of Fair Lawn on March 23. It will be Fair Lawn night. A percentage of the ticket money will be donated to the Fair Lawn Hockey and Street Hockey Association. They will be doing a little video of Fair Lawn that will be shown during the game. One of the choirs will be there. The Police Department Honor Guard will present the colors during the National Anthem. They are also giving out t-shirts.

He attended the Joint Insurance Fund meeting with the Manager, DPW Superintendent Alan Neggia and the Safety Committee Chairman Bob Young where the Borough received a certificate of achievement from the JIF for the Safety Incentive Program. He congratulated all of the DPW, and Parks employees who participated in this program.

Finally he attended the Taste of the Town at the Community Center. It was a great event.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2305-2014  
(RESOLUTION NO. 108-2014)**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF EXISTING AND NEW  
OMNIBUS OPERATORS EMPLOYED AND TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE  
BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AS  
AMENDED**

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, Resolution No. 108 -2014 introducing Ordinance No. 2305-2014 was discussed.

Mayor Cosgrove explained that the salary was too low so that meant the Borough was not able to hire a substitute driver. Raising the salary range will make it easier to employ someone to fill in so that the mini-bus can run every day.

Councilmember Peluso added that the Council was trying to bring the salary up to be competitive with other substitute driver such as the ones employed by the Board of Ed. He also wants to find a veteran to fill the position. A CDL license is required.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 108-2014 introducing Ordinance No. 2305-2014 was unanimously passed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2306-2014  
(RESOLUTION NO. 109-2014)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, 2000 BY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 94, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 160-6C TO REVISE FEES TO ADD A HALF DAY CAMP PROGRAM**

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Resolution No. 109-2014 introducing Ordinance No. 2306-2014 was discussed.

Councilmember Swain pointed out that Parks and Recreation Superintendent Graff thought that half day camp program would benefit many residents.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 109-2014 introducing Ordinance No. 2306-2014 was unanimously passed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2307-2014  
(RESOLUTION NO. 110-2014)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) CALENDAR YEAR 2014**

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Resolution No. 2307-2014 introducing Ordinance No. 2307-2014 was unanimously passed.

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz 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. 2302-2014  
(RESOLUTION NO. 111-2014)**

**"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 (SENIOR CENTER GREASE TRAP/SEWER LINE)"**

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

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Resolution No.111-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2302-2014 was unanimously passed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2303-2014  
(RESOLUTION NO. 112-2014)**

**“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. (ROAD RESURFACING)”**

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

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Resolution No.112-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2303-2014 was discussed.

Mayor Cosgrove informed everyone that this ordinance is for road resurfacing from Broadway to Raphael Street on Plaza Road and will also do some of the corners that intersect with Plaza Road.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 112-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2303- 2014 was unanimously passed.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz 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. 2304-2014  
(RESOLUTION NO. 113-2014)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR  
LAWN 2000, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 104 "FIRE PREVENTION" TO  
ESTABLISH A LOCK BOX SYSTEM**

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

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution No. 113 -2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2304-2014 was unanimously passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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

Craig Miller, 5 Ramapo Terrace, questioned Resolution No. 120-2014 and what property it was. Mayor Cosgrove told him it was the Dube property that the Borough purchased. Mr. Miller thought the Council should table this resolution and let the Open Space Committee have input on it and then report back to the Council.

Attorney Mondello advised that this resolution must be passed because the Dube property was purchased with Green Acres dollars and Open Space dollars and in order to get reimbursed from Green Acres the Borough has to pass certain environmental tests. It is imperative that this environmental testing proceeds.

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

**RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #5-2014**

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Councilmember Swain, Consent Agenda #5-2014 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #114-2014 – Approval of Minutes:
  - Work Session 1/14/14
  - Special Meeting 1/28/14
  - Regular Meeting 1/28/14

- b. Resol. #115-2014 – Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- c. Resol. #116-2014 – Approving Temporary Easement with PSE&G – Banta Place
- d. Resol. #117-2014 - Authorizing Renewal of Massage Establishment – CW Bodyworks
- e. Resol. #118-2014 – Authorizing the Procurement of the Concession Stand at Memorial Pool by Informal Quotes
- f. Resol. #119-2014 – Authorizing Execution of License Agreement with New Song Church
- g. Resol. #120-2014 – Use of Municipal Open Space Funds for Environmental Investigation – 4-50 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- h. Resol. #121-2014 - Multi Year Contract: Police Computer Maintenance
- i. Resol. #122-2014 - Authorizing Submission of Recycling Tonnage Grant
- j. Resol. #123-2014 - Emergency Temporary Budget
- k. Resol. #124-2014 - Award of Bid: Project 2229 Scada System Maintenance
- l. Resol. #125-2014 - Supporting PSE&G's Energy Strong Program
- m. Resol. #126-2014 - Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)
- n. Resol. #127-2014 - Authorizing Purchases with NAPA Auto & Truck Parts
- o. Resol. #128-2014 - Authorizing Purchases with Jack Doheny Companies
- p. Resol. #129-2014 - Cancel Taxes on Property Assessed in Error - Domico

**RESOLUTION NO. 107-2014 - ELIMINATION OF MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution No. 107-2014 was discussed.

Councilmember Swain stated that she wanted to set the record straight on this issue since there has been so much misinformation.

For about 40 years Councilmembers in Fair Lawn have been offered an annual stipend of \$2,500 and the option to take health benefits. As an elected official, one knows he or she will be putting in many hours of time in service to the Borough and also knows that there is a modicum of compensation with the job, if one chooses.

Since 2010 municipalities have started to eliminate the health benefits for elected officials at the end of their term. Certainly, if all the Councilmembers are taking the benefits, it could be a costly expense.

When the Council in Fair Lawn started to discuss the elimination of health benefits last year, there were several people taking the benefits and the issue stalled. When it came up again in January, she was the only member taking the health benefits. The majority of the Council wanted to eliminate the benefits immediately, in the middle of her second term. She realized the time had come to eliminate benefits and she proposed a resolution eliminating benefits at the end of 2015, the end of her term as well as two other Councilmembers. That way, they would all know the parameters of the job if they decide to run for re-election. This is always how changes are made in Fair Lawn -- whether it is an employment agreement, a salary change or a contract negotiation. The change goes into effect at the start of a new term. Not this Council.

The majority on the Council decided to eliminate the benefits before the end of her term, at the end of this year. They changed the contract as an elected official without even consulting her. Is this retaliation? They certainly have the right to do that, but it's really unfortunate that this is being done purely for political reasons. It is vindictive and punitive. Last year during budget discussions, she suggested they give back \$500,000 from surplus to the residents and the Mayor said it wouldn't mean anything but now he's going after something which will have a minuscule impact on a \$47 million budget.

Now let's talk about volunteers. The Mayor seems to have misspoken. The Mayor has suggested Councilmembers are volunteers. If they were volunteers, then all they would have to do is fill out a Citizen Leadership Form and get appointed to the Council. There are people out there who would like to serve on the Council. So which process should they go through -- appointment or election. They are not appointed they are elected.

Firefighters and emergency responders are volunteers but the Mayor misspoke again when he said they don't get a dime. The truth is that many of the volunteers get LOSAP (length of service award), a benefit for serving the Borough of Fair Lawn, and a benefit that she has supported every year and will continue to support. This year it's a \$90,000 expense to the Borough. The volunteers deserve this benefit, but perhaps, the Mayor wants to take this away or if he receives these benefits, maybe he wants to give them up.

While the majority of the Council has chosen to adhere to the notion -- no good deed goes unpunished, she will continue to do what she has always done and that is to be their go-to Councilwoman. She prefers to get things done and if this

is a back-lash, so be it. She prefers not to address this again but setting the record straight was a must in her opinion.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that he did not say that the fire fighters do not get a dime of money. They do not get health benefits. In the LOSAP program only a third of the emergency members qualify for it because they go to over a thousand calls a year and they have to achieve a certain percentage.

Mayor Cosgrove said that his comment was that health benefits for Council members could cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 a year.

Mayor Cosgrove spoke about Councilmember Swain's comment about retaliation, he addressed that in the Work Session, and it was not retaliation over an Open Space appointment because the Municipal Clerk confirmed in the Work Session that he had asked to put this on the agenda two days after the election.

The previous Council had talked about volunteering to give up the health benefits in 2012 and they did not have the votes then. Plain and simple, a Councilmember that serves eight years would get over \$200,000 in benefits. He did not believe that should be the preface to run for Council. That was his opinion in 2012 and that is his opinion tonight.

Deputy Mayor Dunay stated that he knows he is on the record on this issue already but wanted to reiterate how much he felt it was important that they as a Borough do this. It is important financially. He knows that it could be a considerable expense and in some cases they are spending in excess of \$30,000 on a Councilmember's health benefits. If every Councilmember were to spend that amount of money on their health benefits this expense could be quite considerable.

More importantly, he felt this was a leadership issue. He felt that it was important for the Council to take steps to show what sacrifices they are willing to take if they were going to ask the employees and residents to make sacrifices.

The comment that this Council waited until the end of the term to enact a change is based on no facts. When this Council fired four Police Officers it was not done at the end of their term. Currently there is only one Councilmember who was sitting on the Council at that time who voted in favor of laying off the officers and that was Councilmember Swain. He thought the Council had every right to move ahead and do as he personally promised in his campaign. He felt they reached a very reasonable compromise in this case to extend benefits through the end of this year.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz stated that as she previously said at a Work Session, there is nothing more that she wants than the entire Council to work together for the best interest of the residents and the Borough. When she ran for office, she made a promise to the taxpayers that if elected the medical benefits for the Council would be eliminated. She made that promise and she intends to keep it. She does not believe the resolution before them keeps that promise that she made. She felt they must move forward and must take this action and they must eliminate free medical benefits for the Council. Although she did not support the resolution at the previous Work Session, she intends to vote favorable tonight so that they can move forward and keep the promise to the residents and taxpayers.

Councilmember Swain responded that Deputy Mayor Dunay needs to look over the budget more carefully and he will see that raises have occurred in this budget with the employees. She thought had he been on the Council when they had to face that very difficult decision of eliminating some of the Police Officers that he would have been leading the charge.

Deputy Mayor Dunay stated that again Councilmember Swain made a comment that seems to be based on no facts.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 107-2014 was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 130-2014 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Closed Session 1/14/14

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Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Resolution No. 130-2014 was passed with Deputy Mayor Dunay and Councilmember Swain abstaining.

**RESOLUTION NO. 131-2014 - CONFIRMATION OF FIRE BOARD ACTIONS**

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Resolution No. 131-2014 was passed with Mayor Cosgrove abstaining.

**RESOLUTION NO. 132-2014 - INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution No. 132-2014 was discussed.

Councilmember Swain thanked Manager Van Kruijning, CFO Palermo and DPW Superintendent Alan Neggia for putting together the budget and keeping

it as tight as possible. Also for breaking down some of the line items even further. She wanted to reiterate that they need a five year plan. They cannot go year to year. They need to look ahead. There are a lot of serious projects that need to be addressed. With that in mind, she would like to put on a future Work Session that they form a finance committee. They need to address some of the big projects while saving the residents money but also maintain the services in the Borough.

Mayor Cosgrove commented that at the Budget Meeting that was held while she was ill that was discussed and at that time Councilmember Peluso and Deputy Mayor Dunay volunteered to work with Manager Van Kruiningen and CFO Palermo. Councilmember Swain wanted to know why she was not told. Mayor Cosgrove said it was called long range planning. Councilmember Swain said she was talking about a Finance Committee. She felt it would really be good if they did not have budget discussions like that while she was sick. She asked that they not make major decisions while she was not there. Mayor Cosgrove said it was a discussion and everyone that was there was in agreement to move forward.

Councilmember Peluso stated that he was going to mention a lot of points that Councilmember Swain brought up as well. Manager Van Kruiningen and CFO Palermo really started working on the budget early in the year and they saw the results. He thanked the Department Heads for really looking at their budgets and made tough decisions to make sure they could maintain a budget that was fair to the taxpayers.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz thanked CFO Palermo and Manager Van Kruiningen for working tirelessly and diligently to present a budget to the Council. When she ran for Council, she promised to go line by line through the budget and she thought that was exactly what they did and took everything into consideration everything that they could possibly do.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz noted that there seems to be a bit of discord amongst the Councilmembers tonight. It was not good for Fair Lawn and it is not good for the residents. They worked on a very hard budget. Money is tight for everyone. They need to work together on a unified front to do what is in the best interest of the Borough. She hoped that they could move forward together.

Deputy Mayor Dunay reiterated what everyone said about thanking Manager Van Kruiningen, CFO Palermo, the Council and the Department Heads for all their hard work on this budget. There will be a budget hearing on April 8th. They were anxious to hear feedback on the budget.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 132-2014 was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 133-2014 - INTRODUCTION OF RIVER ROAD IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 133-2014 was discussed.

Councilmember Swain stated she was happy that they were introducing the budget for the River Road Improvement Corp. because they are doing a terrific job. Once again she recommended that the residents shop locally and support the businesses throughout the Borough.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 133-2014 was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 134-2014 - INTRODUCTION OF BROADWAY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution No. 134-2014 was discussed.

Councilmember Peluso stated there will be a meeting at the Community Center on Thursday. Previously Don Smartt had expressed the BIC's frustration the State's delay on several projects. They as a Council will be looking into it. They are doing a lot of great things on Broadway and as Councilmember Swain said on River Road, please remember to shop locally.

Mayor Cosgrove explained that there were some projects on Broadway that the State had promised to fund and have not been funded. Some of them have to do with the hawk system at the train station. The Council will be sending letters to the State legislators in this district and hopefully they can move this along. The bump outs were also planned for pedestrian safety. He was hoping that would come to past and can begin these projects.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 134-2014 was unanimously passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Bernice Katz, 2-22 Saddle River Road, expressed her dismay about what was occurring at the Master Plan hearings. She expressed concern that too much consideration was being given to Oceanos who has submitted a concept plan. Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz believed that were a number of sites that were referenced in that section. She assured Ms. Katz that the Planning Board members were listening to the residents' concerns. She suggested that she attend the meetings because there will be more discussion on the Master Plan.

Ms. Katz stated that the Borough needed to hire a different planner.

Attorney Mondello advised that it was not unusual to rely on what other planners have done. He has worked with Cheryl Bergailo for a long time and knows that she was not influenced by another planner.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz stated that the Master plan does not give any applicant permission to build anything. They have to go through the process.

Joan Goldstein, 12 Bedford Place, spoke about the Master Plan hearing and how she felt it was lacking and that moving forward they should provide more information at the hearings.

Ms. Goldstein thanked Manager Van Kruiningen and CFO Palermo for working hard on the budget. She spoke about measures the Council could take to save money. She gave an example of Councilmember Swain suggesting making two sided copies for documents. She also mentioned the use of water bottles. People should use their own water bottles.

Ms. Goldstein inquired about the Borough being reimbursed for the Special Election. Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Kwasniewski stated they did not get reimbursed and that it had been submitted three times. Ms. Goldstein felt the State should reimburse the Borough for the expenses of the election. Mayor Cosgrove suggested that a letter be sent to the State legislators. Councilmember Swain suggested that a resolution be drafted and signed by the Mayor, Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Kwasniewski informed them that not every town submitted a request for reimbursement.

Craig Miller, 5 Ramapo Terrace, said that he had attended the Planning Board Master Plan hearing and felt that the sound system in the Council Chambers was terrible. He also thought the sound system with Fair Lawn TV is not good. Mayor Cosgrove informed him that funds have been approved to repair the sound system.

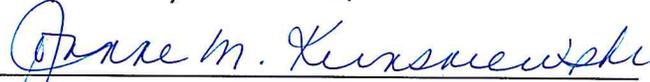
Mr. Miller suggested doing a cost analysis for water cooler versus water bottles.

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

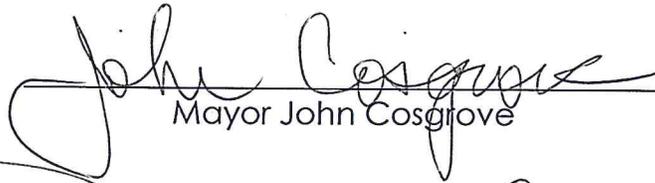
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC, MMC  
Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager

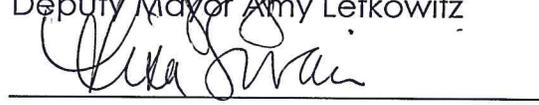
The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

  
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Mayor John Cosgrove

  
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Deputy Mayor Daniel Dunay

  
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Councilmember Kurt Peluso

  
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