

## REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 8, 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 Lefkowitz and Dunay, Councilmembers Peluso and Swain.

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

### **PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT OF OFFICER COLLURA BY PBA**

PBA President O'Brien stated that Officer Collura was murdered in the line of duty on April 17, 2003. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their support throughout the years and for allowing the PBA to place the portrait of Office Collura in the Council Chambers, which will allow residents to continue to remember her. With great pride and honor, he presented the portrait on behalf of the PBA.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that on behalf on the Council, he was honored to have Mary Ann Collura's portrait in Borough Hall. The portrait will be hung at a ceremony on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., marking the 11th anniversary of her death. The Borough made a commitment to remember Officer Collura and her sacrifice every year on April 17<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the PBA for donating the portrait.

### **PROCLAMATION: DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager Kwasniewski read the proclamations.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Peluso stated it was nice to be honored with Officer Collura's portrait. He thanked the Police officers and other volunteer organizations for being present to honor her. He is happy to see that Fair Lawn fulfills their promise each year to honor Officer Collura.

He attended the Old Timer's Dinner, which is open to residents who have lived in Fair Lawn for at least 20 years. He thanked Don Landzettel for organizing the event. He had the pleasure of speaking to Henry Kuiken about childhood memories.

He and Mayor Cosgrove attended the Bergen County Community Development meeting. They will be fighting to get as much County grant money as possible for Fair Lawn projects. He attended the Knights of Pythias dinner on Sunday with Deputy Mayor Dunay, Councilmember Swain and Mayor Cosgrove. He congratulated the new president and all the leaders stepping up. The Knights are a great organization that gives back to the Community. He appreciated their hard work.

They will be voting on two new members for the Garden Committee, which is getting ready to work on the Community Garden. They ordered a shed which came damaged, but the company is sending them a replacement and allowing them to keep the damaged shed as well. Residents interested in having a plot of land should contact the Garden Committee quickly as the plots sell out.

He concluded by thanking the Police, who were recently at Warren Point School enforcing parking rules and ticketing offenders parking illegally or near stop signs. Enforcement needs to be done on a regular basis. He encouraged parents to follow the laws to ensure that all children get to school safely.

Councilmember Swain stated that the shed for the Community Garden was purchased with grant funding that the Green Team received from Sustainable New Jersey.

She thanked the Fair Lawn PBA for presenting the portrait of Officer Collura. Residents can come at their leisure to see the picture of a Fair Lawn Police officer who served so memorably and remember Officer Collura in their own way. She thanked the artist for doing a remarkable job.

This weekend is opening day for baseball and she was happy to report that this year there will be a T-ball team for children with special needs. Games will take place at the complex. There is going to be a cut-a-thon at Belleza Salon in Glen Rock, who is donating their services on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the ADA Committee.

She stated that the Days of Remembrance is our Country's way of commemorating the Holocaust. This year's theme is "Confronting the Holocaust – American Responses". They should always think about how they treat people

and make sure they include everyone and do not discriminate against anyone. She wished residents a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

The Fair Lawn Arts Council held a photography event last September entitled "A Week in the Life of Fair Lawn". The photos are being displayed in the Library during the month of April and will be moved to Borough Hall afterwards. She thanked Michael Stoll and Jon Taner for printing and matting the photographs.

The Radburn PTA is holding a 5K Run/Walk on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to raise money for a playground. Everyone is encouraged to participate. The River Road Improvement Corporation will be hosting a car show and outdoor dance from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup>. Residents with questions about any of these events can contact her.

Deputy Mayor Dunay stated that he attended the Knights of Pythias Cotillion on Sunday, which was a fun event. He wished a good Passover and Happy Easter to residents celebrating either holiday. He noted that Officer Collura was killed on Holy Thursday night, and this is the type of weather she would have been enjoying in her final days. He did not know Officer Collura but has heard much about her. He extended a sincere thank you to the members of the Police Department and PBA for the portrait.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz echoed previous comments and thanked the PBA for the generous donation of the beautiful portrait of Officer Collura, which will serve as an important and visual reminder to everyone of the sacrifice she made in the line of duty.

She attended the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. There is a new counseling center in Fair Lawn called the Counseling Center that offers substance abuse treatment programs for children in eighth to twelfth grade. She has additional information if anyone feels a need for their services. The Alliance is working very hard to address the issues of substance abuse and its prevention. They have some ideas on involving youth to aid in the prevention of substance abuse, which is rampant.

Last night's Master Plan hearing was well run and very productive. Residents are participating in the process and all comments will be considered. The Planning Board, with the assistance of the professionals, will determine whether to produce a revised draft. The next hearing date will be posted on the website.

She noted there were few survivors of the Holocaust left to tell their stories. It is important that they continue to educate their children and their children's children so that everyone can remember and never allow such atrocities to happen again.

She concluded by stating they were looking forward to opening the new businesses at the Promenade and she encouraged residents to come out to support them. She hoped that everyone has a happy and healthy Passover, Easter or whatever spring holiday they celebrate.

Mayor Cosgrove extended his wishes for a joyous Passover and Easter. There are several Holocaust survivors in Fair Lawn that came from a community in Poland. They migrated to Paterson after the war and then eventually moved to Fair Lawn. He has spoken with many of them and is amazed at their outlook on life after the atrocities they have experienced. They should look at that time in history and see what these people have accomplished in their lives after this horrible genocide.

He reminded residents that the formal hanging of Officer Collura's portrait will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers.

Last Sunday he went to Bris Avrohom for a matza baking with the children, which was a fun event. He thanked Rabbi Kanelsky for inviting him.

He spoke at the recent Access for All Summit sponsored by Bergen County, which took place at Englewood Hospital. The goal is to get all 70 Bergen County municipalities to form either an ADA or Access for All Committee. He is very proud of the Fair Lawn ADA Committee, who is leading the way with Ridgewood in helping people with disabilities.

He and Councilmember Swain attended a scholarship night at the Ridgewood YMCA. A scholarship was given in memory of Nancy Wallace, who served on the Fair Lawn Board of Education and was instrumental in the League of Women Voters. He was pleased to see that Eric Demeraski, a senior at Fair Lawn High School and a member of the Rescue Squad and Fire Department, was the recipient of the scholarship.

There is going to be an Earth Day program on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the arboretum, which is located on Fair Lawn Avenue across from Bris Avrohom. Tours will be given by the Garden Committee, Shade Tree Commission and Green Team. There will be exhibits, including people who make birdhouses.

He was pleased to report that the Council voted unanimously at the last Work Session to make Fair Lawn the second Stigma Free Zone in Bergen County, following Paramus. They will be working with Care Plus to have programs to help people with mental illness come forward and seek help and make others realize that mental illness isn't a stigma – it's an illness.

He concluded by stating that St. Anne's Holy Name Society will be holding its 74<sup>th</sup> annual communion breakfast on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall. The guest speaker is Peter Macaluso. The cost is \$15 per person. Anyone interested in attending can call the Mayor's office or St. Anne's Church.

**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. 2308-2014  
(RESOLUTION NO. 149-2014)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1687-97 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE RIVER ROAD SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN AND DESIGNATING A DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION", AMENDING SCHEDULE A**

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

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 149-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2308-2014 was unanimously passed.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay 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. 2309-2014  
(RESOLUTION NO. 150-2014)**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$910,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$864,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.**

There being no comments by the public, upon motion by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and a second by Councilmember Swain, 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. 150-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2309-2014 was unanimously passed.

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. 2310-2014  
(RESOLUTION NO. 151-2014)**

**BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,612,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,531,400 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY.**

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

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, the time for public comments was unanimously closed.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 151-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2310-2014 was discussed.

Councilmember Swain explained that the funds were being spent on an automated CPR machine, gas meters for the Fire Department, rehabilitation of the dumpsters, renovations of the stairways, the Berdan Grove playground and storm water drainage systems to name a few.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 151-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2310 – 2014 was unanimously passed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2311-2014  
(RESOLUTION NO. 152-2014)**

**BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$545,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$517,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH,**

**FOR VARIOUS WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY.**

There being no comments by the public, upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay 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. 152-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2311-2014 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. 2312-2014  
(RESOLUTION NO. 153-2014)**

**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**

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 Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution No. 153-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2312-2014 was discussed.

Deputy Mayor Dunay explained that the State limits how much the Budget can be increased each year. The Ordinance allows them to take the difference between the amount they are actually increasing the budget and the amount they could have increased it under the law and bank the difference. If there is an emergency in subsequent years and they need to exceed the limit, they can use these funds.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #7-2014**

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Consent Agenda No. 7 - 2014 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #154 -2014 – Approval of Minutes:  
Work Session 2/18/14  
Closed Session 2/18/14
- b. Resol. #155-2014 - Authorizing the Knight of Pythias Circus at Memorial Park
- c. Resol. #156-2014 – Accepting Donation to Human Services Trust Fund
- d. Resol. #157-2014 - Dedication by Rider - Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- e. Resol. #158-2014 - Emergency Veterinarian Services
- f. Resol. #159-2014 - Soft Drink and Food Concession Memorial Pool
- g. Resol. #160-2014 - Authorizing Waiving Water Bill: 11-01 Long Road
- h. Resol. #161-2014 - Confirming Endorsement of CDBG Application of Penwal Affordable Housing Corporation
- i. Resol. #162-2014 - Appointment to the Fair Lawn Borough Gardens Committee
- j. Resol. #163-2014- Continuing Support for the Goals and Purposes of the 2004 Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 164-2014 - CONFIRMATION OF FIRE BOARD ACTIONS**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz Resolution No. 164-2014 was passed with Mayor Cosgrove abstaining.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON 2014 BUDGET**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, the time for public hearing was opened.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 165-2014 – ADOPTION OF 2014 BUDGET**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution No. 165-2014 was discussed.

Councilmember Swain reiterated the importance of establishing a five year plan. They have seen many weather-related disasters, lawsuits and other unexpected events that have impacted their budget. Climate change is a reality and they need to be ready for the next event. There are areas they need to explore for long term savings, which will help in successive budget years.

Deputy Mayor Dunay agreed with Councilmember Swain. The Council worked well together on the budget and spent a lot of time meeting with all the Departments. He supports the budget because it sustains all local services in town, it adds a little to the surplus and it keeps the tax increase not only below the tax increase cap but also below the rate of inflation, so that residents trying to make ends meet will not be faced with a tremendous tax increase. The tax increase would have been less if they had not had tremendous snow related costs, which represents about 40% of the increase in this year's budget. They need to come up with a long term plan so that they do not have similar major impacts in any given year.

They need to keep in mind that the budget doesn't measurably reduce the tax burden and the Council will push for creative ways to do so. It also doesn't make any large scale investments to improve services. They have a number of aging facilities that will need major investments in the years ahead and infrastructure repairs that are going to need to be expedited. They will need to constantly stay ahead so they do not find themselves faced with a major expenditure which they were not prepared to address.

He concluded by stating that this is a good budget and reiterated the need for more long term planning.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked Manager Van Kruijning and CFO Palermo for their hard work on the Budget. He also thanked the Department Heads. He explained that they placed an additional \$200,000 in the Operating Budget for snow removal and pothole repairs. They also allocated an additional \$300,000 in the Capital Budget for road resurfacing, for a total expenditure of \$900,000.

Councilmember Peluso echoed their comments. He explained the \$300,000 in additional funding for road resurfacing was not added to the budget, it was taken

from another item. They heard from many residents expressing concern about the condition of the roads and there was a consensus from the Council to work on those issues first and postpone other items.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz agreed with Councilmember Swain that they need to establish long range plans and find a way to continue providing services without increasing the tax burden. She thanked Manager Van Kruijning and CFO Palermo for finding ways to creatively improve the budget.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager Kwasniewski for her contributions during the budget process.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 165-2014 was unanimously passed.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON RRIC BUDGET AND CONSIDERATION OF ASSESSMENTS IN THE RIVER ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 166-2014 – ADOPTION OF RIVER ROAD IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION BUDGET**

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, Resolution No. 166-2014 was discussed.

Councilmember Swain applauded the members of the River Road Improvement Corporation and the Broadway Improvement Corporation. She thanked them for being community minded and for donating their time, funds and interest to the community.

Councilmember Peluso thanked the member of the River Road Improvement Corp. The improvements are great and they are going to continue working on River Road to make it better and better in the years to come. Mayor Cosgrove thanked the members of both groups for supporting the EDC, which is trying to help the business community grow.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 166-2014 was unanimously passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON BIC BUDGET AND CONSIDERATION OF ASSESSMENTS IN THE BROADWAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, the time for public hearing was opened.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 167-2014 – ADOPTION OF BROADWAY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION BUDGET**

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Resolution No. 167-2014 was discussed.

Councilmember Peluso thanked the Broadway Improvement Corporation, for whom he has the privilege of serving as Council liaison. He has co-workers who use the medical facilities on Broadway and the transformation of the old movie theater into a large medical hub is quite an accomplishment. They are trying to do more on Broadway but the State has impeded those improvements. He asked Senator Gordon and Assemblyman Lagana for their help in moving these projects forward.

Deputy Mayor Dunay thanked the members from both the River Road Improvement Corporation and the Broadway Improvement Corporation for the work they do. Meetings are open to the public and both corporations would be excited to receive input. They are trying to make it a better, more welcoming environment for businesses and patrons that will ultimately lead to a thriving community. He reiterated his thanks for all that they do.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 167-2014 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 did not think it was in the best interest of residents to continuously reappointment Planning Board members. She had previously asked them to consider replacing the Planner, Cheryl Bergailo, who she did not feel she was working in the best interest of the Master Plan.

When she attended the Planning Board meeting yesterday, the Chairman tried to deny the specifics and ramifications of page 45 of the Master Plan that

discusses the future expansion of Oceanos. He stated it was insignificant and implied that she and others who thought otherwise did not understand what was happening. The Engineer who was present stated that the plan was supposed to be broad and non-specific, yet page 45 was very specific. She felt the wording should be changed.

She concluded by reiterating her suggestion that Board members be reviewed when their terms expire to make sure they acted in the best interest of Fair Lawn residents.

Bob Beshlian, 10-05 Ellis Avenue, president of the Broadway Improvement Corporation thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting their endeavors. Their biggest projects dealing with public safety – the overpass lighting, the commuter stop light by the crosswalk and the bump outs by Warren Point School – have been stalled by State bureaucracy. They appreciate the Council's patience and hope that eventually these obstacles will be overcome.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that they have spoken with Senator Gordon, who is going to find out why a project that was approved numerous times by the State is now on hold. Mr. Beshlian stated that although they lost Deputy Mayor Trawinski as a liaison they now have Councilmember Peluso, who is doing an excellent job, is very energetic and focused on their needs.

Mayor Cosgrove stated they received a cease and desist order from the State Wildlife Commission regarding the painting of the water tower because a nest of ravens was found in the scaffolding. They are not allowed to proceed until the hatchlings can fly, which is in about four to six weeks. They may incur an additional cost of \$15,000 to \$20,000 because the scaffolding is rented. He asked Senator Gordon to ask the State for some financial relief.

Mr. Beshlian stated they have "Welcome to Broadway" signs on both ends of the highway and they have received compliments on the banners they installed on Broadway. They do street cleaning to keep the area clean, their marketing program is sold out and they are upgrading their website. They are working with the Planning Board on implementing some of the ideas from the Broadway study into the Master Plan and emphasizing their biggest assets on Broadway: the train station and the influx of medical space on the highway.

He concluded by stating that they looked forward to the Council's continuing support, which is greatly appreciated. Mayor Cosgrove thanked Mr. Beshlian and all the members of the Broadway and River Road Improvement Corporations for trying to keep our business community vital.

Rich Noorigian, a property owner on both Broadway and River Road, and a member of both Corporations thanked the Council for their support. The improvements at the intersection of River Road and Maple Avenue are stalled. Mayor Cosgrove clarified that they are working with the County since it is their intersection and they have been pressing them hard.

Mr. Noorigian stated that River Road is continuously cleaned and looks beautiful. The street lamps and pavers have changed the image of the district. Broadway has also made great strides. He thanked Councilmember Peluso and Councilmember Swain for their help as liaisons and the entire Council for their support.

Bob Landzettel, a River Road property owner, thanked the Council for their interest in the RRIC, BIC and EDC. He felt they had a great team working with them. He agreed that the improvements at River Road and Maple Avenue are long overdue.

At the Master Plan hearing, it was mentioned that some flowering trees along River Road have been damaged. Ms. Bergailo suggested using a different type of tree because of the electrical wires and the fact that some trees were blocking the visual of the businesses. The RRIC will look at the trees when they are blooming to see what can be done. Mayor Cosgrove suggested he speak with Walter Neill as this was discussed at the Shade Tree Commission meeting. Mr. Landzettel stated they were told that some of the tree wells were not deep enough to allow enough moisture for the trees to grow. He hoped that they could come up with a plan with the Shade Tree Commission.

He concluded by thanking the Council for also supporting the EDC, who received funding from the County and State to do a study on ways to improve the Radburn district. Councilmember Swain stated that the Master Plan is very specific about what types of trees should be utilized and that is the plan they should be following.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that the EDC has selected a certified New Jersey Transit Planner. He, Mr. Landzettel and other members of the EDC attended a meeting in Newark and a vendor was selected to start the planning of the Radburn business district.

Elyse Frenkel, 1-25 34th Street indicated she was an original member of the EDC and remembers coming before the Council and worrying if their suggestions were going to be approved. It is awesome to see this cohesive group supporting the business community. As a member of the BIC, she thanked them for their support.

Rich Seibel, 33-07 Halsey Road thanked everyone for keeping the memory of Mary Ann Collura alive. It is very important that everyone remembers the day that she was killed. He thanked Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski, Marianne Pettineo and Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager Kwasniewski for everything they do with regards to proclamations.

Children in military families are very important to him because he is a family readiness volunteer. Behind every commanding officer is a family readiness officer who helps out families once a soldier is deployed and assists them in times of emergencies. They are the unsung heroes of our troops. He acknowledged Robin Ziegler, who is the Family Readiness Officer for the Intel Support Battalion in New Orleans. Mayor Cosgrove thanked Mr. Siebel for all that he does for veterans.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

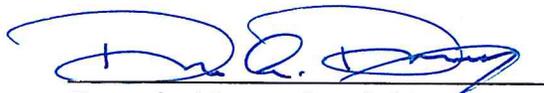
Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and second by Councilmember Swain the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

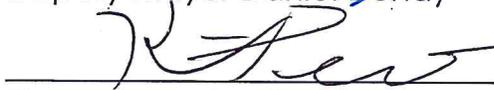
  
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Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager

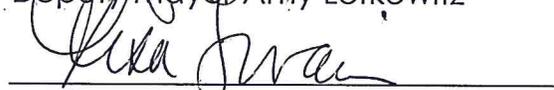
The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

  
Mayor John Cosgrove

  
Deputy Mayor Daniel Dunay

  
Deputy Mayor Amy Lefkowitz

  
Councilmember Kurt Peluso

  
Councilmember Lisa Swain