

WORK SESSION OF APRIL 22, 2014

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

PRESENT: Mayor Cosgrove, Deputy Mayors Dunay and Lefkowitz, Councilmembers Peluso and Swain.

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

CAREPLUS STIGMA FREE ZONE

Tara Augustine, Senior Vice President of CarePlus New Jersey and Maureen Moriarity, a Board Member on CarePlus were present. Mayor Cosgrove advised them that the Council had voted unanimously to move forward with this Stigma Free Zone. He mentioned that Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz wondered if the Alliance for Substance Abuse Committee could purchase signs and what the cost was.

Ms. Moriarity stated that one of the former board members knew a family that lost a child in the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut. She started this initiative in Paramus which is about awareness and education of mental health. Only 20% of people with mental health illness get help.

Tara Augustine stated that CarePlus wanted to make mental health service accessible to people. The primary goal around the Stigma Campaign was to make sure that if anyone feels they need to talk to someone they could do so and that there are resources available to them. The primary issue they see was if someone had a physical ailment they would be willing to go to a doctor but if they have anxiety or mental health concerns there is a lot more stigma associated with talking to a therapist or that they possibly need medication. They want to create a campaign in Fair Lawn since the center that can provide the services is located in Fair Lawn. They want people to feel comfortable coming to get the help they need.

Ms. Augustine stated they started in Paramus a year ago. The Mayor and Board of Education got on board and they have done a lot of initiatives. They could create whatever the Council wants. The lawn signs have been very successful. She said that May was Mental Health Month so it could be tied together.

Ms. Augustine said they would like to work with the ADA Committee and would like to put together a task force similar to Paramus, who has been proceeding with various initiatives. They want people to know where they can get help if they need it.

Mayor Cosgrove said that Bergen Regional sponsored the printing for various items which are free.

Ms. Moriarty said the Freeholders have made Bergen County a stigma free County.

Mayor Cosgrove offered to be on the task force.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz explained that she was liaison to the Alliance for Substance Abuse Committee and would like to know what was needed. Ms. Augustine indicated she would get her the price of the signs.

SMOKE FREE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Attorney Mondello advised that he had circulated a draft ordinance and then Councilmember Swain made two suggestions that he did incorporate into the proposed ordinance. This ordinance does not apply to permanently installed grills located at Memorial Park and it would not prohibit the use of fireworks with the proper license and permission to ignite fireworks. Other than that, this ordinance will prohibit the use of any ignition source including fireworks, lighters, matches, and smoking material within the Borough parks. It accomplishes the same objective as some of the ordinances passed in other towns. He thought it met the Governing Body's goals.

Manager Van Kruijning expressed his concern about the reference of lighters, matches and smoking materials as ignition sources in Borough parks, what if an organization has a permit to use Memorial Park and wanted to use the barbecue grills. Councilmember Swain stated that was her concern.

Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Kwasniewski wondered about Section 3 of the ordinance. Attorney Mondello advised that if the Mayor and Council decided to do it in some parks and not in others they would include Section 3. He advised that he spoke to the Attorney for the Radburn Association who felt if the Mayor and Council adopts this ordinance they would do something very similar. Attorney Mondello asked for direction on Section 3.

There was a unanimous consensus to reference all of the parks.

There was a unanimous consensus to introduce the ordinance as amended.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Swain spoke about a memo from Senator Gordon about a brief meeting with the Governing Body to strengthen their communications. She thought they should meet with them. She thought she would like to encourage the Senator to move forward with the Smoke Free parks. Also she thought they could talk to him about the Vanderbeck house. Mayor Cosgrove said he wrote a letter to the County about the Vanderbeck House. Freeholder Ganz and Freeholder Felice have told him they would look into the possibility of the County taking it over. Municipal

Clerk/Deputy Manager Kwasniewski will set up the meeting for the May 20th Work Session.

Councilmember Swain spoke about the disposal of unwanted medication next Saturday. She wanted to make sure that people were aware of it.

Councilmember Swain mentioned that today was Earth Day and that the Borough would be celebrating Earth Day on Sunday, April 27th. The Green Team has put together a number of activities.

Councilmember Swain spoke about The Green Team's program One Pound at a Time. There will be a 3K benefit walk which will be held on June 8th. They will hold a Splash and Dash in August. It will be a swim and a run around the park.

The weight loss program is coming to Fair Lawn tomorrow night at the Community Center.

On May 4th the ADA Committee will be at Van Saun Park for Autism Day.

Councilmember Peluso stated that the Broadway Improvement Corp met and were very happy with what they saw at the last Council meeting. They are looking forward to working with the Council to get the State moving along on some projects. He and the Mayor attended the Community Development meeting where they went over public service and next week they will go over grants.

Councilmember Peluso attended the Recreational Facilities meeting which was very productive. On May 4th at 9:00 a.m. they are doing a tour of Memorial Pool. They were curious to see what the results of the survey were. Superintendent Graff was present and he was asked to get more recycling receptacles in the pool area.

Another idea which was brought up was having Aqua-size classes with an instructor and have a set day. The swim team lanes should be put in during a certain time of day for the people who like to do lap swimming. The committee thought of letting any active duty residents use the pool for free but want the approval of the Council.

Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Kwasniewski thought it would have to be done by ordinance.

Councilmember Peluso spoke about the non swimmer badges but actually use the pool. Superintendent Graff said he would look into it.

When Walsh Pool was active there was a snake and a dragon that shot water out, the committee would like one of those installed in Memorial Pool. A splash area for the kids would be good.

Councilmember Swain suggested they tour Woodcliff Lake's pool. She thought they should model it after that pool because it has everything. Councilmember Peluso said there are three separate pools.

Deputy Mayor Dunay stated the Environmental Commission met. The Property Maintenance Committee met but George Bate was not there. In the past there was a gentlemen's agreement that the Police Department would tell Property Maintenance about un-shoveled property. He would like to see that resume. They spoke about a company in Fair Lawn that would like to distribute marijuana once it becomes legal.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz had no comments to make.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that the wet down for Co. 4's new truck is being held at Memorial Park from 1 to 5 p.m. on May 10th.

He spoke to the Manager about garbage cans and having Police present to help people cross the street during the Earth Day event.

Mayor Cosgrove said that he attended an Earth Day ceremony at Bergen Regional. Mr. Paek donated fifty lilac bushes. The County has given him approval to make Overpeck Park into a Central Park theme. He did a great job at Bergen Regional.

The Community Center is talking about various fundraising events, one may be a Monte Carlo night and the other may be a telethon. They talked about asking the theater groups to do a variety show with each group selling its own tickets.

Since he and Councilmember Peluso divided up the Recreational Facilities Committee, he will be going on a tour of the fields on April 25th.

REVIEW OF TENTATIVE AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Kwasniewski said they had previously talked about giving the Construction Code Official a stipend based on the shared service agreement. A salary ordinance is required.

She will be adding the Minutes from March 18th meeting and tomorrow they will receive the March 25th minutes. She will add these minutes on two separate resolutions.

Councilmember Swain wondered about the vegetative waste vendor. Manager Van Kruiningen said they are continuing with the same company.

FAIR LAWN SENIOR HOUSING LEASE EXTENSION:

Attorney Mondello advised that the Fair Lawn Senior Housing had some difficulty with obtaining financing. They cannot lease the property prior to getting the funding. An extension is necessary.

There was a unanimous consensus authorizing the lease extension for Fair Lawn Senior Housing.

TREES:

Deputy Mayor Dunay stated that trees have come up at both the Environmental Commission and Property Maintenance Committee meetings. He wondered if there were other ways to advertise the fact that there are trees in town available to be planted. It seems there are two concerns. One is that residents are not aware that trees are available to be planted in the right of way. The other is there is a misperception when residents hear that a tree will be planted because right away they think it will be a large trees that twenty years from now will fall and damage their house. There are a wide range of trees. Trees would add to the property value.

Mayor Cosgrove said as the liaison to the Shade Tree Committee, the problem they are experiencing is that the Shade Tree Supervisor is getting multiple requests to remove trees that are healthy. People feel if the trees are gone they won't have a power failure. That is one of the things that the committee is working on but the inventory of trees and the request for trees is down because of the storms.

Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Kwasniewski added that the roots get into the sewer lines and raise the sidewalks.

Councilmember Swain wondered if there has been a policy change on where exactly the trees are planted because if they are planted in the immediate right of way, they will not make it. Manager Van Kruiningen said that when a request comes in for a tree, there is an employee from Shade Tree that goes out and evaluates the area and makes suggestions where to plant it. The trees are more ornamental. Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Kwasniewski said they took bids for tree plantings today and there was a list of 18-21 different trees. Councilmember Swain said she was in total agreement that they should continue to plant trees. It is so important for so many reasons. She wondered if this information of the different trees could be placed on the Borough website for the residents to review. Manager Van Kruiningen said that he would put something together and post it on the web.

Deputy Mayor Dunay wondered if there was a way that when they plant a tree a note could be placed on it noting that it was a Borough tree. Mayor Cosgrove said they could place a sign for a few weeks and go back and pick it up. Deputy Mayor Dunay felt Property Maintenance would not like to have the signs up for long.

LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING:

Deputy Mayor Dunay said this was a follow up to Councilmember Swain's comments from another meeting. He did want to create work for the CFO but he thought they need for her to put together what makes sense to her that is reasonably doable in a five year plan. It would lay out all of the major revenue and expense items that she can foresee for the next five years along with the Capital what debt maturities coming in and what they think the capital expenditures would look like. If they had that, they as the Council would be able to collectively suggest other things to add to the list to get a better picture of what they are trying to do. He hesitated to say that and was not suggesting she spend a month preparing this report, whatever she can reasonably prepare in a reasonable amount of time that will not create a lot of extra work. Manager Van Kruijning said that he and CFO Palermo had discussed this and it was their intention to return to the Council in May or June to get direction from the Council. Mayor Cosgrove said that it has to be linked to a strategic plan that is linked to the Department Heads and attached to a budget. He gave an example of the pool. There could be major outlays over the next five years if they proceed with renovations.

Councilmember Peluso stated that the trailers at Memorial Pool will have to be replaced. If they want to construct a building the cost would be around \$1.8 million.

Manager Van Kruijning stated that he and the CFO Palermo would attend a Work Session.

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER GROUP RECRUITMENT:

Deputy Mayor Dunay stated this had come from the Knights of Pythias. In the past there was a Borough-wide initiative to help the community groups to recruit people. He thought that a number of the groups that he is involved with are struggling to recruit people. Many have aging membership. He is nervous that in 10 to 15 years these groups will be without members. It seems like they are not engaging new people who come in town. He suggested putting a list on the website of the different community groups in town. That way if someone was interested in getting more involved, they could click on it and find out the different ways to get involved in Fair Lawn. He thought it would be easy and not costly to put together. He struggled with suggesting recruitment fair. Mayor Cosgrove said that Rotary had done that. Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Kwasniewski stated that Rotary has talked about doing it again but it was not an easy thing to do. It was somewhat successful in that the League of Women Voters was able to get a few volunteers. If nothing else, it generated interest.

Mayor Cosgrove said that one of the problems is that many of the volunteers are involved in so many things already. He suggested that he have Sunrise Rotary talk to her Rotary and do a joint venture.

Attorney Mondello said that he saw a town have a table set up in a street fair for exactly this purpose. Deputy Mayor Dunay suggested talking to the Chamber of Commerce about getting a table. Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz said if it's held at the street fair, they could get someone from each group to be there and possibly give something away.

COMMUNITY GARDEN AND GARDEN COMMITTEE:

Councilmember Peluso stated that the Community Garden and the Garden Committee are starting to separate. There was a request for two separate groups, the Community Garden and the Garden Committee. Mayor Cosgrove wondered what the Garden Committee thinks. Councilmember Peluso said they don't want the Community Garden associated with them.

Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Kwasniewski stated that Jane Spindel came to see her because she was upset that the two appointments were made to the Garden Committee the last time. She told her that was the only vehicle they had because they did not create a Community Garden Committee. Councilmember Peluso confirmed that there were no members on both groups.

Mayor Cosgrove asked Attorney Mondello to look into this. Attorney Mondello advised that he will see if they need an ordinance or resolution.

USE OF MEMORIAL POOL - BOROUGH OF HALEDON:

Manager Van Kruijning stated that the Borough of Haledon has once again requested to renew their agreement with the Borough of Fair Lawn for use of Memorial Pool. Their governing body has always been appreciative of the prior agreements since it provides the service that is not available to the Haledon residents. He recommended they allow Haledon to use Memorial Pool.

Councilmember Peluso said that the Pool Committee wondered what these towns were doing to advertise that they can use Memorial Pool. They were wondering if more could be done to bring more people in. Also Superintendent Graff had informed him that they had brought in \$15,000.

Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Kwasniewski said she would add the resolution to the next meeting.

REQUEST TO WAIVE INTEREST CHARGE – 2 KATHERINE AVENUE:

Manager Van Kruijning stated a letter was received from the resident and from former Superintendent Conte. The resident has agreed to pay the fee of \$3,500 to fix the water line service that was creating a hazard in our roadway. However, the resident has been unable to pay at this point and the interest has accumulated in

the amount of \$635.00. He recommended that they authorize waiving the interest. The resident will make the payment of \$3,500 by the end of May.

There was a unanimous consensus to authorize waiving the interest charge for 2 Katherine Avenue.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pam Coles, 13-34 George Street, noted that next Tuesday at the Library is A Night with Sinatra.

Ms. Coles noted that the intersection of Fair Lawn Avenue and River Road has gotten really noisy. She wondered if they could have an ordinance or a sign urging people not to honk. Attorney Mondello advised that he was meeting with Traffic Safety Officer Franco tomorrow so he will discuss that with him. It is a County road so he was not sure that signs could be put up.

Councilmember Swain said that the other problem is when making a left the light is not that bright.

Ms. Coles mentioned that during the winter, Chase Banks vendor went through her fence and she tried to work it out with them but they never got back to her. They are not the friendliest neighbor. She also asked about getting trees that she would plant herself so that they could be a buffer against the bank.

Sylvia Zasloff, 9 Maltese Drive, spoke about noise and buffer zones. In looking at the Master Plan and reading the old one she wanted to point out some differences from when the last one was done. Now that there is a Federal law that says that Houses of Worship can do what they want the buffer zones are no longer adequate. That section of the Master Plan needs to be reviewed.

Councilmember Peluso wondered if she brought any of her concerns to the Planning Board. Ms. Zasloff said she did mention it to the board.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION:

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 8:40 p.m.

WHEREAS; the Open Public Meeting act of the State of New Jersey permits the public to be excluded from certain matters to be discussed by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS; the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn desire to discuss Personnel - Green Team and Pending Litigation - Klein, Mecionis and Harraka, Freedman vs. JP Morgan Chase Bank and JIF Claim Threshold; and

WHEREAS; these matters are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussions; and

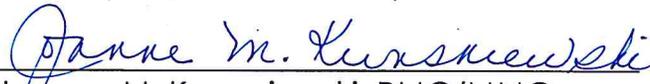
WHEREAS; minutes will be taken during this closed session and once the need for confidentiality no longer exists the minutes will be available to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn that the public be excluded since these matters as set forth above are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

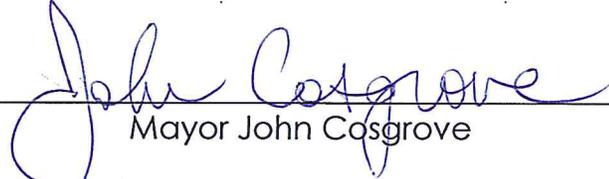
Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, the Work Session was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

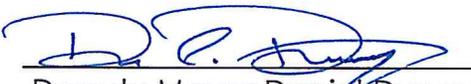


Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.



Mayor John Cosgrove



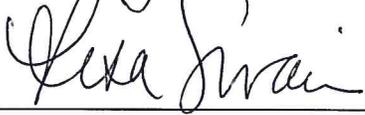
Deputy Mayor Daniel Dunay



Deputy Mayor Amy E. Lefkowitz



Councilmember Kurt Peluso



Councilmember Lisa Swain

