

REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 27, 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 Kruiningen, Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager Kwasniewski, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski and Attorney Mondello.

SWEARING IN OF AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS:

Mayor Cosgrove stated that once again they have the opportunity to swear in two more new Auxiliary Police Officers. The Council joined in the swearing ceremony.

Auxiliary Police Chief Nick Magarelli thanked the Mayor and Council and everyone present for this opportunity to swear in the two new officers who graduated from the academy on May 5th. Brittany Ezratty was the Class President for the graduating class, a criminology student at Fairleigh Dickinson and a member of the Police Explorers.

Robert Luscombe is one of the per diem dispatchers and is also a member of the Hawthorne Fire Department.

Mayor Cosgrove swore them both in at the same time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Peluso thanked Chief Magarelli and the rest of the Auxiliary Police Force for all they do and he also thanked the new recruits. He looks forward to having them on the force. He appreciates their efforts in volunteering.

He also thanked Lieutenant Bastinick and Officer Luke Henson for responding to a problem that occurred while he was at DeJong Field where his son was

playing baseball with former Councilmember Trawinski's grandson. There were cars drag racing in the parking lot. The matter was resolved quickly. It could have been a catastrophe with the kids running across the parking lot.

Councilmember Peluso spoke about the great weekend for the Borough of Fair Lawn. They honored Albie Palmieri who was vital to the American Legion and who has done so much for the veterans that came home. The Borough named a street after him in the Fair Lawn Promenade. It was great to see so many people in attendance.

He also thanked the Veteran's Council for honoring troops the right way. There was the laying of the wreaths at the Fair Lawn Cemetery. He spoke about marching in the parade with the rest of the Council. One thing he noticed since being on the Council is that the people watching the parade have been thinning out more and more every year. He encouraged the residents to do something to honor those who fell for us and why they celebrate Memorial Day. It is not just a day to go to the beach or to a barbecue, it's to thank the Veterans who gave us our freedom and who have given him the privilege to sit on the Council. Even if people cannot make it to the parade to say thank you, he suggested that they write a letter to a Veteran, volunteer at the VA or a soup kitchen. He thanked the residents that did show up.

Councilmember Swain echoed Councilmember Peluso's comments. She spoke about memorializing Albie Palmieri with a permanent place for residents to remember him, a street located in the new development, Fair Lawn Promenade on Route 208.

Councilmember Swain announced the River Road Car Show / Community Dance next Thursday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the George Street Parking lot.

On June 8th the Green Team will be sponsoring their 3K benefit walk as part of the one pound at a time initiative. It will begin at Memorial Pool and registration is at 9:00 a.m. On the same day, the Recycling Department is sponsoring a shredding day which runs between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Councilmember Swain stated on June 11th the Police Department will be hosting a Community Forum at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. They will be going over crime trends, traffic safety and juvenile issues. There will be time for discussions with Police Officers.

Lastly, the Central Bergen Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan will be holding their first public meeting on Thursday, June 5 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. to discuss what people think would be a good way for pedestrians to either walk or bike around Bergen County. It was specifically for the towns around the County Park which

runs through Ridgewood, Fair Lawn, Paramus, Saddle Brook, Rochelle Park, Elmwood Park and Maywood.

Deputy Mayor Dunay echoed Councilmember Peluso's comments about all of the events that happened this past weekend. He was sad to see fewer and fewer people attending and lining the Parade route. It has occurred to him that they should be thankful for the people who march in the parade and for the ones that do come out and watch the parade. All of Bergen County has come of age by virtue of veterans. They experienced their fastest growth in the years after World War II with many of the veterans returning from WWII and the Korean War and starting families. Even now when they look at the Veteran's Council and it is disproportionately veterans of that era. He thought the parade and the festivities emanates from that very foundation of veterans building this town in to the modern existence. He was happy that now almost 70 years after the end of World War II, a parade can still be held that brings out so many people. He felt it was a powerful statement of the legacy that the many men and women fought serving our Country during that time period. They are all very thankful for their efforts and for their sacrifice.

Deputy Mayor Dunay said it was encouraging to see so many of the civic organizations out. Fair Lawn is blessed to have many committed civic organizations. It was nice to see tonight the Auxiliary Police swearing in two new members. Deputy Mayor Dunay was thankful for everyone's continuing efforts on behalf of Fair Lawn.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz congratulated the two new members of the Auxiliary Police. She thanked them for their service.

She echoed both Councilmember Peluso and Councilmember Swain's comments about the weekend.

It was her first time marching in a parade as a member of this Council and as she stepped out on to Fair Lawn Avenue she had chills seeing all of the children dressed and the families and senior citizens out. She has noticed that the parade has thinned but she felt it was essential to teach the children the meaning of the day and to honor those who have sacrificed their lives for our continued freedom.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz mentioned that Cups the frozen yogurt store will be having a ribbon cutting this Saturday. Noodles & Co. will be opening next week on June 4th.

The Alliance will be meeting tomorrow. There will be a booth in conjunction with the Green Team at the Street Fair on June 8th. They are looking forward to

people stopping by to view the videos that have been submitted for the video contest.

Lastly, the Planning Board will be holding a Master Plan hearing on June 23rd. They anticipate there will be a revised draft of the plan so she encouraged people to come out and view the revisions.

Mayor Cosgrove echoed everyone's comments about the weekend as far as the Veteran's organizations and the Veteran's Council. He was happy to see that they kept it in perspective what this holiday was all about which is for the people that made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

He concurred with everyone about the naming of Albie Palmieri Place dedication. It was a beautiful day and a great crowd showed up.

Mayor Cosgrove mentioned Fair Lawn High School Junior Dylan Rinaldo who scored his 100th point for the Lacrosse Team. He was honorably mentioned in The Record as Athlete of the Week. Dylan serves as a Junior Firefighter in Co. 4 and he happened to be his sponsor. He is the son of one of the Fire Chief's Ralph Rinaldo and his wife Gerry.

Mayor Cosgrove attended the 90th birthday celebration of Rabbi Emeritus Simon Glustrom from the Fair Lawn Jewish Center. The Rabbi has served for well over 40 years and was well deserving of all of the accolades that was bestowed on him that day.

Mayor Cosgrove mentioned that a resident pointed out to him that they have a child that is handicapped and needs a special cart called the Caroline Cart. He thanked Pat Sullivan who works for Mr. Inserra of Shop Rite for taking care of this so quickly.

Mayor Cosgrove attended Coffee with a Cop which was very well attended. He thanked Chief Cauwells, Captain Paterson, Captain Kneer and Sergeant Metzler for running the program. They are looking forward to doing more of these in the future.

Mayor Cosgrove spoke about the Special Olympics that will be held in New Jersey. The summer games will be held from May 30 to June 1 at the College of New Jersey. The Bergen County Lawyers has qualified for this. Fair Lawn residents on the team which are Chuck Russo, Joe Pepitone, Kevin Pepitone, Danielle Moran from Bergenfield and Jared Dean from Ridgewood are also on the team. In the USA games on the National Team from New Jersey will have Joe and Kevin Pepitone on the team. He wished those athletes luck and hoped they win but most of all have a great time participating.

Mayor Cosgrove commented that last week he and Councilmember Swain were present at the Library when Walter Weglein gave a large donation in honor of his wife, Phyllis Weglein, who passed recently and who was a tireless worker for the Library. She had been an advocate for the Library since she was a young girl. He thanked Mr. Weglein and asked that everyone remember Phyllis tonight.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Van Kruingen stated the report has been submitted and there have been no changes.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2318-2014
(RESOLUTION NO. 201-2014)**

**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**

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Resolution No. 201-2014 introducing Ordinance No. 2318-2014 was discussed.

Mayor Cosgrove explained that this Ordinance was a way for the Borough to accept \$149,000 from the State of New Jersey to repave Radburn Road.

Deputy Mayor Dunay stated that he knew there were still a lot of focus on road repaving and prioritization. There is a process by which the Borough Manager and Engineer goes out to determine which roads needed to be resurfaced. This road was determined to be a priority. He knows there are other major roads that are terribly damaged. There are parts of Fair Lawn Avenue that is in very bad shape. Some of those roads are County roads and so they depend on them to pave them. He knows that many of the residents will be traveling over difficult roads that are more damaged than Radburn Road but they continue to maneuver through the process as best they can and pave as many high priority roads as can be done.

Councilmember Swain added that Fair Lawn Avenue will also be paved this year.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 201-2014 introducing Ordinance No. 2318-2014 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. 2319-2014
(RESOLUTION NO. 202-2014)**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE STIPEND OF EXISTING AND NEW
EMPLOYEES OF 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.202 -2014 introducing Ordinance No. 2319-2014 was discussed.

Councilmember Peluso thanked Chief Cauwels for bringing this to the Council attention. He explained that the most senior dispatcher was moving to a different department so instead of replacing them with another dispatcher they will hire someone per diem. The person that does the coordinating for the dispatching is the Lieutenant so instead of him doing that work there will be a Supervising Telecommunicator allowing the Lieutenant to do more of his Police duties. He thanked Chief Cauwels for thinking outside of the box and coming up with this plan.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 202-2014 introducing Ordinance No. 2319-2014 was unanimously passed.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:

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. 2315-2013
(RESOLUTION NO. 203-2014)**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF
THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
HIRED PRIOR TO MARCH 11, 2013 AND NEW EMPLOYEES OF THE
BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, HIRED ON OR AFTER MARCH 11, 2013**

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 Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 203-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2315-2014 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. 2316-2014
(RESOLUTION NO. 204-2014)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN 2000 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE", SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE XIII, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 2-77.

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 Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 204-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2316-2014 was discussed.

Mayor Cosgrove stated these are the rules and regulations of the Police Department. When the Police Department was accredited it was the recommendation to put these rules and regulations into an ordinance.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 204 -2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2316-2014 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 and open the time for public comments.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2317-2014
(RESOLUTION NO. 205-2014)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 33 OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN 2000 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT",
SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE IV, DUTIES**

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

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, Resolution No. 205-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2317-2014 was discussed.

Mayor Cosgrove stated these are the duties of the Police Chief. Accreditation requires the duties to be put in the form of an Ordinance.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 205 -2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2317 -2014 was unanimously passed.

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 Dunay, the time for public comments was unanimously closed.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT # 11-2014

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Swain, Consent Agenda #11-2014 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #206-2014 - Approval of Minutes:
 - Work Session 4/22/14
 - Closed Session 4/22/14
 - Special Meeting 4/26/14
 - Regular Meeting 4/29/14
- b. Resol. #207-2014 - Resolution Welcoming the 2014 Special Olympics U.S.A. Games and All Special Olympics Athletes and Volunteers to New Jersey
- c. Resol. #208-2014 - Authorizing Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program
- d. Resol. #209-2014 - Cancelling Various Water Capital Ordinances
- e. Resol. #210-2014 - Award of Contract: Electronics Recyclables

- f. Resol. #211-2014 - Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Elmwood Park for the Use of Memorial Pool
- g. Resol. #212-2014 - Interlocal Agreement with the Fair Lawn Community School for the Use of Memorial Pool
- h. Resol. #213-2014 - Authorizing Execution of Consent Form - Block 1702, Lots 5 and 6
- i. Resol. #214-2014 - Supporting Senate Resolution 74 (Immediate and Safe Return of the Young Women Abducted in Nigeria)
- j. Resol. #215-2014 - Appointment to the Property Maintenance / Facelift Committee
- k. Resol. #216-2014 - Authorizing Revisions to the Recreation and Open space Inventory (ROSI)
- l. Resol. #217-2014 - Renewal of Liquor Licenses 2014-2015
- m. Resol. #218-2014 - Authorizing Massagist License - Lina Dou, Healthy Way Group, Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Walter Weglein, 18 Ramsey Terrace, thanked the Mayor and Council for honoring the Weglein family wishes to set up a Phyllis Weglein book fund at the Fair Lawn Public Library and pledging not to reduce the amount of money it provides the Library. It was agreed that the \$10,000 would be spent only on new books and spent fully by the end of 2014. There will be no reduction on the Library budget because of this donation. With the Library having to acquire more and more materials such as DVD's, their book budget has suffered. There is no better way to honor Phyllis's memory than with books. Books which gave her a lifetime of reading pleasure and the reason she served with such enthusiasm for more than twenty years on the Library's Board of Trustees.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked Mr. Weglein for his generous donation. He also thanked him for sharing Phyllis with the Borough for so many years and for what she did on the Library Board.

Deputy Mayor Dunay also thanked Mr. Weglein for the contribution. He reads the New York Times on his Kindle but finds himself buying books. There is nothing like reading a book because it takes you away and you feel like you are in a whole different world. There is something heartfelt about touching the pages that you cannot get reading it on an electronic device. He was very thankful for everything he and his wife have done to support the Library. It is a tremendous memorial to her.

Mr. Weglein thanked him for his kind words. He wanted to emphasize the fact that these are not books bought from Amazon, these are books that the Library needs. He felt it was an honor to be able to donate the money.

Councilmember Swain commented when she served on the Library Board with Phyllis, they were faced with that decision about how they spent the money. Every year more and more people were requesting DVD's and other things and she remembered that she and Phyllis would say what's wrong with reading books. She is still reading books but not digital form. She was glad that Mr. Weglein made the donation for the books. Mr. Weglein said she and Phyllis made a great team.

Rich Seibel, 33-07 Halsey Road, thanked the Mayor and Council for the great job they did with the parade and for the entire weekend. He especially wanted to thank the people behind the scenes - the Department Heads and everyone who took part in making this a special weekend. He sees how hard the men and women work in this town to get things right.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked Manager Van Kruijning and all of the employees that worked so hard to get this together. He acknowledged the scouts that were at the cemetery placing flags on graves along with the veterans. He thanked all of the service groups and volunteers that marched in the parade. That was what makes Fair Lawn so great.

Mr. Seibel said they did a fantastic job. He thanked the veterans for doing a great job. He wanted to recognize those who gave the last full measure of devotion and to the families of the forty seven that are on the front lawn. They can never forget that but the job is not over. June 6, is the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. A young soldier that stepped on to Normandy Beach is now 90 years old. There will not be too many more reunions. They have to remember them. He reminded everyone that June 14th was Flag Day.

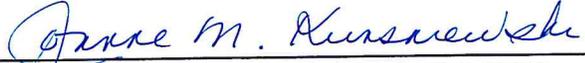
Mr. Seibel said to put it in perspective, the families of the veterans and the families of those who gave the last full measure, they never forget and they live with it every day. Today, the remains of a Korean War Veteran were identified and will be buried at Arlington Cemetery. For some people the Korean War just ended today. It is important that everyone remembers.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

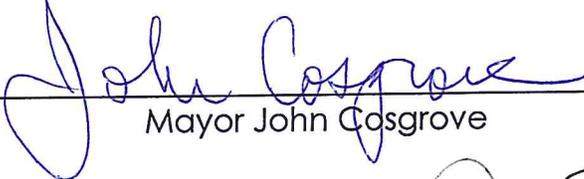
Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and second by Deputy Mayor Dunay the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

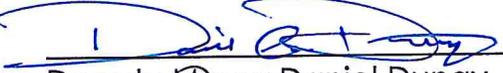


Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.



Mayor John Cosgrove



Deputy Mayor Daniel Dunay



Councilmember Kurt Peluso



Deputy Mayor Amy E. Lefkowitz



Councilmember Lisa Swain

