

WORK SESSION OF NOVEMBER 10, 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.

2014 BUDGET MEETING DATES

Manager Van Kruijning stated that he and CFO Palermo met with every department except the Fire Department, who they are seeing on Wednesday. He asked if the Council wanted to meet with each department again or only the departments with major changes and/or major capital improvements.

Mayor Cosgrove preferred to meet with each department. Deputy Mayor Dunay agreed. At the very least they could hear about their initiatives. Manager Van Kruijning asked for confirmation that they did not want to meet with Department Heads if there was no change in the budget or no Capital projects, such as Tax Collector and Tax Assessor.

Councilmember Peluso did not feel it was necessary to meet with departments without any increases or any Capital projects. The Council agreed. Manager Van Kruijning stated that he would like to meet either on Saturday, December 20th, Saturday, January 3rd or Saturday, January 10th.

There was consensus to schedule a Budget Meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE STATUS

Risk Manager Covelli was present.

Risk Manager Covelli explained that the post 65 retirees were moved from a self-funded program to a Medicare prescription drug program through Humana. The self-funded plan cost \$955,000 but the first year of the Medicare plan cost \$301,000, which was a savings of almost \$700,000. In year two the renewal cost increased to \$226 per person per month, for a total annual premium of \$383,292 or a \$66,000 increase of roughly 20%.

IDA found that Aetna would accept the group at a rate of \$223 per person, per month, which is \$5,700 less than their current premium. The coverage is identical

and there is a national network of pharmacies. Due to the savings and to avoid disruption of service, he and Manager Van Kruijning signed up for Aetna coverage on Friday.

There was consensus to switch the retirees to Aetna's prescription plan.

Risk Manager Covelli will prepare a confirming resolution for the November 25th Council Meeting.

Risk Manager Covelli explained that because they no longer have a grandfathered plan, under the Affordable Care Act they are required to provide a smoking cessation program. He and Manager Van Kruijning discussed the options and chose a plan that provides a half year of generic prescription products such as the patch or pills. The benefit begins on January 1, 2015.

Deputy Mayor Dunay asked if they have to pay more if people take advantage of this program. Risk Manager Covelli stated that they are paying for the prescription and the doctor monitoring the care.

He concluded by stating he has been authorized to provide the Elected Officials training so that the municipality can receive a \$250 credit per Councilmember and Manager. Councilmembers can either attend a session on Wednesday at the League of Municipalities Conference or he will come to the Borough. Mayor Cosgrove suggested Risk Manager Covelli come to the Borough to present the training.

Manager Van Kruijning asked if they could move to Closed Session so CFO Palermo does not have to stay until the end of the meeting.

There was consensus to adjourn to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 7:50 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 Contract Negotiations – PBA/SOA; 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.

Mayor Cosgrove reconvened the Work Session at 8:35 p.m.

REVIEW OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager Kwasniewski indicated there were no changes.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Swain reported that the ADA Committee's dance last Friday had the highest attendance. Mayor Cosgrove was there as was the Veterans Council, who sponsored the dance.

Tomorrow is the deadline for the Arts Council self-portrait projects. Portraits do not have to be a traditional concept. They are coming up with interesting ideas for future projects involving the community.

The Green Team received a letter from Joanne Wilson, thanking them for the rain barrels they donated to three schools.

She concluded by stating that River Road Improvement Corp's trick-or-treat event on Halloween afternoon was a tremendous success. The businesses are thrilled that people are coming out and getting to know them.

Councilmember Peluso reported that the Garden Committee planted at the arboretum on Fair Lawn Avenue and many volunteers showed up to help. They will be doing a project at the Recycling Center. The Broadway Improvement Corp. is meeting on Thursday.

Deputy Mayor Dunay stated that the Property Maintenance Committee was meeting this week. The Open Space Committee updated and prioritized the list of properties they would like to acquire. Some properties were high priorities but had questionable status, such as Daly Field and the Vanderbeck property. They

discussed the Rys property located off Saddle River Road and whether its potential uses and its cost of \$500,000 would be Borough money well spent.

Since some high value properties were still potentially available, the Committee felt they should not spend an exorbitant amount of Open Space funds on properties such as the Rys property. However, the Committee expressed interest in acquiring the smaller property across from the Rys property to prevent it from being developed into something that could lead to more traffic. Manager Van Kruijningen will research whether there is even the possibility of development. He will put together a report for the December 2nd Work Session.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz reported that the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention is looking for new members who can represent different segments of the population. They discussed trying to get representatives from the Medical field.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that the Shade Tree Commission obtained a quote on a sign that identifies the different type of trees in the arboretum. The 24 x 36 sign is made by Enviro Signs. The Commission wondered if the Council would fund the sign, which costs \$1,223.75 with shipping.

There was consensus to pay \$1,233.75 for the Arboretum sign.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that the Stigma Free Task Force was meeting this evening. He spoke to Maureen Moriarty, who informed him that the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention is giving them \$750 for their lawn signs.

The fire last Friday at 30th Street displaced a family. He is very proud of the residents of Fair Lawn. The Fair Lawn Moms and Dads Facebook established a drop off point at a neighbor's house on 30th Street and there has been a collection of gift cards and clothing for the family. One firefighter was treated at the hospital as a precautionary measure.

Councilmember Swain requested an update on the Vanderbeck House.

WAIVER OF WATER BILL – 23-07 MAPLE AVENUE

Manager Van Kruijningen reported that they are finalizing their offer, which was accepted by Glen Toyota. He asked to wait until the details are finalized and then they can pass the necessary resolution approving the waiver and acceptance of the donation.

There was consensus to wait until Manager Van Kruijningen has finalized the agreement.

ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Manager Van Kruijningen emailed the Council a report that included overtime costs and the number of vehicles/attendees who participated. He wanted to decide now whether this will be an annual event.

There were 22 vehicles and 300 to 400 attendees. Three cars asked to leave by 6:50 p.m. because they were out of candy and the layout allowed them to leave in a safe manner. Mayor Cosgrove stated that based on the success of River Road's Halloween event, he did not think they needed to do Trunk or Treat again next year.

Councilmember Swain stated that the feedback she received was to go back to trick-or-treating. Deputy Mayor Dunay would prefer the River Road venue as it got people out to the businesses.

There was consensus not to have Trunk or Treat next year.

WATER DEPARTMENT/BOARD OF EDUCATION GARAGE CADMUS PLACE AGREEMENT

Manager Van Kruijningen stated that he reviewed the agreement with the Board of Education regarding the Cadmus Place Water Garage, which expired on June 30, 1999, and sent it to Attorney Mondello for his comments. Once he receives it back he will forward to the Board of Education. Currently, no Borough agencies have a need to use this facility. The Board of Education has taken over the maintenance.

He asked if the Council was in favor of renewing the agreement provided there were no major changes.

There was consensus to add the agreement to a future Council meeting.

SIGN FOR ARBORETUM

This was discussed under Council Comments.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Councilmember Swain stated that she was contacted by a member of a domestic violence group, who would like to do a 15 minute presentation at a Council Meeting. The September Police report listed nine domestic violence cases. She felt it would be good for residents to learn prevention or what to do if

they knew someone who was a victim. The woman from the domestic violence group would be able to come to a meeting in January. She will send them a link to her presentation so that they are aware of it.

There was a consensus to place this presentation on a January of February meeting agenda.

FCC RULE ENABLES WIRELESS INDUSTRY TO SHORT CIRCUIT LOCAL LAND USE REVIEW

Councilmember Swain spoke about an e-mail they received about a new ruling which could affect Fair Lawn because the cell towers could be higher. She thought that either the Attorney or Zoning Board Attorney could review it.

Attorney Mondello advised that he understood this legislation would cause the Zoning Board to lose their jurisdiction when a telecommunication carrier wants to add to an existing tower. There has always been regulations and federal law in place that a Zoning Board could not reasonably hinder the addition of co-locators. This is not the applicant coming in to erect a new cell tower. This is the applicant that wants to co-locate on to an existing tower. As long as they are not interfering with the other frequencies the Zoning Board would have to approve. This legislation would take it out of their jurisdiction.

Mayor Cosgrove suggested that Attorney Mondello look into it further and let them know via e-mail.

REVIEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS FY 2015

Manager Van Kruijning stated that he had forwarded information from Engineer Garrison on projects. The grant applications are due on December 5th. The three projects are Barrier Free Ramps, Senior Center Room Divider and Roadway Improvements.

There was a unanimous consensus to authorize the above mentioned applications.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO BANDSHELL

Manager Van Kruijning stated this past season the Parks Department had issues running the hydraulic system which lifts the stage and doors on the bandshell. He researched funding and located the amount needed to make the repairs. It would allow them another five years before looking in to replacing it. Manager Van Kruijning mentioned that the bandshell is loaned to other

towns and thought they should not do that anymore. The transport and moving of it could cause damage to it.

There was a unanimous consensus to authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 for the repair of the bandshell and to include that caveat that it stays within the Borough.

SPECIAL MEETING

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Councilmember Swain, the Work Session was recessed to Special Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Cosgrove reconvened the Work Session at 9:02 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one wished to be heard.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 9:05 p.m.

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WHEREAS; the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn desire to discuss Contract Negotiations – PBA/SOA and Pending Litigation – Roskowsky; 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

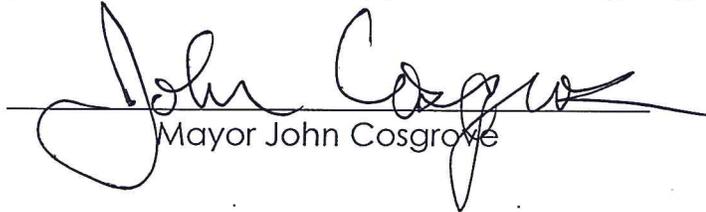
Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, the Work Session was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

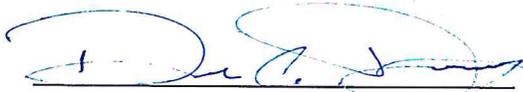


Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.



Mayor John Cosgrove



Deputy Mayor Daniel Dungy



Deputy Mayor Amy E. Lefkowitz



Councilmember Kurt Peluso



Councilmember Lisa Swain