

## REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 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.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Peluso stated that the Veterans Day Ceremony at Borough Hall was a great event. It was nice to see the men and women who served and thank them for their service. He hopes residents will take the time to thank Fair Lawn servicemen and women for all they have done for the town, State and the Nation.

He attended the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City and participated in several classes, which provided good educational opportunities.

He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked residents to remember their less fortunate neighbors by donating an item to the food pantry.

Councilmember Swain reported that Fair Lawn received a Certificate of Special Recognition in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Municipal Public Information Contest. She thanked Manager Van Kruijning, who was instrumental in getting the Borough's website updated.

A Fair Lawn family on 30<sup>th</sup> Street was recently displaced by a fire. A neighbor is collecting funds for the family, whose three teenage sons lost everything. Fortunately no one was injured. The neighbor helped spread the word online through the Fair Lawn Moms and Dads site and the Fair Lawn based Business and Resources. She also started a GoFundMe campaign. Residents wishing to make a contribution can go online and make a donation to the Yusuf Family. Checks can be made payable to Kisha Yusuf and dropped off to the Manager. The Green Team donated rain barrels to Milnes, Radburn and Memorial Schools and they received a nice thank you letter from the Business Administrator,

Joanne Wilson. She attended the Sustainable Luncheon in Atlantic City, as Fair Lawn was recertified as Bronze status. She noted that 75% of the municipalities in New Jersey are now participating in Sustainable Jersey and are working on making communities better for us, our children and grandchildren. The Council took a picture with the plaque the Borough received.

She concluded by wishing everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Deputy Mayor Dunay stated this is a season of hope, happiness and giving. It is a great time to think about helping others or becoming inspired to join a volunteer group, which gives back all year round.

He hopes everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and a fun time surrounded by family and friends.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz stated that on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> she had the privilege of performing the coin toss at the Fair Lawn Football Association's Pee Wee Super Bowl. Councilmember Peluso also attended. She congratulated the team and the coaches for doing an amazing job and winning 7 to 6 for the first time in 20 years.

At the League of Municipalities Conference she was able to try out the Wee Saw, a new piece of equipment that will be installed at the Berdan Grove inclusionary playground. She was looking forward to it being enjoyed by all.

She concluded by wishing everyone a safe, healthy, peaceful and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Mayor Cosgrove clarified that a link to the GoFundMe site for the Yusuf family can be found on the Fair Lawn Moms and Dads Facebook page.

He congratulated the Pee Wee Cutters, who will be attending the next Council meeting.

He attended a ribbon cutting for La Trattoria, located in the Plaza Building. The food was great. He wished the best of luck to the restaurant's owners, Nino and Fran Ingrati.

He attended the Mitzvah Day for the Fair Lawn Jewish Center. He thanked Craig Mont and the members of the Center who put their hard work into supporting our troops overseas.

Temple Beth Sholom held its annual Veteran's Day program. He was honored to meet one of the original Monument Men, who spoke at the event. He had a great time speaking with all the veterans. He thanked Jack O'Neil of the

Veterans Council for the very moving ceremony at Borough Hall on Veterans Day.

He attended Pathmark's Customer Appreciation Day. The store gave out flowers and coupons to their customers. He thanked them for appreciating Fair Lawn and the people who shop there.

Last Saturday he attended a ceremony at St. Anne's marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Giving Tree. The parishioners of St. Anne's donate toys and gift certificates and last year they distributed over 3,000 gifts to people in need. He thanked Lucy DePadova and Lenora Mosca, who have been involved with the program since the beginning.

The Filipino American Association of Fair Lawn's annual dinner dance on Saturday night was well attended. The proceeds will benefit the Binhi Scholarships, which are awarded to local high school students.

Bergen Regional Medical Center will be sponsoring a seminar on adolescent behavioral health on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Information can be obtained by visiting their website at [www.bergenregional.com](http://www.bergenregional.com) or by calling the Mayor's office. They held a very powerful seminar two months ago on substance abuse, addiction, the growing heroin problem and how to help those who are addicted. It will be a very informative program for adolescents with behavioral health problems or parents dealing with this issue.

Wreaths Across America will be taking place at the Municipal Building on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Wreaths are simultaneously placed at 12 noon at Arlington National Cemetery, through Maine and across the United States. He encouraged residents to attend the ceremony and honor our veterans.

He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. They have a lot to be thankful for in Fair Lawn, as they live in a place where they can celebrate and voice their religious opinions. Our diversity is our strength.

#### **ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING:**

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2326-2014 (RESOLUTION NO. 380-2014)**

**"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 (COLUMBIA HEIGHTS PASSIVE PARK CREATION)"**

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, Resolution No. 380-2014 introducing Ordinance No. 2326 -2014 was discussed.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that this passive park on Heights Avenue will be named after Bill Greider, a longtime firefighter who lived his entire life on Heights Avenue. The park will be located where Mr. Greider joined the original Fire Company #2.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 380-2014 introducing Ordinance No. 2326 - 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 Consent 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 # 22-2014**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Swain, Consent Agenda #22-2014 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #381-2014 - Approval of Minutes:  
Work Session 10/21/14  
Closed Session 10/21/14
- b. Resol. #382-2014 - Cancel and Refund Year 2014 Property Taxes  
Due to 100% Veteran Property Tax Exemption
- c. Resol. #383-2014 - Authorizing the Issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale  
Certificate Pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Public  
Laws of 1977
- d. Resol. #384-2014 - Interlocal Agreement with Northwest Bergen  
County Utilities Authority for Sanitary Sewer  
Jetting for 2015 and 2016
- e. Resol. #385-2014 - Award of Bid: Sewer and Pump Station  
Maintenance
- f. Resol. #386-2014 - Accepting Donation of Playground Equipment  
and Installation at the Berdan Gove Inclusionary  
Playground
- g. Resol. #387-2014 - Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

- h. Resol. #388-2014 - Tax Appeal Settlement: 18-01 Politt Drive, LLC,-  
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- i. Resol. #389-2014 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Sharkey, 2-26 Grunauer  
Place
- j. Resol. #390-2014 - Tax Appeal Settlement: VanZandt, 17-44 Eberlin  
Drive
- k. Resol. #391-2014 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Verma, 0-14 28th Street
- l. Resol. #392-2014 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Syrtach-Ochs, 8-12  
Saddle River Road
- m. Resol. #393-2014 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Young, 36-19 Lindsay  
Road
- n. Resol. #394-2014 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Young & Young Assoc.,  
20-00 Fair Lawn Avenue
- o. Resol. #395-2014 - Affirming the Replacement of Humana Group  
Medicare PDP with Aetna Medicare PDP for  
Calendar Year 2015
- p. Resol. #396-2014 - Reduction of Performance Bond - Fair Lawn  
Promenade
- q. Resol. #397-2014 - Authorizing Execution of Bergen County  
Community Development Grant Application -  
Roadway Improvements
- r. Resol. #398-2014 - Authorizing Execution of Bergen County  
Community Development Grant Application -  
Senior Center Room Divider
- s. Resol. #399-2014 - Authorizing Execution of Bergen County  
Community Development Grant Application -  
Barrier Free Ramps
- t. Resol. #400-2014 - Authorizing the Issuance of \$180,000 of Special  
Emergency Notes
- u. Resol. #401-2014 - Interlocal Agreement with Northwest  
Bergen County Utilities Authority for TV  
Inspection of the Sanitary Sewer System for  
2015 and 2016
- v. Resol. #402-2014 - Establishing Cobra Rates
- w. Resol. #403-2014 - Establishing Premium Equivalent Rates
- x. Resol. #404-2014 - Transfer of Funds

**RESOLUTION NO. 405-2014 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting 10/28/14

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Swain,  
Resolution No. 405-2014 was passed with Councilmember Peluso abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

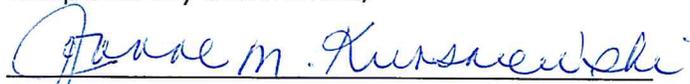
Rich. Siebel, 33-07 Halsey Road thanked Mayor Cosgrove for mentioning the Wreaths Across America program. Breakfast with Santa is the same day at the Fair Lawn Athletic Club, so participants should feel free to stop by the ceremony afterwards. If anyone has an unwrapped, new toy the Marine Corps Reserve has a Toys for Tots drop off box at the Borough. This is a tough time for the families of those serving overseas. They must always remember those who give the last full measure.

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

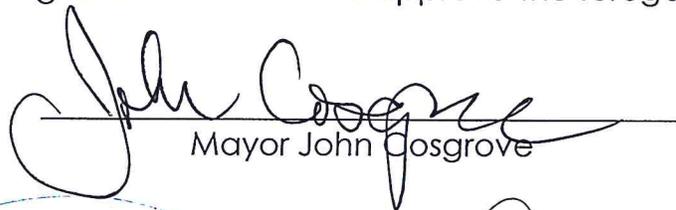
**ADJOURNMENT:**

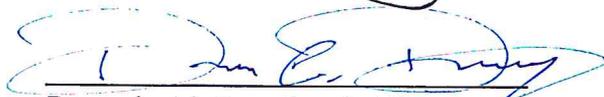
Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and second by Deputy Mayor Dunay the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

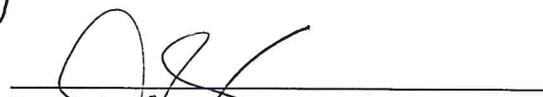
Respectfully submitted,

  
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