

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 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.

Mayor Cosgrove asked that everyone remain standing after the Pledge of Allegiance for a moment of silence in memory of the 141 people, of which 132 were children that perished in Pakistan because of acts of terrorism.

Mayor Cosgrove announced that Assemblyman Tim Eustace was present.

PROCLAMATION: FAIR LAWN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS

Mayor Cosgrove stated that the Fair Lawn Pee Wee Cutters recently won the Super Bowl, which took place on November 16, 2014. This was the first championship win in 20 years. He wanted all the players to know how proud they were of the team. The Mayor presented the proclamation to Phil Schwartz, president of the Fair Lawn Football Association.

PRESENTATION OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE BEAUTIFICATION POSTER CONTEST AWARDS

Mayor Cosgrove thanked the Property Maintenance Committee for the great job that they do.

George Bate, Chairperson, thanked the Council for allowing the Committee to make this presentation each year. He recognized the Board of Education, principals and students for participating in the poster contest, and thanked the Knights of Pythias for funding the program.

Mr. Spindel, Project Chairman and the Knights of Pythias Chancellor Commander, Ian Setlis presented awards to Samantha Martin - Warren Point School, Adriana Sorrentio - Milnes School and Julia Yankow - Westmoreland School. Mr. Spindel thanked the Board of Education for supporting this poster contest each year.

Pat Muse, Project Chairperson, presented the House Beautiful Awards to residents Tom and Barbara Swoboda of 6th Street and Steven and Adriana Tursi of 28th Street. Committee member Bob Harris presented Business Beautiful Awards to Richard Louis of Louis Suburban Chapel and Fr. Doran from St. Leon Armenian Church.

Mayor Cosgrove congratulated the winners and thanked the Property Maintenance Committee for doing such a great job of looking out for properties in the Borough.

Assemblyman Eustace thanked the Council for supporting legislation which would help veterans who apply for unemployment benefits. Currently veterans have to file by phone or in person while everyone else can file online. Yesterday, the Assembly passed legislation enabling veterans to have the same rights as everyone else. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked Assemblyman Eustace for sponsoring the legislation and for taking care of veterans.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Van Kruijning stated that there were no changes to the Manager's Report. Residents with questions may call his office.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Peluso thanked Assemblyman Eustace and the other Assembly members for passing legislation to help veterans filing for unemployment benefits. Anything they can do to help veterans should be encouraged.

He, Mayor Cosgrove and Councilmember Swain attended the Chamber of Commerce holiday party, where gift cards for less fortunate children were collected. He appreciates all the work the Chamber does for the community.

He and Mayor Cosgrove attended the Radio Club holiday party. The Club, which consists of over 100 members, meets every Friday at the Community Center. The members are connecting with a lot of different people and doing a lot of great things.

He and Mayor Cosgrove attended the Fire Department Beefsteak dinner. He congratulated the former chief and his administration on doing a great job and he looked forward to having a new Chief for 2015. It is always good to recognize the great service the firefighters do for the Borough.

He attended Wreaths across America this past Saturday with Mayor Cosgrove and Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz. It was a great event and a great way to recognize our veterans and all they do for our Country. He thanked Rich Siebel for coordinating this event for the past three years.

The Council was outside earlier lighting the Menorah for the first day of Hanukkah. He wished a Happy Hanukkah to those who celebrate. It is nice to live in a community where a Christmas tree and Menorah are side by side, showing how much respect they have for all religions.

He thanked George Bate and the Property Maintenance Committee. He looks forward to the poster contest every year. As alumni of Milnes School it was great to see that a Milnes' student was a contest winner, as well as a student from Warren Point School where his children attend.

He concluded by congratulating the Fair Lawn Football team. He attended the Super Bowl with Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz. The players were very committed and the parents were behind them 100%. It was a wonderful community event. He looked forward to watching these children grow up in the Fair Lawn Football Association and hopefully bring their skills to Fair Lawn High School.

Councilmember Swain congratulated the Fair Lawn Football Association and the young athletes, who have a great future ahead. She also congratulated the winners chosen by the Property Maintenance Committee. It is great to see that there are so many people who care about their properties, as that is what makes Fair Lawn a beautiful place.

She noted that this is the season of giving and there are many people who need a little extra help. Anyone who would like to donate to a resident in need can contact the Borough Manager, as the Borough has compiled a holiday wish list for kids and families in need.

The ADA Committee will be having a "Kick off the New Year" dance on January 2nd. The dance is partially funded by the Cosmo Club.

She spoke about traffic safety, which is something they address often. She shared a tip she learned while doing an Avon Walk for Breast Cancer: make eye contact with drivers. Although pedestrians should be safe in a crosswalk,

they should make eye contact and make sure a driver acknowledges them before continuing to cross.

She concluded by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and a safe, and healthy holiday.

Deputy Mayor Dunay congratulated the Pee Wee Football team on their tremendous win. It was nice to see so many people come to the Council meeting to congratulate them and what a great trophy for them. He hoped they continue to bring home the trophy in future years.

He also congratulated all of the winners of the Property Maintenance Committee's beautification awards as well as the poster contest. He thought it was amazing the dozens of posters that came in from all of the schools. All of them had a lot of thought and effort put into them. The three winner's posters were very beautiful.

He also thanked the Knights of Pythias who give hundreds of dollars each year to support the Property Maintenance Committee. They do tremendous work for the community.

He wished everyone a very happy Chanukah, a very Merry Christmas, and a very happy New Year. He hoped that everyone finds time to spend with friends and family.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz also congratulated the football team. It was nice to see all the parents and children come to the meeting. She was so proud of them. She congratulated the winners of the poster contest and was very impressed with their drawings. She also congratulated the winners of the Property Maintenance Committee Beautification Award.

She attended the Wreath across America event with the Mayor and Councilmember Peluso. She thanked Rich Siebel for organizing the event. As they go through the holiday season, they should take time to think of those in our armed forces who have and continue to sacrifice for our freedom.

On Sunday she attended the "Let Them Be Little" fundraiser in Garfield for Lyra. It was wonderful to see the community come out and support her.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz announced that Citydescribed.com published an article naming the top fourteen small cities in New Jersey and Fair Lawn was number one. She was very proud to be a resident and a part of this special Borough.

She wished everyone a happy holiday to everyone and a safe and healthy new year.

Mayor Cosgrove announced that a Fair Lawn resident, Ian Axle and his band, Great Big World, recently received a Grammy nomination for their song, Say Something. He congratulated Ian Axle for this accomplishment.

He thanked the clients of the Fair Lawn Opportunity Center for presenting the Mayor and Council with a gingerbread house. He explained that the Opportunity Center helps people with developmental problems.

As the year comes to a close, he wanted to thank the unsung heroes in Fair Lawn that man Fair Lawn TV for them. They are so lucky to have them behind the camera filming all these events and meetings. He thanked Fran Moldow, Saul Rochman, Bob Weiner, Joe Appio, Michael Rochman, and all of those that help make Fair Lawn TV the best local TV in the State.

Mayor Cosgrove expressed sadness over the loss of three people who served the Borough for many years. John Tackels who was a former Councilmember, Shirléy Loeber who was the Assistant Municipal Clerk for over twenty years and Mom of the Planning Board Secretary, Cathy Hochkeppel and Bob Erintrout who served in the Fair Lawn Fire Department. Thoughts and prayers go out to all of those families.

He had a meeting with the Borough Manager today and one of the things they discussed was pedestrian safety. The bump outs are scheduled to be installed along Fair Lawn Avenue and Broadway along with a hawk device near the train stations. They are waiting for State funding. The entire Council is vigilant about pedestrian safety. Councilmember Swain's suggestion to look the person in the eye was a good one. When getting off the train, he asked that everyone walk to the crosswalk.

The Borough will be recognizing the Borough employees and honoring the retirees on Friday, December 19th at 3 p.m. The Municipal Building will be closed after 3 p.m.

He wished everyone a joyous holiday season, Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2015.

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. 2326-2014
(RESOLUTION NO. 407-2014)**

"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)"

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. 407--2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2326-2014 was unanimously passed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso 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. 2327-2014
(RESOLUTION NO. 408-2014)**

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AS AMENDED (PBA/SOA)

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 Dunay, Resolution No. 408-2014 adopting Ordinance No. 2327-2014 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 Agenda items only was opened.

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

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT # 23-2014

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Swain,, Consent Agenda #23-2014 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #409-2014 - Approval of Minutes:
 - Special Work Session 11/10/14
 - Work Session 11/10/14
 - Closed Session 11/10/14
 - Special Meeting 11/10/14
 - Closed Session 11/10/14
 - Special Meeting 11/25/14
 - Regular Meeting 11/25/14
 - Closed Session 11/25/14
- b. Resol. #410-2014 - Award of RFP: Disposal of Recyclables
- c. Resol. #411-2014 - Professional Services: Computer Maintenance Service - Edmunds Associates, Inc.
- d. Resol. #412-2014 - Extension of Contract: Cold Water Meters and Appurtenances - Rio Supply, Inc.
- e. Resol. #413-2014 - Accepting Donation from Glen Toyota
- f. Resol. #414-2014 - Transfer of Funds
- g. Resol. #415-2014 - Authorizing Execution of Use and Occupancy Agreement with the Board of Education - Cadmus Place
- h. Resol. #416-2014 - Award of Bid: Well Service 2014
- i. Resol. #417-2014 - Authorizing the Renewal of the Borough's Partially Self-Funded Health Benefits Program with Insurance Design Administrators (IDA) for the Period 1/1/15 through 12/31/15
- j. Resol. #418-2014 - Professional Services: Third Party Administrator
- k. Resol. #419-2014 - Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- l. Resol. #420-2014 - Confirmation of Fire Board Actions
- m. Resol. #421-2014 - Authorizing the Execution of PBA/SOA Contract
- n. Resol. #422-2014 - Rescinding Tree Planting Contract and Awarding Contract to Second Lowest Bidder
- o. Resol. #423-2014 - Supporting Passaic Valley Water Commission's Stay of its LT2 Administrative Consent Order
- p. Resol. #424-2014 - Supporting that the Department of Labor and Workforce Development Permit Veterans and Other Groups to Apply for Unemployment Insurance Benefits Online

- q. Resol. #425-2014 - Confirming Endorsement of CDBG Application - Care Plus, NJ, Inc.
- r. Resol. #426-2014 - Appointment to Community Development
- s. Resol. #427-2014 - Authorizing Awarding Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors - Goosetown Communications
- t. Resol. #428-2014 - Confirming Endorsement of CDBG Application - AAH of Bergen County, 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.

Pamela Coles, 13-34 George Street thanked Councilmember Swain for the pedestrian safety tip. Mayor Cosgrove informed her that he knew of a high school student who gave out glowing arm bands. Ms. Coles felt people should use more caution.

Ms. Coles acknowledged the Fair Lawn Football team. She felt it was more than just a team. They grow with the knowledge of what was learned as a team.

Ms. Coles asked about funding for the Naugle House and wondered if there were any plans. Mayor Cosgrove stated they were waiting for plans that were being prepared by H2M. Manager Van Kruiningen added that there are no plans for that area right now.

Craig Miller, 5 Ramapo Terrace commented that this state has become motor friendly. He felt there should be more enforcement on the drivers.

Councilmember Swain, as Co-Liaison to the River Road District, reminded everyone that last minutes gifts can be bought locally.

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.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION:

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 8:25 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 - Minibus, Animal Control and Zoning Board; 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 Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and second by Councilmember Peluso, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 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

