

REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2015

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 19, 2014. 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.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Van Kruijning stated the Manager's Report was submitted without change and there were additional copies on the table. If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact his office.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Peluso stated that he attended Fire Co. 4's dinner where their officers were sworn in. He thanked all of the Firemen and Emergency Service people for doing a great service for Fair Lawn.

He attended the Taste of Our Town with Mayor Cosgrove and Councilmember Swain. There was an unbelievable crowd that attended and it was a great event. All of the proceeds go to charity.

Councilmember Peluso stated that Deputy Mayor Dunay, CFO Palermo, Manager Van Kruijning had a Finance Committee meeting earlier that night. It was very productive and he looked forward to bringing ideas to the Council.

Councilmember Swain thanked Councilmember Peluso for mentioning Taste of Our Town. She has been attending this event for the last six years and the selection of food is terrific. There was something for everyone to taste. All of the money goes to the Food Pantry in Fair Lawn.

Last week she attended the Knights of Pythias Charity Event which was a wonderful event. Each year they raise money through a number of activities for many charities. She thanked them for all of their efforts.

The 70th Anniversary of Iowa Jima ceremony was held last week. She wanted to thank the veteran's for protecting all of us. She looked forward to more events like this since they now have a Veteran's liaison.

Next Wednesday the Green Fair will be held at the Community Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. She invited everyone to attend the fair.

On March 6th the ADA Committee will be holding a dance at the Community Center.

Councilmember Swain congratulated the Fair Lawn High School Women's Swim Team.

She spoke about the Fair Lawn/Ridgewood Weight Loss Challenge. The kick off will be Monday, March 23rd in the Ridgewood Village Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Dunay stated that they have made tremendous progress working through the budget and the major budget issues. They continue to make progress in the smaller committee with the Borough Manager and the CFO to think about a few long term issues that they might be able to address and save some money. He thought it would allow them to remain on a sustainable spending path if they can basically get through some of these issues. He felt that both the CFO and the Borough Manager have been dedicated to working with them to keep the Borough on a sustainable spending path.

Today they received the final budget figures. They are currently showing a tax increase of less than 1% on the municipal tax. He explained that 70% of the tax bill is the Board of Education, 20% is the Borough and 10% is the County. He recognized that every increase is difficult but thought that the municipal increase was less than the rate of inflation.

The weather has been particularly harsh which means there has been an unusually high number of water main breaks. The Borough workers are out constantly. He thanked the Borough employees for rushing to the scene of these water main breaks.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz reported that the Alliances for Substance Abuse Prevention's drop off box has been installed in the Municipal Building. There should be a formal presentation coming up.

The Too Smart to Start program has finished and there were a total of 369 fifth grade students from Warren Point, Milnes, Forest, Westmoreland, Radburn and Lyncrest Schools who participated in this program. It was a great program for these youngsters to help prevent them from getting involved with drugs and alcohol. She congratulated the program on being so successful.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz mentioned that one of the resolutions on the Consent Agenda is for the 2016 Municipal Grant Alliance proposal which was done by Health Officer Wagner.

She congratulated the Fair Lawn High School Cutters Boys Swimming Team who finished with a 12-1 record.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz spoke about an event she attended on President's Day at Temple Emanuel. There were many elected officials at this event. The Rabbi translated the Gettysburg Address in Hebrew and then chanted it. It was a nice celebration of our history.

She congratulated Mayor Cosgrove on his award from the Bergen County United Way who presented him with an Oscar for winning the Best Mayor in a Leading Role for People with Special Needs. She felt that he does so much for so many people.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked all the people that came out for the Iowa Jima ceremony. He, Councilmember Swain and Freeholder Ganz were at the ceremony. He thanked Rich Seibel who always remembers the Veterans and who brought this to the Council's attention. It was nice to see people here 70 years after the day to remember the people who protected our freedom.

He was invited to a brunch at St. Leon's Church with other elected officials and it was an outstanding event. They had a mock wax museum. The kids played parts from Gandhi to John Kennedy and everyone in between.

The Fair Lawn Old Timers Dinner will be held on March 26th so if any male has lived or worked in Fair Lawn for twenty years, contact his office for more information.

He spoke about the Borough employees and the Emergency Responders who work in this brutal weather. He felt they were very fortunate to have such dedicated employees and volunteers. He thanked all of them for their service.

ORDINANCES 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. 2334-2015
(RESOLUTION NO. 110-2015)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, 2000 BY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 94 ENTITLED "FEES", SUBSECTION 94-12 MISCELLANEOUS FEES TO REVISE FEES FOR THE USE OF THE FAIR LAWN RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER (ART ROOM)

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, Resolution No. 110 -2015 introducing Ordinance No. 2334 -2015 was unanimously passed.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2332-2015
(RESOLUTION NO. 111-2015)**

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

There being no comments by the public, upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, 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. 111-2015 adopting Ordinance No. 2332-2015 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. 2333-2015
(RESOLUTION NO. 112-2015)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.
40A: 4-45.14) CALENDAR YEAR 2015**

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

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Swain Resolution No. 112-2015 adopting Ordinance No. 2333-2015 was unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT # 5-2015

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Swain, Consent Agenda #5-2015 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #113-2015 – Approval of Minutes:
Work Session 1/13/15
Closed Session 1/13/15
- b. Resol. #114-2015 – Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- c. Resol. #115-2015 - Authorizing Submission of Recycling
Tonnage Grant
- d. Resol. #116-2015 – Authorizing Renewal of Massagist
License - Ketevan Leluashvili - Medicine &
Rehabilitation, P.C.
- e. Resol. #117-2015 – Traffic Regulations - Memorial Junior High School
- f. Resol. #118-2015 – Authorizing Renewal of Massage
Establishment License – Sunny Health Center
and Massagist License – Lian Hong

- g. Resol. #119-2015 – Tax Appeal Settlement: Conforti Guadara, LLC – 27-07 Broadway
- h. Resol. #120-2015 – Tax Appeal Settlement: 515-01 Pollitt Drive Realty, LLC – 515-01 Pollitt Drive, Unit #5
- i. Resol. #121-2015 – Tax Appeal Settlement: Valley National Bank – 139 Lincoln Avenue
- j. Resol. #122-2015 – Tax Appeal Settlement: Valley National Bank - 20-24 Fair Lawn Avenue
- k. Resol. #123-2015 – Tax Appeal Settlement: Hiemstra Realty, LLC – 6-01 Saddle River Road
- l. Resol. #124-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Siegel - 39-24 Grant Street
- m. Resol. #125-2015 – Tax Appeal Settlement: Goldberg – 42-08 Cosgrove Court
- n. Resol. #126-2015 – Tax Appeal Settlement: Levy – 2-34 33rd Street
- o. Resol. #127-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Beshlian – 32-05 Broadway
- p. Resol. #128-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Kwestel -37-19 Hillside Terrace
- q. Resol. #129-2014 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Dreifus – 27-18 Hillside Terrace
- r. Resol. #130-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Buchmann – 38-24 Leslie Place
- s. Resol. #131-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Mau – 0-48 28th Street
- t. Resol. #132-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Das – 21-12 Dalton Place
- u. Resol. #133-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Beshlian – 33-01 Broadway
- v. Resol. #134-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Langlois – 4-48 Grunauer Place
- w. Resol. #135-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Saluja – 19-06 Greenwood Drive
- x. Resol. #136-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Seid – 3-17 Summit Avenue
- y. Resol. #137-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Chiego – 2-23 Lyncrest Avenue
- z. Resol. #138-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Shtitsberg -11-01 Ellis Avenue
- aa. Resol. #139-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Messano – 1-02 Morlot Avenue
- bb. Resol. #140-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Portnoy – 9-19 1st Street

- cc. Resol. #141-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Plunkett – 13-41 2nd Street
- dd. Resol. #142-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Segal – 12-66 2nd Street
- ee. Resol. #143-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Pinelli – 11-05 Fair Lawn Avenue
- ff. Resol. #144-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Andrade – 30 Albert Avenue
- gg. Resol. #145-2015 – Tax Appeal Settlement – Herger – 3-02 Lyncrest Avenue
- hh. Resol. #146-2015 – Tax Appeal Settlement – Chiego – 2-02 Cyril Avenue
- ii. Resol. #147-2015 - Award of Bid: Electrical Repair and Maintenance
- jj. Resol. #148-2015 - Award of Bid - Arcade Games - Fair Lawn Community Center
- kk. Resol. #149-2015 - Authorizing Submission of an Application for the Municipal Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Grant
- ll. Resol. #150-2015 – Authorizing Renewal of Massage Establishment License - Massage/Spa, Inc. and Massagist License - Charesse A. Foye
- mm. Resol. #151-2015 - Authorizing the Execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Fair Lawn Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Inc.
- nn. Resol. #152-2015 - Transfer of Funds

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2015 - EMERGENCY WATER MAIN AND/OR STORM AND SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, Resolution No. 153-2015 was unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Rich Seibel, 33-07 Halsey Road, mentioned the numerous water main breaks. He complimented Mayor Cosgrove on his leadership. He spoke about the Iwo Jima ceremony and how these veterans deserved the recognition. Mayor Cosgrove commented about an autographed original negative that someone has. Mr. Seibel said the Department of Defense recently sent an e-mail stating that four

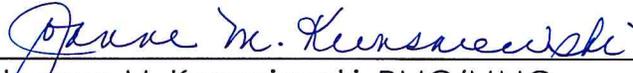
bodies had just been found from WWII. He suggested that everyone always remember what these servicemen and women did for the Country.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

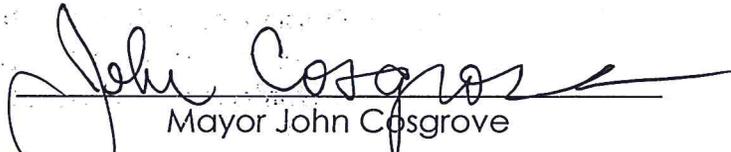
Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

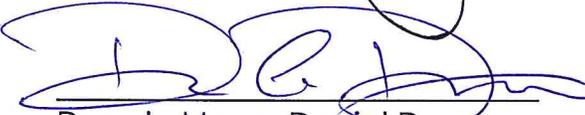


Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager

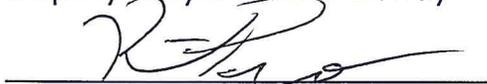
The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.



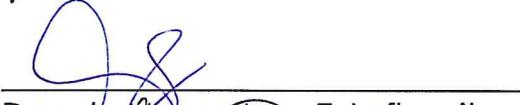
Mayor John Cosgrove



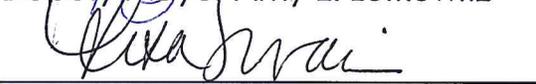
Deputy Mayor Daniel Dunay



Councilmember Kurt Peluso



Deputy Mayor Amy E. Lefkowitz



Councilmember Lisa Swain