

REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 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 Kruijningen, Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager Kwasniewski and Attorney Mondello.

DEDICATION OF CROUCHER HEART:

Mayor Cosgrove stated that Mr. Croucher had passed away but the legacy of his family farm at the intersection of Route 208 and Fair Lawn Avenue will go on with the lighted heart. Mayor Cosgrove enjoyed talking to him since he had been in Fair Lawn for so long and knew so much of its history.

The Council joined the Mayor in accepting the donation from the Croucher Family in the amount of \$5,000 for the beautification of Fair Lawn which was one of Mr. Croucher's greatest wishes.

Mrs. Croucher commented that she had the privilege and the blessing of being married to Jim for 30 years. Every day he spoke two words - love and gratitude. He created and installed a beautiful lighted 8 foot heart on the place that he grew up on at the intersection of Route 208 and Fair Lawn Avenue. He left a legacy of love and she will always be grateful.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked Mrs. Croucher for that generous donation. He knows that the Borough will work very hard to keep Fair Lawn beautiful with that donation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Peluso thanked the Croucher family for their generous donation.

He just returned from the EDC presentation at the Community Center and encouraged everyone to go over and look at it. He thanked Steve Kiel, Stu Herrmann, Lou Weiss and Mr. Landzettel for putting the presentation together.

Councilmember Peluso stated he attended the Columbus Day Poster contest with Mayor Cosgrove. He thanked the Recreation Department, the Knights of Columbus and the Cosmos Club for putting it together and the parents and teachers for encouraging the children to participate in this contest.

Councilmember Peluso spoke about the Street Fair and how it was a beautiful day with a lot of people attending.

He thanked Manager Van Kruiningen and the DPW for repairing pot holes on Lake Street within two days.

Councilmember Peluso stated that he will not be attending the Council Meeting on October 27th because of work obligations. Earlier in the day he will be doing a presentation in Atlantic City with Board of Education members, Michael Rosenberg and Gene Banta about Shared Services. They often take for granted that a lot of shared services are done between the Borough and the Board of Ed but this practice has resulted in a significant amount of savings.

Councilmember Swain stated that the ADA Committee has been selected to receive an award by Bergen County Division of Disabilities at the 17th Annual Salute to Champions Breakfast. The Knights of Columbus is giving the ADA Committee a check in the amount of \$2,043.00. The ADA Dance will be held on Friday with a Halloween theme. It has been sponsored by Jeff Klein who is a member of the Board of Education. She thanked him for his generosity.

The Green Team held an anti-idling campaign display in the Library and it was very well received. She mentioned that there is an anti-idling law of three minutes. After that the engines should be turned off because not only are they wasting gas but the fumes are being emitted into the atmosphere.

Councilmember Swain commented that the Green Team is working on a new campaign which will be called a Walking School Bus which they hope to implement in the spring.

Councilmember Swain announced that tomorrow would be the last day of the Farmer's Market.

As Councilmember Peluso pointed out they were at the River Road Street Fair which was wonderful with the terrific weather. She thanked the Chamber of

Commerce, River Road Improvement Corporation and the residents for participating.

Councilmember Swain thanked the Croucher family for maintaining the heart and for their generous donation to Fair Lawn.

Deputy Mayor Dunay thanked the Croucher family for their donation. He remembered how a few months ago the Council honored him with a proclamation and Mrs. Croucher read a poem about getting through each day. Every time he drove by the heart he would smile because he now knows the story behind it. It is a nice reminder of how nice people in the community are.

He mentioned that he and Mayor Cosgrove were at the Service above Self dinner sponsored by the Fair Lawn Sunrise Rotary Club last week. They honored Jeff DeVries, Cathy Marinello, Peter Yuskaitis and the Community Bank of Bergen County. He thought it was very impactful to see the tremendous amount of volunteer organization members that were present.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz thanked the Croucher family. Their donation to the community will certainly continue the legacy of Mr. Croucher.

She also attended the Street Fair and it was a beautiful day. She thanked Health Officer Wagner for manning the Alliance for Substance Abuse booth.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz reminded everyone that Bergen County is hosting a Light the Night for Recovery to be held on Tuesday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m.

The DARE program is now called LEAD, Law Enforcement against Drugs. It was developed to bring law enforcement and drug and alcohol prevention services to a new level. She congratulated all of the officers that continue to make this program successful.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz mentioned that "niche.com" had done a national survey where Fair Lawn was ranked 34th best school district in the state.

The Girls Soccer Team is still in the Tournament having beat Lackland.

Mayor Cosgrove stated he attended the Children's Aid and Family Services Dinner along with Councilmember Swain, Councilmember Peluso and Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Kwasniewski. Fair Lawn was chosen for the Building Futures Award for all the good things the Borough has been doing. The organization just moved to Route 208. It is a great organization and they are helping a lot of people.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked the EDC for the presentation they gave tonight at the Community Center. This was a vision plan and not set in stone. It was a great night to let the planners know what kind of vision they have for the Radburn area.

The League of Women Voters has asked him to remind everyone that the Council candidate debate will be held this Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. It will be shown on Fair Lawn TV.

Finally on Saturday, October 31st they will be holding a dinner/dance to raise money for four different food pantries - Fair Lawn, St. Ann's, St. Leo's and St. Catherine's in Glen Rock. The tickets are \$60 each and there will be a live band.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2367-2015 (RESOLUTION NO. 393-2015)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN 2000, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 232 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", MORE PARTICULARLY SECTION 232-54 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS"

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 393-2015-2015 introducing Ordinance No. 2367-2015 was discussed.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that this ordinance prohibited right turns on red on Fair Lawn Avenue / Pollitt Drive and Fair Lawn Avenue / Orchard Street. This is something that the Council will recommend to the County because it is a County road. Today a pedestrian was struck on Orchard Street by someone who was making a right turn on red. He was happy that they can move forward with it.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 393-2015 introducing Ordinance No. 2367-2015 was unanimously passed.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING:

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. 2365-2015
(RESOLUTION NO. 394-2015)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, 2000, BY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 94 ENTITLED "FEES", ARTICLE VI, "SCHEDULE OF FEES"

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 Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Resolution No. 394-2015 adopting Ordinance No. 2365-2015 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. 2366-2015
(RESOLUTION NO. 395-2015)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN 2000, BY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 62 ENTITLED "ANIMALS", ARTICLE 1 ENTITLED "DOGS" AND CHAPTER 94 ENTITLED "FEES", ARTICLE VI ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF FEES"

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

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Resolution No. 395-2015 adopting Ordinance No. 2366-2015 was unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT # 20-2015

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, Consent Agenda #20-2015 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #396-2015 – Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- b. Resol. #397-2015 – Participating in the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program
- c. Resol. #398-2015 – Participating in the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System
- d. Resol. #399-2015 – Participating in National Cooperative Contracts
- e. Resol. #400-2015 – Requesting Approval of a Special Item of Revenue – Clean Communities
- f. Resol. #401-2015 – Extension of Contract: Private Collection of Municipal Court Debt
- g. Resol. #402-2015 – Professional Services – Investigating Counsel: Charles Rabolli, Jr.
- h. Resol. #403-2015 - Authorizing Awarding of Contract with Cranford Cooperative Pricing
- i. Resol. #404-2015 - Confirming Endorsement of CDBG Application Rebuilding Together Bergen County
- j. Resol. #405-2015 - Reducing the Permit Fee for Fireplace Retail Store
- k. Resol. #406-2015 - Authorizing Participation in the State Health Benefits Program

RESOLUTION NO. 407-2015 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**REGULAR MEETING 9/29/15****CLOSED SESSION 9/29/15**

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, Resolution No. 407-2015 was passed with Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz 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.

Marc Colyer, 39-08 Van Duren Avenue, stated he went to the EDC presentation at the Community Center and was glad to see so many people there. He was distressed that there are so few people at Council meetings. He was wondering

if there was any way to encourage more people to come to these meetings. Mayor Cosgrove said the Borough was fortunate to have the volunteers televise these meetings on FLTV. They also rerun them so people can watch them at another time. Mr. Colyer thought they should reach out to the Russian community since that is a large population in Fair Lawn. Mayor Cosgrove asked Manager Van Kruijning to look into explaining how government works and translate it into various languages on the website.

Councilmember Swain stated she has heard from many residents who watch the meeting from home. Mr. Colyer said he also watched many meetings from home.

Councilmember Peluso added that there are many people watching the meeting from home thanks to the FLTV volunteers who do great work. He felt that Fair Lawn's form of government is different from a lot of other towns within the County. He asked that they discuss this further at a future Work Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and second by Councilmember Swain the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.



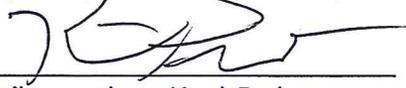
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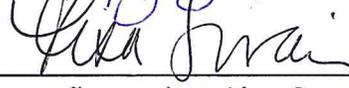
Deputy Mayor Daniel Dunay



Deputy Mayor Amy E. Lefkowitz



Councilmember Kurt Peluso



Councilmember Lisa Swain

