

REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 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, Councilmember Swain.

ABSENT: Councilmember Peluso

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Van Kruijning, Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager Kwasniewski, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski and Attorney Mondello.

PROCLAMATIONS: WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY

Mayor Cosgrove read the proclamation. The Councilmembers joined Mayor Cosgrove in presenting the proclamation to the Andrea Millstein and her two children, Nicole and Craig. Mayor Cosgrove commented that the Millstein family comes back every year and are very grateful for helping the Mayor and Council remember this tragic disease.

Nicole Millstein, 30-03 Grunstra Place read a prepared statement thanking the Mayor and Council for supporting the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. She was there in memory of her father who passed away from pancreatic cancer in February 2011. She explained that this cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to second leading cause of cancer-related death in the country by 2020. In New Jersey alone an estimated 1,560 people will die from this cancer. She encouraged people to visit their website at www.pancan.org to learn more about pancreatic cancer, their organization, their mission to fund research and the ways they serve patients and their loved ones.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Swain thanked the Millstein Family for raising awareness for a terrible disease with staggering amounts of deaths.

During the week she contacted Manager Van Kruijning about a call she received claiming they were from the IRS. The Borough Manager quickly sent out an e-mail alerting residents about this scam. She was mentioning this because not everyone receives the Borough e-mails. Councilmember Swain felt people should register to receive these alerts.

Councilmember Swain commented that the ADA Committee was in a wonderful position of being able to purchase a cozy dome which is particularly good for children with Autism. She thanked St. Ann's Knights of Columbus for the check last week.

Councilmember Swain stated that she along with Mayor Cosgrove and Manager Van Kruijning attended the Salute to Champions Breakfast held at Bergen Community College. Many members of the Bergen County community were honored for the work they do with people with different abilities. The Fair Lawn ADA Committee along with Fair Lawn resident Michael Fondacaro was honored. He was instrumental in how the playground was designed so that it would be accessible for everyone.

The Fair Lawn Arts Council will be launching a new project called the Gratitude Project that will begin around Thanksgiving. They will be working with businesses to allow residents to write on their glass storefronts for what they are thankful for. It has been done in towns around the area and has been very successful.

Councilmember Swain commented that the River Road Corporation would be hosting Trick or Treating this Saturday between the hours of 12 and 3 p.m. Many of the stores and restaurants will be participating.

Deputy Mayor Dunay also thanked the Millstein Family for coming out in support of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day. The Millstein family comes before the Council year after year working with the Borough to raise awareness of Pancreatic Cancer.

Deputy Mayor Dunay thanked the Manager, CFO and all of the Borough employees for allowing the Borough to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with all of the employees for joining the State Health Benefits Program. He thought this was a great outcome for the employees and the Borough. It means all of the employees will have long term health benefits and also reduce the risk to the Borough. It has been a long journey. The Borough started with outsourcing the health care coverage to a private company which made it self-insured. The Borough was dealing with a lot of risk. There could be a high amount of costs associated with self insurance. This goes to show the strength of the relationship between the Manager, the employees and the Council. He offered his thanks to everyone's efforts on this particular subject.

Deputy Mayor Dunay stated the Wreaths across America program will take place this year on December 12 at noon in front of the Municipal Building.

He wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz thanked the Millstein Family for all they do. It is a frustrating disease. The fact that there is no way for early detection makes it all the more exasperating. Hopefully with everyone's support they will continue to not only do research for early detection but also a cure.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz spoke about a special book that was published called "Life after You, What Your Death from Drugs Leaves Behind". It is a very powerful book about the perspective from every family member and what happens to them after someone passes away from an overdose or substance abuse addiction. She recommended that people read this powerful book.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz mentioned that they had three high school students attend the Alliance meeting who will continue to be involved throughout the year.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz announced a program that will be held on November 19th at Bergen Community College called Caught in the Web, Heroin Addiction. There will be different keynote speakers and panels. It will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween. She read about the Teal Pumpkin Project which is a pledge to provide non food items to trick or treaters to avoid the risk of injuring a child with allergies. People will be providing glow sticks, stickers, bracelets and any non food items. The teal pumpkins will let children with allergies know it is safe to go there. She thought it was a fantastic idea and a great way to keep the children safe.

Mayor Cosgrove stated he attended the Flag Retirement Ceremony with Councilmember Peluso. He thanked the Veterans Council and Veterans Affairs Liaison Nick Magarelli for organizing it and making sure the flags were disposed of with the proper respect.

He was honored to be at the dedication of Grieder Park on Heights Avenue. Bill Grieder was a former Fire Chief who served over forty years. He lived all his life on Heights Avenue. He felt it was a fitting way to pay tribute to someone who gave so much to the community.

Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held on November 11 at the monument in front of the Municipal Building.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked the Fair Lawn Jewish Center for hosting their annual Meet the Mayor. It was a great event.

The EDC, New Jersey Transit and the planner for the Radburn business area presented their vision of the Radburn shopping area. From all indications it was very well received by many of the residents. Right now it is just a vision plan but gave the planner really good insight into what people want. Hopefully in the near future some of these things will come to fruition and the Radburn shopping district will have a face lift.

Mayor Cosgrove attended the awards banquet with Chief Cauwells, Traffic Safety Officer Franco and Officer Check where Fair Lawn won a citation for outstanding achievement. He thanked all of the officers for their hard work.

Mayor Cosgrove attended the Salute to American Heroes Gala which was sponsored by the Fair Lawn based Adopt a Soldier platoon. It was run by Alan and Mary Edna Krutchkoff. They assist men and women in the Armed Forces and their families. He publicly thanked the Krutchkoff's for all they do for the troops.

Last Saturday night he attended the St. Anne's Hall of Fame and offered his congratulations to the Church of St. Anne for all of the contributions they make to the community. Former Mayor Trawinski was honored.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a dinner dance on Halloween night which will support the food pantries of St. Anne's, St. Catherine's and the Borough food pantry. It will be a wonderful event.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Van Kruingen 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.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT: FAIR LAWN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION JOSEPH E. PETTA (CLASS C)

Mayor Cosgrove announced the appointment of Joseph E. Petta to the Historic Preservation Commission as a Class C member.

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. 2367-2015
(RESOLUTION NO. 408-2015)****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"**

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 Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz Resolution No. 408-2015 adopting Ordinance No. 2367-2015 was unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay 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 #21-2015

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay Consent Agenda #21-2015 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #409-2015 - Resolution Approving Settlement: Timmins vs. Borough of Fair Lawn
- b. Resol. #410-2015 - Authorizing Issuance of Massage Establishment License: Healthy Foot Reflexology Spa
- c. Resol. #411-2015 - Auction of Surplus Items: Additional Items

- d. Resol. #412-2015 - Authorizing Purchases with P & L Custom Body & Equipment Co. through the Houston - Galveston Area Council
- e. Resol. #413-2015 - Authorizing Awarding of Contract with P & L Custom Body Equipment Co. (Ambulance)
- f. Resol. #414-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Sandvik, Inc.
- g. Resol. #415-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Fair Lawn Industries, L.P.
- h. Resol. #416-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: 17-17 Broadway, LLC
- i. Resol. #417-2015 - Tax Appeal Settlement: Metroscope, LLC
- j. Resol. #418-2015 - Approval of Minutes:
 - Work Session 10/6/15
 - Closed Session 10/6/15
- k. Resol. #419-2015 - Authorizing Execution of Memorandum of Agreement with the Bargaining Units
- l. Resol. #420-2015 - Appointment to Fair Lawn Open Space Committee
- m. Resol. #421-2015 - Authorizing Issuance of Request for Qualifications
- n. Resol. #422-2015 - December Holiday

RESOLUTION NO. 423-2015 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Closed Session 10/6/15

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 423-2015 was passed with Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Pamela Coles, 13-34 George Street, thanked Manager Van Kruijning for the amazing job that has been done at the park on George Street. Many people have been visiting the park with the new gazebo, trees and benches. She would like to see something like that as a cornerstone on River Road.

A few weeks ago she asked Deputy Mayor Dunay and Mayor Cosgrove about including Mary Ann Collura's name on the 5k run. Deputy Mayor Dunay stated there will be a meeting next week and they will talk about it.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked Manager Van Kruijning for the tremendous work that was done on the park on Heights Avenue. He also thanked DPW Superintendent Allan Neggia, Bob Young and the Parks Department for the great job they did.

Craig Miller, 5 Ramapo Terrace, emphasized that the IRS would not call, they would send letters.

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and second by Councilmember Swain the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

John Cosgrove
Mayor John Cosgrove

Daniel Dunay
Deputy Mayor Daniel Dunay

Absent
Councilmember Kurt Peluso

Amy E. Lefkowitz
Deputy Mayor Amy E. Lefkowitz
Lisa Swain
Councilmember Lisa Swain

