

REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 24, 2015

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 7:31 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: Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Councilmembers Peluso and Swain.

ABSENT: Mayor Cosgrove, Deputy Mayor Dunay.

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

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz asked for a moment of silence for all of the victims of the recent acts of terrorism around the world as well as the victims of the tragic fire in Fair Lawn last night.

PRESENTATION OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE BEAUTIFICATION CERTIFICATES

James Vanderbeck on behalf of the Property Maintenance Committee congratulated all of the candidates that ran for Council and especially to Councilmember Swain, Councilmember Peluso and Mayor Cosgrove for winning the election.

For the last twenty years the Property Maintenance Committee has been lead by Chairman George Bate, the Council Liaison is Deputy Mayor Dunay and the Code Enforcement Officer is Art Cummins.

Part of their mission statement is for a quality of life in Fair Lawn by creating a more aesthetic appearance in the community and to promote within the community pride in the Borough's general appearance.

The certificates were presented to the following homeowners: Robert & Elizabeth Sudol, Diane Vanderbeck, Carmine & Meryen Messano and Suzanne Peller. Certificates were presented to the following businesses: Sandvik, Inc. and Care Plus New Jersey.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Peluso echoed Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz's sentiments about the terrorist attacks and the unfortunate fire that was in Fair Lawn last night. It has been a tough week with the troubles they have seen overseas and very tough to lose two members of the community. They have to remember the work that the emergency services do day in and day out. Fortunately they were able to save two of the four women inside the house.

The Borough celebrated Veteran's Day in front of Borough Hall. He thanked the Veteran's Council for holding the Veteran's Day ceremony. Many of the veterans had stones put down in front of Borough Hall.

Councilmember Peluso stated Memorial Pool had the best season they have had in years.

Councilmember Peluso stated that he was the Board of Education liaison with Deputy Mayor Dunay and also Borough Manager Van Kruiningen. While he was in Atlantic City he attended a presentation at the New Jersey School Board Association to discuss with other Boroughs what they do in Fair Lawn. There were approximately seventy other municipalities and none of them had a shared service agreement between their school board and the Borough which was unfortunate because they end up doing duplicating purchases and services.

Councilmember Swain congratulated all of the winners of the Property Maintenance Committee. It was nice to see so many people dedicated to the beautification of the town.

The Arts Council project is called The Gratitude Project. It is really important to remember what they are grateful for especially with Thanksgiving this week. Everyone should be thankful of the good things they have in their lives. Councilmember Swain stated she was grateful that her daughter was not in Paris this year because she had previously studied there two years ago. There are a number of businesses that are taking part of this project such as Starbucks, Chocolate Works, Green Dragon, Petaks, Nuts for You, Frame It, Morlot Wine and Liquors, Morlot Food and News, Giovanni's, Best Cleaners, Dr. Rob Kahn, Lola Nails, Radburn Cleaners, Modern Bagel, Health Foot Spa, Posh Hair Salon, Ness Pizza, Kens Magic, Plymouth Park Pharmacy, Bennies Bakery, Hot Bagels, Beyond Hair and Lucas. There are more businesses signing up every day.

Councilmember Swain thanked the Veteran's Council for sponsoring the last ADA dance which was a Salute to Veterans.

They have been raising money for the wounded soldiers in Walter Reed Hospital. Gift cards are being collected and will be delivered by Alan and Mary Edna Krutchkoff. Gift cards should be in the amount of \$25 and will be delivered the weekend of December 12.

Councilmember Swain stated the Library held their annual craft fair. It was a wonderful event with local residents who were very creative and talented.

She wished a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving to everyone.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz congratulated the winners of the Property Maintenance Committee Beautification certificates. She thanked the recipients for all they do to improve their properties and to create a beautiful Fair Lawn.

She sent condolences to the victims and their families of the fire last night. She offered a special thank you to all of the emergency responders. She can't imagine what they were going through having been in that ordeal.

There was an open house at the Jewish Historical Society of North Jersey at their new location at 17-10 River Road. They were very proud that their new home is in Fair Lawn. They were previously housed in the basement of Barnart Hospital in Paterson. She felt it was so important to preserve their history and heritage. She suggested going there and looking at the rich history that they have documented.

The Mayor contacted her from Vienna to convey this thoughts and prayers for all of the victims of the fire and to thank the Police and Firefighters for their heroic actions.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz stated there will be a meeting next month of the Alliance and they will be looking at many new ideas. The first Countywide Stigma Free Symposium will be held on December 9, 2015 at the Fiesta in Woodridge.

She wished a happy, safe and a very peaceful Thanksgiving to everyone.

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.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso it was unanimously agreed to read the following ordinance by title.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2368-2015
(RESOLUTION NO. 424-2015)**

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN 2000, SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND CHAPTER 150 ENTITLED "NOISE", MORE PARTICULARLY SECTION 150-10 ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION"

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution No. 424-2015 introducing Ordinance No. 2368-2015 was unanimously passed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Councilmember Swain it was unanimously agreed to read the following ordinance by title.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2369-2015
(RESOLUTION NO. 425-2015)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN 2000, BY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 232 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE II, "PARKING", SUBSECTION 232-11, PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS, AND ARTICLE VIII "TRAFFIC", SUBSECTION 232-50 "BUS STOPS"

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution No. 425-2015 introducing Ordinance No. 2369-2015 was unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso 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 Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso the time for public comments was unanimously closed.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT # 22-2015

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Councilmember Swain Consent Agenda #22-2015 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #426-2015 - Approval of Minutes:
 - Regular Meeting 10/13/15
 - Work Session 10/20/15
 - Closed Session 10/20/15
- b. Resol. #427-2015 - Confirmation of Fire Board Actions
- c. Resol. #428-2015 - Transfer of Funds
- d. Resol. #429-2015 - Issuance of Special Emergency Notes
- e. Resol. #430-2015 - Authorizing Exercising Option for Recycling Collection - Cali Carting, Inc.
- f. Resol. #431-2015 - Refund of Overpayment of Parking Permit
- g. Resol. #432-2015 - Authorizing Sale of Packer Truck to the Borough of Midland Park
- h. Resol. #433-2015 - Authorizing Donation of Backhoe to the Fair Lawn Board of Education
- i. Resol. #434-2015 - Authorizing Waiving of Water Bill: 39-06 Northern Drive
- j. Resol. #435-2015 - Authorizing Execution of Bergen County Community Development Grant Application - Roadway Improvements
- k. Resol. #436-2015 - Authorizing Execution of Bergen County Community Development Grant Application - Barrier Free Improvements
- l. Resol. #437-2015 - Approving Change Order #1: Project 2232 - Library Restroom Renovations

**RESOLUTION NO. 438-2015 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
REGULAR MEETING 10/27/15**

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz announced that Resolution No. 438-2015 would be carried to the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Gail Menist, 13-40 George Street, expressed her concern about living next to the lot at the corner of George Street and Fair Lawn Avenue. Ms. Menist spoke of a

problem she had one night when she found a person by her garage with bags of heroin. That person ran away but she felt very violated and scared.

Ms. Menist explained that the lot has a lot of garbage and needles. The lot is not maintained and the bushes need to be trimmed. Ms. Menist suggested that security lighting be installed along with security cameras. She has called the Police many times about this situation.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz asked the Manager to consult with the Police Chief.

Councilmember Peluso said he had spoken to the Manager in October. He added that there were steps they were taking. He asked that it be put on a Work Session in December to decide what steps should be taken to correct this situation.

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

**CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION - CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - BLUE AND WHITE
COLLAR ASSOCIATION AND SUPERVISORS
ASSOCIATION**

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 8:06 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 Contract Negotiations - Blue and White Collar Association and Supervisors Association; 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.

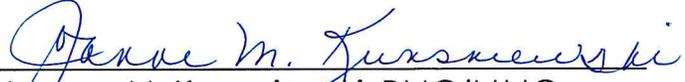
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn that the public be excluded since these matters as set

forth above are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

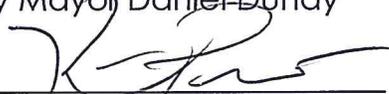
Respectfully submitted,



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

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Absent
Mayor John Cosgrove

Absent
Deputy Mayor Daniel Dunay


Councilmember Kurt Peluso



Deputy Mayor Amy E. Lefkowitz


Councilmember Lisa Swain

