

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 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: Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager Kwasniewski, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski and Attorney Mondello.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER:

Chief Cauwels stated it was always a special day when they were able to swear in a new Police Officer. Brian Goodson spent four years in the Marine Corps, was a Corrections Officer in Passaic County and a Police Officer in the Paterson Police Department. Mayor Cosgrove along with the Council swore Brian Goodson in.

PRESENTATION OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE - POSTER CONTEST AWARDS

Mayor Cosgrove stated this will be tabled this until the January meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Swain congratulated Officer Goodson and welcomed him to Fair Lawn. She wished him and his family the best.

The new food pantry was dedicated earlier this evening and it was such a moving experience. They were fortunate to have received a very generous donation and because of that the food pantry was able to be rebuilt and restocked. She felt it was nice to know there was a place for those that need a little extra help.

Councilmember Swain stated that last night was the lighting of the Menorah and wished everyone a Happy Hanukah. Last week they had the tree lighting outside of Borough Hall. The last few days have been very festive.

Councilmember Swain reminded everyone that the gratitude project was still going on. That is where you go into an establishment, get a marker and write on their windows what you are grateful for. This is the time of year when they should be reminded of all the good things that they are fortunate to have in their lives. The Borough website has a list of stores that are participating.

Councilmember Swain commented that this would be the last public meeting of the year. She wished Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and happy holidays to everyone. She also hoped that everyone has a safe, healthy and joyous New Year.

Councilmember Peluso commented that it was great to honor the Wigod family who donated to the Food Pantry in memory of Edith Wigod. It is great to see it fully stocked but they must remember that outside of the holiday seasons, they will also need the pantry to be fully stocked.

He congratulated Officer Goodson on his swearing in. It is very telling of what kind of person it is when members of the Paterson Police Department are present to support him. He wished him the best of luck and to stay safe.

Councilmember Peluso brought up issues on the federal level with the Zadroga Act renewal. The first responders of the 911 attack were given health benefits but unfortunately the bill extending those benefits is being held up by the Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell. It was pulled out of the transportation bill at the last minute. He encouraged all Fair Lawn residents to contact their congressman and senator to tell them the Zadroga Act needs to be renewed.

Deputy Mayor Dunay congratulated Officer Goodson. It was nice to see so many officers come out to support him. He noted that Officer Tim Franco who was present will be retiring the end of this year. He congratulated him on his retirement. He will be missed.

He wished everyone a very Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz congratulated Officer Goodson and welcomed him. She attended the dedication of the Edith Wigod Food Pantry. She thanked the Mayor for his donation of labor that helped to rebuild the pantry. She wished everyone a Happy Hanukah. At this time of the year she likes to take a few minutes and think about the true meaning of Hanukah which is freedom and

how appreciative they should be because they have their freedom in spite of everything that is going on in this world. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She hoped everyone would have a safe and healthy holiday season.

She noted that tomorrow the first Stigma Free Countywide Symposium will be held at The Fiesta in Woodridge.

Mayor Cosgrove commented about a fund raiser for Joe Yuskaitis who was badly injured in a motorcycle accident last Halloween night. The Yuskaitis Family is a great group of volunteers in the Fire Department, the Rescue Squad and his mom, Cindy Joe Quackenbush, is President of the Board of Education. The fundraiser will be held Friday night at the Knights of Columbus. He hoped that the people of Fair Lawn could respond and help this family.

This Saturday at noon, they will hold the Wreaths across America ceremony at the Memorial Monument outside of Borough Hall. They are honoring the current veterans and the people who have served in the past.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked the Wigod family and Seymour Wigod for their generous donation. Mr. Wigod volunteers for the Ambulance Corps. He also thanked Liz Twiggs and Manager Van Kruijning for all the work they did in putting it all together.

The Fair Lawn Sunrise Rotary will be holding its annual First Day 5K Run and Walk. Contact the Mayor's office for more details.

He will be attending the Stigma Free Symposium tomorrow since Fair Lawn was one of the first towns in Bergen County to be Stigma Free. The County is now a stigma free zone.

Mayor Cosgrove wished everyone happy holidays. For the second night in a row the Menorah was lit in front of the Municipal Building. There are people in this world that want to take that away, but he thought they show that the Borough's diversity is its strength. In this country we will always have religious freedom and practice as we want. He ended his comments wishing everyone Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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. 2368-2015
(RESOLUTION NO. 439-2015)**

"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"

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 Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 439-2015 adopting Ordinance No. 2368-2015 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. 2369-2015
(RESOLUTION NO. 440-2015)**

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"

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. 440-2015 adopting Ordinance No. 2369-2015 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 Lefkowitz and a second by Councilmember Swain the time for public comments was unanimously closed.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #23-2015

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Consent Agenda #23-2015 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #441-2015 - Confirmation of Fire Board Actions
- b. Resol. #442-2015 - Approval of Minutes
Work Session 11/10/15
Closed Session 11/10/15
- c. Resol. #443-2015 - Authorizing Submission of FEMA Grant
- d. Resol. #444-2015 - Award of Bid: Cold Water Meters and Appurtenances - Rio Supply, Inc.
- e. Resol. #445-2015 - Authorizing Execution of Contract with Blue and White Collar Association of Fair Lawn
- f. Resol. #446-2015 - Authorizing Execution of Contract with Supervisors Association of Fair Lawn
- g. Resol. #447-2015 - Requesting Approval of Special Item of Revenue - Berdan Avenue (DOT)
- h. Resol. #448-2015 - Requesting Approval of Special Item of Revenue - Radburn Road (DOT)
- i. Resol. #449-2015 - Requesting Approval of Special Item of Revenue - Plaza Road (DOT)
- j. Resol. #450-2015 - Requesting Approval of Special Item of Revenue - Columbia Heights Passive Park (County Open Space)
- k. Resol. #451-2015 - Requesting Approval of Special Item of Revenue - Vogel Park (County Open Space)
- l. Resol. #452-2015 - Requesting Approval of Special Item of Revenue - NJACCHO - Health Grant
- m. Resol. #453-2015 - Transfer of Funds
- n. Resol. #454-2015 - Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors - GTBM, Inc.
- o. Resol. #455-2015 - Professional Services: Computer Maintenance Service - Edmunds Associates, Inc.
- p. Resol. #456-2015 - Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

RESOLUTION NO. 438-2015 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**Regular Meeting 10/27/15**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz, Resolution No. 438-2015 was adopted with Councilmember Peluso abstaining.

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.

Rich Seibel, 33-07 Halsey Road was present with Jack O'Neill and Veteran's Affairs Liaison Nick Magarelli. Mr. Seibel extended an invitation to the residents to attend the Wreaths across America ceremony that will be held on Saturday at noon.

Jack O'Neill, 11-06 3rd Street stated this ceremony has been going on for five years. He encouraged all citizens and veterans to attend the ceremony. This program is nationwide.

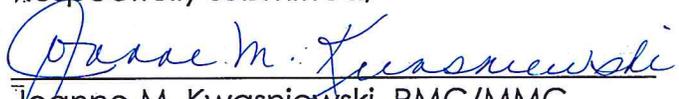
Mayor Cosgrove thanked Mr. Seibel for the work he does and for always bringing these things to the Mayor and Council's attention.

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.

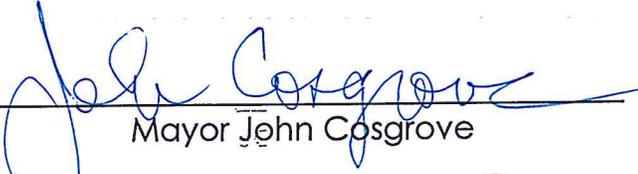
ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and second by Councilmember Peluso the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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

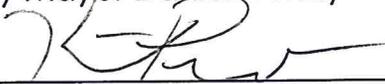
The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.



Mayor John Cosgrove



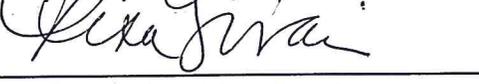
Deputy Mayor Daniel Dunay



Councilmember Kurt Peluso



Deputy Mayor Amy E. Lefkowitz



Councilmember Lisa Swain

