

## REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2016

### CALL TO ORDER BY THE TOWN CRIER:

Town Crier Tim Yuskaitis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and made the following statement: My fellow Americans, this Country of ours is for the people and by the people. The United States of America is a republic, it is a democracy and as such, we the people gather each November in the election of our officials in government. We thank these people for exercising their voting privilege. Today, January 5th in the year of our Lord 2016, the good citizens of this beautiful town of Fair Lawn celebrate this election process by the installation of their elected officials. May God grant these honorable persons the wisdom, stamina, courage and devotion to duty for surely they will carry the torch of freedom and stand guard over this communities well being. May God bless America.

### PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY POLICE HONOR GUARD

### VOCAL PERFORMANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE FAIR LAWN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

### INVOCATION BY RABBI LEVI NEUBORT

### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT:

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 18, 2015. 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:** Councilmember Cosgrove, Councilmember Dunay, Councilmember Lefkowitz, Councilmember Peluso and Councilmember Swain.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Manager Van Kruijning, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski, Mayor's Secretary Pettineo and Attorney Mondello.

### SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMEMBERS: COSGROVE, PELUSO AND SWAIN

Former Mayor / Assemblyman Nick Felice stated that the people of Fair Lawn have realized the important job Councilmember Cosgrove and the rest of the Council have done. In particular the dedicated volunteer work Councilmember Cosgrove does. He wished him continued success in the future.

Former Mayor / Assemblyman Felice swore Councilmember Cosgrove in.

Bergen County Clerk John Hogan stated they have come to celebrate democracy in a peaceful and orderly change. In America there are no shots fired because it is done through peace. The banners have come down, the signs are gone, the campaigns are over and now it is time to do the people's work.

Bergen County Clerk Hogan swore in Councilmember Peluso.

Senator Robert Gordon recognized Senator Tom Keane from Union County. This year will be a particularly challenging year. The resources available at the State level to distribute to the towns and cities for tax relief, infrastructure and municipal aid programs will be more constrained than ever before. For this Council and for every other Council surmounting those challenges will require a great deal of intelligence, tenacity, creativity and political courage. He was pleased to swear in Lisa Swain who has served this community for so many years.

Senator Gordon swore in Councilmember Swain.

**NOMINATION FOR MAYOR:**

Councilmember Lefkowitz and Councilmember Dunay nominated Councilmember Cosgrove as Mayor.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR:**

There being no further nominations, the time for nominations was closed. Upon motion by Councilmember Dunay and a second by Councilmember Lefkowitz, Councilmember Cosgrove was unanimously elected Mayor for the year 2016.

**NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR:**

Mayor Cosgrove nominated Councilmember Lefkowitz as Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Dunay seconded the nomination.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:**

There being no other nominations, the time for nominations was closed. Upon motion by Mayor Cosgrove and a second by Councilmember Dunay, Councilmember Lefkowitz was elected Deputy Mayor.

**NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:**

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz nominated Councilmember Dunay as Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs. Mayor Cosgrove seconded the nomination.

Councilmember Peluso stated that Councilmember Dunay does a great job by showing up at the meetings on Tuesdays and he shows up for every committee that he and Deputy Mayor Dunay serve on, but when it comes to Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs he has not shown up for ninety percent of the community events such as the movie nights, National Night Out, 4th of July Fireworks, the Menorah lighting, Columbus Day Poster Contest, 9-1-1 Ceremony, Veteran's Day, Chamber of Commerce events, the tree lighting, the wreath lighting, Santa Boone, this year's 5K run as well as all of the DARE and LEAD graduations. Councilmember Dunay however did attend the Memorial Day Parade. He cannot, in his rightful conscience, select someone to be the Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs when they do not come to community gatherings. He respects his work as a Councilmember but not as a Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs. He cannot vote for him.

Councilmember Swain concurred with Councilmember Peluso. She has given it a lot of thought and agreed that Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs is the person that was out there representing the residents. She will not support this nomination.

Councilmember Peluso thought as the government of the people they should share their thoughts and voice their opinions. As he stated, Councilmember Dunay did not attend ninety percent of the events in this community. He cannot see how three of his colleagues can just reappoint someone when he did not do the task at hand.

Councilmember Dunay appreciated all the comments that were made and will take them very much to heart. If he is re-elected to be Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs, he will make a fervent effort to attend more events and to do more things in Fair Lawn. He does many things in Fair Lawn and is involved in a number of activities. He has always tried to be charitable and support the community as best he can. He will continue to do so and try to attend more events. He wants to showcase the Council and what they stand for.

Councilmember Peluso felt there was a difference between being charitable and showing up to events. As the ordinance clearly states, there is a responsibility that was not upheld this past year.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:**

There being no other nominations, the time for nominations was closed. Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and a second by Mayor Cosgrove, Councilmember Dunay was elected Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs with Councilmember Peluso and Councilmember Swain dissenting.

**SWEARING IN OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYORS:**

Senator Tom Kean, Jr. stated it was an honor and a privilege to be there tonight. He wished everyone the healthiest and happiest of New Years. He looked forward to working with everyone on a bi-partisan basis.

Senator Kean swore Councilmember Cosgrove as Mayor.

Senator Kean swore Councilmember Lefkowitz in as Deputy Mayor.

Senator Kean swore Councilmember Dunay in as Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs.

**NEWLY SWORN IN MAYOR ASSUMES THE CHAIR**

Mayor Cosgrove assumed the chair.

Mayor Cosgrove dismissed the Honor Guard. He thanked Captain Kneer and the Honor Guard for presenting the colors tonight. He also thanked Town Crier / Fire Chief Tim Yuskaitis for his participation in tonight's meeting.

**REMARKS OF THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Cosgrove made the following remarks.

Good Evening! I would just like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank the people of Fair Lawn for electing me and giving me the honor and privilege to serve once again as your Mayor. Special thanks to Senators Tom Kean Jr., Bob Gordon and former Mayor and New Jersey State Assemblyman Nick Felice for swearing us in tonight. I would also like to congratulate both Councilwoman Swain and Councilman Peluso on their re-election and wish them the best of luck. I've have had the opportunity to work with both Councilmember Peluso and Councilmember Swain over the past four years and I know that together with Deputy Mayors Lefkowitz and Dunay we will all be working hard for the people of Fair Lawn. This Council has worked together and accomplished a great deal over the past few years. I have no doubt that we will all continue to work together and move Fair Lawn forward.

I would also like to once again thank my family, loved ones and friends for all their encouragement and support. Tonight I am fortunate to have many of you here with me including my daughter Kerry. I want to thank all of my children John, Kevin & Kerry for their love, patience and understanding over the years. Also here tonight is my fiancé, Maryanne, whose unwavering support, love and encouragement continues to keep me going every day!

I have been fortunate enough to serve as your Mayor for the past three years. While serving I have witnessed over and over again the things that make Fair Lawn such a great place to live and call our home. The people of Fair Lawn continue to rise up and through their support and generosity helped to meet the needs of others in our community. In Fair Lawn we help our neighbors and those less fortunate than us. This once again proves what I always say that "Fair Lawn is a large town with a small town attitude".

I believe that much of the credit for Fair Lawn's success belongs to our hard working Borough employees, dedicated Police Officers, all of our Volunteers, the Fire department, Rescue Squad, Ambulance Corps and Auxiliary Police that continue to keep our Borough safe. The Borough also has numerous Boards and Committees that are completely staffed by dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly on our behalf. It is because of all of their efforts that Fair Lawn has been chosen numerous times as great community to live in.

I would also like to thank Our Borough Manager Jim Van Kruiningen, Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Joanne Kwasniewski, CFO Karen Palermo, Police Chief Glen Cauwels and all of the department heads for their hard work, help and guidance that they have provided over the years. These dedicated professionals continue to keep Fair Lawn moving in the right direction. I would be remiss if tonight I did not recognize the hard work and dedication of our Clerk's office. I want to thank our Municipal Clerk / Deputy Manager Joanne Kwasniewski, Assistant Municipal Clerk Marilyn Bojanowski and my Secretary Marianne Pettineo publicly for their help and support over the past 3 years. Without them I would never be able to fulfill all of my Mayoral duties.

In Fair Lawn we are also very fortunate to have so many of our Civic organizations that give generously to our Community, The Knights of Pythias, Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, and both Rotary Clubs along with so many others who consistently give of their time, talent and money supporting worthy causes in Fair Lawn. I also want to thank our Chamber of Commerce and business community for being so supportive of our town and programs.

Although these are still tough times and we know that our funding will continue to be cut by the State and the County. This Council will continue to look at how we operate and where we can save. During our budget review we will look at all expenditures on a line by line basis and continue to stabilize taxes while

preserving many of our amenities that make Fair Lawn such a great place to live. We have established the Long Range Planning committee that together with Manager Van Kruningen and CFO Palermo has presented many cost saving ideas. The Council has already approved many of these cost saving proposals and we expect to see savings in 2016.

This entire Council stands committed to preserving and improving our services, such as the Library, Community Center, Senior Center and Memorial Pool. I'm sure that this Council will work together as in the past and will keep our community safe, strong and vibrant.

I'm looking forward to once again working this year, with the Council and the people of Fair Lawn to help continue to shape Fair Lawn's future. Over the next year I'm sure that we will have to deal with many important issues, but I want you the citizens of Fair Lawn to know that we will continue to listen and work with you the people. In closing I would just like to thank all of you who came out tonight and all of you who make positive contributions to Fair Lawn every day. I'm looking forward to meeting with our residents and working with the entire Council in 2016, and once again as I have said every year since being elected 'I have high hopes and great expectations for Fair Lawn's future'.

Thank You! God bless you, our great community our Troops and may God Bless the United States of America

#### **REMARKS OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR:**

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz made the following remarks.

I wish everyone a happy New Year and a special thank you to Senator Tom Kean for swearing me in.

The past two years have been filled with great strides and accolades for our wonderful Borough. Fair Lawn has been recognized as being one of the top places to live in New Jersey again and again. Just recently the school district has been ranked one of the highest achieving in the State. That was just to name a few accolades Fair Lawn has received.

As residents of Fair Lawn, we already know what a great town we have. I am occasionally asked by those who don't live here what makes Fair Lawn so special. It's our facilities but not only the Library, pool, Community Center but the real reason is the people of the town. They are truly an amazing community.

2015 was again a year where our community showed their generosity of the employees, residents, friends and neighbors ranging from the rededication of the Food Pantry recently to watching Operation Santa Boone unfold for a so

well deserving woman and her family. It is our residents and volunteers that make Fair Lawn such an amazing town. Thank you to all that have made this possible.

As we start 2016, the Council has been hard at work preparing for Fair Lawn's future. With the assistance of the Long Range Finance Committee, Manager Van Kruiningen and CFO Palermo are diligently working to ensure we continue to bring our residents the services they deserve.

Under the leadership of Health Officer Carol Wagner and the grant funding she is able to secure, the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention has again been able to support the renamed formerly DARE now LEAD program, the Explorers program, Project Graduation and the Stigma Free initiative that Fair Lawn has become part of.

This past year, the Borough was able to receive one of the prescription drop boxes located downstairs which has collected hundreds and hundreds of pounds of medication that would have otherwise been disposed of improperly. We look forward to implementing more programs with the Alliance and reaching out to parents, local private kindergartens and members of the community to continue the goals of preventing substance abuse.

I would like to thank the fantastic group of professionals Fair Lawn has and to the employees and committed volunteers that without them Fair Lawn would not be the amazing Borough it is.

I look forward to a great year of work with Councilmember Peluso, Councilmember Swain, Deputy Mayor Dunay and Mayor Cosgrove. I know we all share the common goal of continuing to make Fair Lawn a wonderful place to live with our families.

#### **REMARKS OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:**

Deputy Mayor Dunay made the following remarks

This is my favorite meeting of the year. There are a lot of meetings some of which are not so interesting and some more interesting and even a song and dance routine. The reason it is my favorite meeting is we see so many faces representative of so many great elements of this community. Present are family, friends and elected officials from around Bergen County and the State. There are members of the Republican and Democratic parties, members of the Sunrise Rotary Club, members of the Knights of Pythias and members of many organizations. It is amazing to see everyone come out to this meeting and it is a statement of the strength of our democracy in the United States and in this community. We are very blessed to have everyone present.

I congratulate Councilmember Swain, Councilmember Peluso and Mayor Cosgrove on being re-elected. This is a Council that comes to work every week with one idea in mind which is making sure that they do what is right and best for the people of Fair Lawn. We try to make sure that we continue to move the town forward in terms of maintaining services and minimizing spending so taxes could be stabilized.

I am very thankful to this group and to the others that sit up here like Attorney Mondello, Manager Van Kruiningen, Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski and Marianne Pettineo who really keep our wheels turning. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful group up there and even more wonderful group to look out at.

#### **REMARKS OF COUNCILMEMBER SWAIN:**

Councilmember Swain made the following remarks:

I would like to begin by thanking some people who have been instrumental in my success over the years. Thank you to my husband, Ron, my children, family, friends and colleagues who have supported, inspired and encouraged me during the last eight years. Thank you to Senator Bob Gordon for swearing me in tonight.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who provide such an enriching quality to our community. I especially want to thank the committee chairs with whom I have worked closely over the last eight years: Joan Goldstein, Chair of the Green Team, Marianne Pettineo, Chair of the ADA committee, Jane Spindel, Chair of the Arts Council and all the business owners on River Road who give their time to the RRIC. I would also like to thank Cristina Cutrone, the Democratic Municipal Chairwoman who has kept the focus on the importance of democratic values in our community.

My running mate and colleague on the Council, Kurt Peluso has been a great partner as we have worked with residents to bring forth ideas for improvements to our borough. I would also like to thank Ellen Taner for having the courage and passion to run for Council. In fact, Ellen raised the subject of having the residents elect our Mayor, something I think we should explore as a council. I would like to put the topic of a Charter Study Commission to look at options for the election of Mayor on a Work Session in March.

Looking ahead, I am excited to be serving another term on the council and having the opportunity to build on my accomplishments of the last eight years. One of the initiatives I started that I plan to expand is One Pound at a Time – a program that aims to reduce weight, reduce waste and inflate our tires – actions that will bring us closer to a sustainable community.

In addition, my objectives are to review the budget to make sure taxes are kept as low as possible, while continuing to provide the residents with the quality services they deserve; to improve pedestrian safety throughout Fair Lawn, and to upgrade our roads and infrastructure.

I hope that you will join us at our Council Meetings on Tuesday nights at 7:30 and especially our upcoming budget meetings which start later this month. Our meetings are always open to the public and we welcome your comments. Many of the changes we make to our ordinances and services are due to the input of our residents.

I wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

**REMARKS OF COUNCILMEMBER PELUSO:**

Councilmember Peluso made the following remarks:

I would like to thank everyone for coming this evening and Bergen County Clerk John Hogan for swearing me tonight. John has done a lot since becoming the County Clerk such as advancing our technology and going to the people. He travels around Bergen County to bring resources to Senior Citizens and to youth groups. I think that is what our democracy is about, the elected people going to the people and not the other way around.

I want to thank the dignitaries that are present tonight - Freeholders DeNicola and Felice, Assemblymen Eustace and Lagana and Senators Kean and Gordon, former Assemblyman Nick Felice and Board of Education member Michael Rosenberg.

As mentioned earlier, the Board of Education is doing a great job and our Fair Lawn school district keeps getting accolade after accolade.

This election was different this time. When I first ran my children were younger and it was a little bit easier. I wanted to thank my children for giving me the encouragement to campaign even though I was not playing basketball or building Legos with them in the basement. I want to thank my parents and in-laws for helping out when I have to be at meetings or at different events that I had to attend. I want to mention my wife, my sister, my brother and their spouses for all the work they have done as well. It was really a team effort this time around.

I also would like to thank everyone who ran, Marc Zharnest, John Gil and Ellen Taner. I thought all three were excellent candidates. Overall I think it was a great campaign. Everyone was respectful to one another and that is the way it should be. I have known John Cosgrove my whole life. The last time I was sworn

in he mentioned that he was at my first birthday party and our families have been friends for decades. Going against each other these past two elections we always thought there might be a strain in the relationship but it has only gotten stronger. When we disagree with each other we do it in a respectful manner and I appreciate serving with him.

To Councilmember Swain I could not have asked for a better running mate the last two times around. Someone that wants to do this for twelve years really has commitment to this community. The committees she serves on have been the most outgoing and who do the most for this town. Kudos to her and all the work she does.

It has been a pleasure serving with Deputy Mayor Dunay and Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz. As said before, when we disagree we go on from there. For the most part we agree on over 95% of the items. It is a great relationship on the Council and I hope it continues for the next four years.

I want to thank the Borough employees because a lot of the accolades we receive in Fair Lawn are because of the employees and all the work they do. I think what is great about our Borough is the volunteerism of the Borough employees. Just looking out at the room and seeing so many of them that I know are associated with so many groups and committees. Our Chief of Staff to the Borough Manager, Nick Magarelli, not only work full time but he is the Chief of the Auxiliary Police and this year he took on being the Veteran's Alliance Liaison that has been so beneficial to our Veterans. People like Nick make this town great.

Over the last four years, I think we have done some really beneficial things in Fair Lawn. We passed a noise ordinance, established a finance committee that has saved the taxpayers millions of dollars and will continue to do so. This past week we passed an anti-nepotism ordinance that will ban anyone on this Council from hiring any other family members and ban any department heads from hiring any family members within their department. I think it is a heck of an achievement and sends the right message to the rest of the County.

As for my next four years I want to continue to do the same. I want to continue to listen to the people, the needs they have and how do we address them and how do we improve the finances of the Borough. I have already asked Manager Van Kruningen and CFO Palermo to improve our bond rating and will be meeting with the accountant for ways to improve that. We will be looking for more shared services and have already begun discussions with Senator Gordon about some hurdles that have been put in place by the State that we need to get changed in order for us to do more shared service so we can act like the big brother to the smaller communities around us. We have to continue to work on our roads. As we stated during the debate, we have three

intersections that are huge issues, Wagaraw and River Roads, Morlot Avenue and River Road and Saddle River Road and Fair Lawn Avenue. Those changes have to be done by the County. We have brought it to their attention and have worked with their engineers and will continue to work to get these problems fixed. I assure you that everyone on the Council has spent countless hours trying to solve these problems and will continue to do so.

I am looking forward to the next four years in continuing to improve Fair Lawn. My family came here in the 1950's, my grandmother is sitting in the front row, when she first came here she and my grandfather selected Fair Lawn for the community it was. When it came time for my parents to decide where to live they decided to purchase a house on Heights Avenue. When it came time for my wife and I to buy a house, we were drawn right back in to Fair Lawn. We first rented on Carlton Place and moved to our house on Southern Drive. We asked our son what he thought about the new house and he said he liked the house but there was a problem, we don't live in Fair Lawn anymore. I assured him we still live in Fair Lawn just on the other side of town. My wife told me since I talk about the town so much that his son felt that way.

As your Councilmember I promise to make sure that this is a community that families want to continue to move to.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that Councilmember Peluso left out that when he met his grandmother in 1960, she still looks the same today.

Mayor Cosgrove stated he knew there were a lot of elected officials here tonight and asked if any of them wanted to come forward and make their presentations.

Assemblyman Eustace thanked the Mayor and Council and more importantly to the people watching, this was a rough year and he thanked them for their support to put them back in the State House. They promise to serve the residents well and listen to what their needs were. Most people don't know that we ranked number three in the nation when it comes to public education in our small towns. In regard to the consolidation bill, the Senator put a bill in along with he and Assemblyman Lagana's bill and both have passed. It will help save money if a consolidation is done.

Assemblyman Lagana wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. It is his honor and pleasure to be there. The one common denominator among the Council is how much they care about Fair Lawn and how much they have invested in Fair Lawn. In my campaigning with Councilmember Swain he met a lot of residents that were happy and really love the town, the services and the schools which does not happen by accident. It takes a lot of time and effort

and ingenuity. It requires the elected officials with very little to work with to provide a lot. He congratulated everyone on the Council.

Freeholder Felice stated it was privilege to be there and congratulated all of the Councilmembers. He told Mayor Cosgrove that his Mom and Dad would be so proud of him right now. Fair Lawn is such a wonderful place.

Freeholder DeNicola thanked everyone here in Fair Lawn. They cover seventy municipalities throughout Bergen County and are invited to so many events and activities especially this time of year. It is always so easy to say yes to Fair Lawn and yes to Mayor Cosgrove. One thing that Senator Gordon stated was true is that with all of the challenges that they face today, the first place the battle takes place is right here at home among these people that sit before you. It is a great opportunity to run for Council and those who have the privilege to get elected and representing their tax payers and the work they will be willing to do is all good. She thanked Rich Siebel for the flags. It always seems when they come to Fair Lawn they always get something to represent our current military and the veterans and without them they would not be celebrating the democracy that they have. She gave out Commendations from the County Executive Jim Tedesco and the Freeholders. It was their way of celebrating not only your election but our support for Fair Lawn in the future.

Mayor Cosgrove thanked Freeholder DeNicola's son for his service as a Navy Fighter Pilot on the USS Carl Vincent.

#### **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Cosgrove read the following appointments:

- a. Library Trustees –Jerome Weiner, Patty Bontekoe (Mayor's Designee)
- b. Environmental Commission Chairperson -Wendy Dabney
- c. Board of Education Shared Service Liaison – Councilmember Dunay, Councilmember Peluso
- d. Planning Board Designee – Dan Furphy
- e. Planning Board Class II Member - Benjamin Bontekoe
- e. Historic Preservation Commission - Amy Hummerstone (Class A), Judith Landsman Sliselman (Class C)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDAS 1 AND 2 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 Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and a second by Councilmember Swain, the time for public comments was unanimously closed.

#### **RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #1-2016 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:**

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, Consent Agenda #1-2016 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. No. 1-2016 - Professional Services - Appraiser: Value Research Group
- b. Resol. No. 2-2016 - Professional Services - Appraiser: McNerney & Associates
- c. Resol. No. 3-2016 - Professional Services - Bond Counsel: Hawkins, Delafield & Woods
- d. Resol. No. 4-2016 - Professional Services - Engineering & Surveyor: Rigg Associates
- e. Resol. No. 5-2016 - Professional Services - Broker of Medical / Dental - PIA Security Programs, Inc.
- f. Resol. No. 6-2016 - Professional Services - Risk Manager: Professional Insurance Associates Inc. (PIA)
- g. Resol. No. 7-2016 - Professional Services - Borough Auditor: Ferraioli, Wielkocz, Cerullo & Cuva, P.A.
- h. Resol. No. 8-2016 - Professional Services - Borough Attorney: Ronald P. Mondello
- i. Resol. No. 9-2016 - Professional Services - Labor Attorney: Cleary, Jacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC
- j. Resol. No. 10-2016 - Professional Services - Environmental Consulting Services: Arcadis U.S., Inc.
- k. Resol. No. 11-2016 - Professional Services - Planner of Record: Matrix
- l. Resol. No. 12-2016 - Professional Services - Nursing Services: The Valley Hospital
- m. Resol. No. 13-2016 - Professional Services - Health Educator: The Valley Hospital
- n. Resol. No. 14-2016 - Professional Services - Child Care Physician: Edward A. Sciano, Jr., M.D.
- o. Resol. No. 15-2016 - Professional Services - Health Care Physician: Marvin Wisch, M.D.
- p. Resol. No. 16-2016 - Professional Services - Open Space Planner / Planner for Green Acres: H2M Associates, Inc.
- q. Resol. No. 17-2016 - Professional Services - Conflict Counsel / Tax Appeals: William R. Betesh, Boggia & Boggia, LLC
- r. Resol. No. 18-2016 - Professional Services - Loss Control Services: J.A. Montgomery Risk Control

- s. Resol. No. 19-2016 - Professional Services - Disciplinary Hearing  
Officer: Joseph L. Verruni
- t. Resol. No. 20-2016 - Professional Services - Employee and  
Emergency Service Volunteer's Physicals:  
Valley Systems Health WorkPlace Connection
- u. Resol. No. 21-2016 - Economic Development Administrator
- v. Resol. No. 22-2016 - Fire Officers
- w. Resol. No. 23-2016 - Liaison to Fire Board
- x. Resol. No. 24-2016 - Liaison to the Community Center
- y. Resol. No. 25-2016 - Liaison to Alliance for Substance Abuse  
Prevention
- z. Resol. No. 26-2016 - Liaisons to RRIC, BIC, EDC
- aa. Resol. No. 27-2016 - Environmental Commission
- bb. Resol. No. 28-2016 - Health Advisory Board
- cc. Resol. No. 29-2016 - Green Team Advisory Committee
- dd. Resol. No. 30-2016 - Planning Board
- ee. Resol. No. 31-2016 - Zoning Board
- ff. Resol. No. 32-2016 - Rent Leveling Board
- gg. Resol. No. 33-2016 - Property Maintenance / Facelift Committee
- hh. Resol. No. 34-2016 - Fair Lawn Borough Gardens Committee
- ii. Resol. No. 35-2016 - Shade Tree Advisory Committee
- jj. Resol. No. 36-2016 - Fair Lawn Arts Council
- kk. Resol. No. 37-2016 - Holiday Celebrations
- ll. Resol. No. 38-2016 - Senior Citizen Advisory Board
- mm. Resol. No. 39-2016 - Public Action Compliance Officer
- nn. Resol. No. 40-2016 - Appointing Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner
- oo. Resol. No. 41-2016 - Fair Lawn Recreation Facility Review  
Committee
- pp. Resol. No. 42-2016 - Interlocal Services Agreement with Ridgewood:  
Health Officer
- qq. Resol. No. 43-2016 - Open Space Committee
- rr. Resol. No. 44-2016 - Alternate Prosecutors

### **MANAGER'S APPOINTMENTS:**

Manager Van Kruingen announced the following yearly appointments: Prosecutor Marc D. Ramundo, Esq., Public Defender Vanessa Sinisi Falkenstern, Esq., Alternate Public Defender Carl Spector, Esq., Rent Leveling Board Attorney Steven Cohen, Esq., and Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator Wendy Alvarez for a three year term effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

**RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #2-2016:**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Consent Agenda 2-2016 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. No. 45-2016 - Cash Management Plan
- b. Resol. No. 46-2016 - Official Newspapers
- c. Resol. No. 47-2016 - Temporary Budget - Current Fund
- d. Resol. No. 48-2016 - Temporary Budget - Water Utility Fund
- e. Resol. No. 49-2016 - Petty Cash
- f. Resol. No. 50-2016 - Tax Assessment Interest
- g. Resol. No. 51-2016 - Annual Meeting Dates and Times
- h. Resol. No. 52-2016 - Defending Tax Appeals
- i. Resol. No. 53-2016 - Annual Sale of Delinquent Taxes
- j. Resol. No. 54-2016 - Adopting Policy and Procedures Manual
- k. Resol. No. 55-2016 - Affirming the Borough's Civil Rights Policy
- l. Resol. No. 56-2016 - Authorizing Renewal of Massage Establishment License: BRC Sauna & Spa, Inc. and Massagist Licenses: Irina Terentyeva, Vladimir Avetisov and Larisa Remennik
- m. Resol. No. 57-2016 - Authorizing Renewal of Massage Establishment License: Lavender Best Spa LLC
- n. Resol. No. 58-2016 - Authorizing Renewal of Massage Establishment License: Green Spa of Fair Lawn and Massagist License: Mei Jin
- o. Resol. No. 59-2016 - Authorizing Renewal of Massage Establishment License: Healthy Way and Massagist Licenses: Wen Fei Liu and Lina Dou
- p. Resol. No. 60-2016 - Authorizing Renewal of Massage Establishment License: Healthy Foot Reflexology and Massagist License: Yingjun Piao
- q. Resol. No. 61-2016 - Authorizing Renewal of Massage Establishment License: Healing Hands Massage Therapy
- r. Resol. No. 62-2016 - Authorizing Renewal of Massage Establishment License: Believe In Us, Inc. d/b/a Massage Envy Spa
- s. Resol. No. 63-2016 - Authorizing Renewal of Massage Establishment License: LB Beauty Salon
- t. Resol. No. 64-2016 - Approval of Minutes:
  - Closed Session 12/1/15
  - Work Session 12/1/15
  - Closed Session 12/1/15
  - Regular Meeting 12/8/15

**RESOLUTION NO. 65-2016 - Approval of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting 11/24/15

Closed Session 11/24/15

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 65-2016 was passed with Mayor Cosgrove and Deputy Mayor Dunay abstaining.

**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. 2370-2016  
(RESOLUTION NO. 66-2016)****AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN 2000, ENTITLED, "LAND DEVELOPMENT" AND SPECIFICALLY SECTION 125-10 ENTITLED, "OFFICIAL ZONING MAP"**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 66-2016 introducing Ordinance No. 2370-2016 was unanimously passed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2371-2016  
(RESOLUTION NO. 67-2016)****AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN 2000, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 125 ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT"**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 67-2016 introducing Ordinance No. 2371-2016 was unanimously passed.

**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.

Christina Cutrone, 25 Lowe Avenue, congratulated Mayor Cosgrove, Councilmember Swain and Councilmember Peluso on their re-election and

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and Deputy Mayor Dunay on their re-appointments as Deputy Mayors. She thanked them for everything they do.

She was there in the capacity of President of a new organization called WEDO which stands for Women Empowered Democratic Organization. The mission of WEDO is to help encourage women to get involved in politics and help support those who are already in politics particularly at the municipal, county and state levels. She presented Councilmember Swain with a Certificate of Achievement along with a one year free membership to WEDO. They meet quarterly and host many events to help Democratic women in politics.

George Lahood, 293 Murray Hill Terrace #519, Bergenfield, stated he is attempting to open a Christ House in town and to repair that house on Hartley Place. Christ House could help the community and those with low income housing. He has been working with Assemblyman Eustace on a zero homeless program. He wanted to support the veterans and anyone that was homeless. He would like the Mayor and Council to sponsor a zero homeless program. He hoped that the Council would give him the support they can.

Michael Rosenberg, 4-49 Hartley Place, congratulated Mayor Cosgrove, Councilmember Peluso, Councilmember Swain, Deputy Mayor Dunay and Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz. He sits on the Shared Services Committee with Deputy Mayor Dunay and Councilmember Peluso and thought they have done really good job in saving the taxpayers' money. This past October Councilmember Peluso, Gene Banta and he presented Fair Lawn's shared services model to the New Jersey School Board Association Workshop which was very well received. It surprised them how other towns have not gotten into shared service agreements as much as Fair Lawn has. He looks forward to working with both of them this coming year.

Deputy Mayor Dunay thanked Mr. Rosenberg and felt it was a pleasure working with the Board of Ed. He felt they have done an amazing job between the Board of Ed and the Council saving the taxpayers' money.

Elizabeth Boas, 38-15 Pellington Drive, stated that she was very proud of Fair Lawn. She congratulated Councilmember Swain and Councilmember Peluso on their re-elections and thanked Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz and Deputy Mayor Dunay for the contributions they have all made. Many years ago, Nick Felice was considered Mr. Fair Lawn and now that title has now been passed on to Mayor John Cosgrove. He has proven himself on getting re-elected with such a majority. She wished everyone a very happy 2016.

Rich Siebel, 33-07 Halsey Road, congratulated everyone on their appointments and for winning the election. He thanked Mayor Cosgrove for always doing the right thing and being a very moral person. He had previously given out flags

before the meeting and asked everyone to put them in the wreaths that are outside in front of the municipal building in honor of the active duty personnel that are in harm's way.

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

**BENEDICTION BY PASTOR DAVID BOONE**

Mayor Cosgrove stated that up until last week, Pastor Boone was Detective Boone who has served this Borough with great integrity and has done a great job in the Detective Bureau and as a Police Officer for so many years. Now he is the Pastor at Van Riper Ellis Church. Pastor David Boone gave the Benediction.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Dunay and second by Councilmember Swain, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski  
Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC  
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

John Cosgrove  
Mayor John Cosgrove

D. B. Dunay  
Deputy Mayor Daniel Dunay

Amy Lefkowitz  
Deputy Mayor Amy Lefkowitz

Kurt Peluso  
Councilmember Kurt Peluso

Lisa Swain  
Councilmember Lisa Swain