

REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2012

Mayor Baratta called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, annual notice of meetings from April through August 2012 was published in "The Record" issue of March 23, 2012. 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 Baratta, Deputy Mayor Cosgrove and Councilmembers Peluso and Swain.

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Trawinski.

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Metzler, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski, Clerk/Typist Pettineo and Attorney Mondello.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Swain announced that the Green Team was launching a new program, which is called One Pound at a Time, in an effort to continue to keep Fair Lawn sustainable and to improve everyone's sustainability in the community. It will be a three prong approach to reducing the waist size, waste and inflating your wheels. When weight is lost and the waist is reduced and you inflate your tires, everyone benefits.

They will promote this at the 5K Run on January 1, 2013. She encouraged everyone to run or walk, bring family and friends to start the New Year off the right way.

She mentioned that the ADA Dance that will be held on Friday at the Community Center. The Fair Lawn High School Honor Society sponsored a Volleyball Game fund raiser where the proceeds were going to the ADA Committee to launch the inclusionary playground. She was very proud of those honor students.

Councilmember Swain wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah.

Councilmember Peluso hoped that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving especially after Hurricane Sandy which made them all realize how much they have to be thankful for.

Although there has been bi-partisan support on all levels of government for the funding needed in New Jersey, Congressman Scott Garrett did not join in that effort. At the next Work Session he wanted to encourage the Council to send a letter to Congressman Garrett urging him to ask for extra funding from FEMA for the State of New Jersey. This money is much needed to get through this disaster.

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove commented on the passing of William Grieder, ex Fire Chief and a former employee of the Borough of Fair Lawn. He was a 40 year veteran in the Fire Department. He will be sorely missed by the members of Fire Co. 2 and the entire Fire Department. He did a lot of great things for Fair Lawn. He extended best wishes to his family.

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove mentioned that Crossing Guard, Ken Marks, who was involved with All Sports for many years, has become ill. He did a lot of great things for kids in Fair Lawn. He hoped that everyone would keep Ken in their thoughts and prayers.

At the Sunrise Rotary meeting this morning, the Principal from Forest School, Michael Weaver, came forward with a program that he started in 2006 to raise awareness of breast cancer among female student athletes. On January 5, 2013, Fair Lawn will be hosting a basketball challenge which will have five games and be held in the High School. There will be over three hundred girls participating in this challenge. The whole idea is to create awareness of breast cancer in young girls.

Mayor Baratta hoped that everyone had a wonderful and joyous Thanksgiving. She mentioned that on Thursday, November 29th at the Community Center there will be a program called "Music with Marv" who will be playing Broadway musicals from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

In regard to Thanksgiving, there was a shortage in the food pantry this season. She thanked all of the people that stepped up at the last minute and helped fill those Thanksgiving baskets. Normally this was the time of year where the food pantry has an excess because everyone was in a giving mood, but a lot of residents were restocking their food pantries after the hurricane.

Councilmember Swain mentioned that the Borough was collecting cell phones for the soldiers. She suggested if anyone had old cell phones to bring them in to Borough Hall. Adopt a Soldier Platoon is collecting supplies to send to the troops. The Manager's office has information on that program.

Mayor Baratta reminded everyone that next Tuesday they will be doing the holiday celebration at 7:00 p.m. on the steps of Borough Hall.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Metzler stated that a copy of the written Manager's report was on the table without change.

He advised that if anyone has been unemployed for thirteen weeks or more or if they have lost their employment as a result of Superstorm Sandy, there are employment opportunities through Bergen County. If someone is in that particular situation, they need to register. They should contact the Manager's office for further information. It pays up to \$12,000 over a four month period and they could be placed anywhere in Bergen County.

Manager Metzler stated he will be making a presentation at the next Work Session about the flooding that took place in Illinois in 1993 where they traveled to help rebuild homes there. Through the generous support of the Fair Lawn residents, they are going to make a similar program in New Jersey. He pointed out that following the World Trade Center attack, Fair Lawn collected over \$12,000 in cash and over four tons of supplies that went to the Emergency Workers at Ground Zero. He will be coordinating such an effort here to help people affected from Superstorm Sandy.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2256-2012

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN 2000, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 124-41 CONCERNING SIGNS TO ACCOMMODATE THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF BUSINESSES IN THE PORTION OF THE B-2 ZONE ALONG BROADWAY AS WELL AS TO MAKE SELECTED SIGN REGULATION CHANGES NOT LIMITED TO SIGNS WITHIN THE B-2 ZONE ALONG BROADWAY.

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

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Cosgrove and a second by Councilmember Swain, Resolution No. 317-2012 introducing Ordinance No. 2256-2012 was unanimously passed.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING:

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and a second by Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, it was unanimously agreed to read the following ordinance by title and open the time for public comments.

ORDINANCE NO. 2254-2012

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 5407 LOT 44, BY THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT, ACCEPTANCE AND DEPOSIT OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY GREEN ACRES TRUST FUND AND THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS IN THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN OPEN SPACE TRUST

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

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution No. 318-2012 adopting Ordinance No. 2254-2012 was unanimously passed.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Cosgrove 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. 2255-2012

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, 2000, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 94 ENTITLED "FEES", BY AMENDING ARTICLE I "FEES FOR DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS"

There being no comments by the public, upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso, it was unanimously agreed to close the time for public hearing.

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Councilmember Peluso, Resolution No. 319-2012 adopting Ordinance No. 2255-2012 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 Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, the time for public comments was unanimously closed.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #24-2012:

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, Consent Agenda #24-2012 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #320-2012 – Approval of Minutes:
Regular Meeting 10/16/12
- b. Resol. #321-2012 - Award of Bid: Water & Sewage Pump Station Maintenance
- c. Resol. #322-2012 – Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- d. Resol. #323-2012 – Authorizing Agreement between the Borough of Elmwood Park and the Borough of Fair Lawn for Engineering Costs – Traffic Signal on Broadway
- e. Resol. #324-2012 – Transfer of Funds
- f. Resol. #325-2012 - Authorization for Emergency Purchase – Wet Well Cleaning, Purchase and Installation of Sewer Pump
- g. Resol. #326-2012 - Change Order – Brookdale Park Playground
- h. Resol. #327-2012 – Authorizing the Risk Management Consultant to Secure the Group Life Insurance Proposal for Eligible Employees through the Standard Life Insurance Company
- i. Resol. #328-2012 – Cancellation of Capital Ordinances
- j. Resol. #329-2012 – Confirmation of Fire Board Actions
- k. Resol. #330-2012 - Requesting the New Jersey Senate and Assembly to Override the Governor’s Veto of S851/A578 (Good Samaritan Emergency Response Act)
- l. Resol. #331-2012 - Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement to Install Telecommunications Facilities in the Right of Way – Sunesys, LLC

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Rich Seibel, 33-07 Halsey Road stated that he and Deputy Mayor Cosgrove have been working on an event. On December 9th a convoy of trucks escorted by motorcycles ridden by patriot guard riders and Police Officers will begin the Veteran’s Honor Parade down the eastern seaboard from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery carrying hundreds of thousands ceremonial wreaths to be laid at Veteran’s memorials and grave sites in over 500 locations all over the

Country. On one of those trucks will have seven wreaths destined for the Borough of Fair Lawn. Wreaths across America are a coordinated wreath laying ceremony and a day of remembrance that it will take place at noon on Saturday, December 15th. It was an opportunity to thank those who have served this Country and to acknowledge the young men and women in the Armed Services that continue to fight for our freedom. It is a difficult time for the troops to be separated from their families on this holiday. The wreaths are donated and everyone else is a volunteer. He hoped to make this the first of many wreath laying ceremonies in Fair Lawn. Mayor Baratta said they would very much like that. She thanked Deputy Mayor Cosgrove and Mr. Seibel.

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove commented that they will lay the wreaths outside the Borough Hall at the memorial in front.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Councilmember Peluso and second by Councilmember Swain the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Mayor Jeanne Baratta

Deputy Mayor John Cosgrove

Councilmember Kurt Peluso

Councilmember Lisa Swain

Absent
Deputy Mayor Edward Trawinski