

REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2010

Mayor Tedeschi called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 issues of December 18, 2009. Notices were also posted on the bulletin board located on the first floor of the Municipal Building and the Maurice Pine Free Public Library. Copies were mailed to The Community News and posted on the Borough of Fair Lawn Website. The annual notice identified the times and locations of the Council meetings and work sessions.

PRESENT: Mayor Tedeschi, Deputy Mayors Swain and Weinstein, Councilmembers Baratta and Trawinski.

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Manager Kwasniewski, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski and Attorney Rosenberg

PROCLAMATION: WORLD KIDNEY DAY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

A proclamation was read for World Kidney Day and Women's History Month.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Baratta stated that it was nice to celebrate Women's History Month. Behind every good woman is a good man and 26 years ago she married that man. She wished her husband a happy anniversary.

There will be a 50's/60's dinner dance featuring the Cameos on Saturday, March 13th at the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are still available. The event is catered by Giovanni's.

Deputy Mayor Swain stated that history was made on Sunday night at the Academy Awards when Kathryn Bigelow was awarded an Oscar for Best Director. It is amazing that it is 2010 and they just had the first woman director win an Oscar.

She congratulated Fire Marshall Jay Bender for being recognized in the Bergen County Juvenile Fire Prevention Program newsletter, for volunteering his time to provide fire safety education for juveniles.

She stated that \$500 was sent to the Clinton/Bush Haiti Fund from the Borough's "Dress Down Friday" fund. Next month a donation will be sent to the Chilean Earthquake Relief Fund.

There is a company called Terracycle, which she wrote about in her "Green Team" column for the Community News that recycles wrappers from candy bars, power bars, etc. They have bins in several Macy stores in the area to collect sneakers, shoes, denim and other apparel.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that he just came from a Central Bergen Community Development Committee. The Borough was awarded funds to continue their barrier free improvement program, and to create ADA access to Memorial Pool. They discussed the Consolidated Plan, which is a five year plan that is forwarded to the Federal Government. The Plan focuses on the area where funds should be directed. He felt, as did the Mayor of Saddle Brook and the Mayor of Elmwood Park that funding should be focused not only on the flooding issue but also for a sewer study and pedestrian safety. He told the Community Development Committee about the Route 4 corridor and how they had reduced the speed limit through the DOT to 35 mph. The area needs to be made safer for pedestrians.

Engineer Garrison stated that the ADA access to Memorial Pool involved a ramp that linked the circular sidewalk down into the pool and onto a landing ramp. There are also railings. The access is for any individual with a handicap, not just those in wheelchairs. He was glad the Council was able to attain the funds. Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that the Borough received most of the \$40,000 cost for this project in funding. Mayor Tedeschi stated that this project was originally rejected, so Engineer Garrison quickly redid the plans. Deputy Mayor Weinstein attended the meetings and the project was then approved.

Councilmember Trawinski thanked the residents and Borough employees who worked so hard during the snow storms. The cooperation from the residents under some difficult circumstances was phenomenal.

He thanked the PBA and SOA for agreeing to come back to the bargaining table, which represents a positive step. As long as they are talking to each other he was optimistic that there was an opportunity to resolve the contract. That would be good for the residents and good for morale in the department. He hoped they could effectuate a fair and reasonable settlement.

He thanked the Borough employees for making a contribution to the American Heart Association during their "Go Red for Women" campaign.

Mayor Tedeschi stated that he attended the JIF breakfast meeting this morning. He was pleased to announce that the Borough was awarded a safety award plaque and \$750.

He brought up a few facts that everyone should know during "Women's History Month". There are 197,000 women serving in our Armed Forces. We should be as grateful to them as we are for every other person who serves. He noted that in 18% of all married couples, the wife earns \$5,000 more than the husband. He thanked his wife for being one of those women.

He concluded by reminding residents of the importance of completing their Census survey, which will only take ten minutes. The information obtained from the Census will come back to the community in a portion of the \$400 billion of Federal Aid that will be distributed based on population. This also affects the lines of Congressional districts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Weinstein and a second by Councilmember Trawinski, the time for public comments on Consent Agenda items only was opened.

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

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #6-2010

- a. Resol. #128-2010 - Approval of Minutes:
 - Closed Session – 11/10/09
 - Work Session – 11/10/09
 - Closed Session – 11/10/09
 - Regular Meeting – 11/24/09
 - Closed Session – 11/24/09
 - Special Meeting – 11/30/09
 - Closed Session – 11/30/09
 - Work Session – 12/1/09
 - Regular Meeting – 12/8/09
 - Closed Session – 12/8/09
 - Special Meeting – 12/14/09
 - Closed Session – 12/14/09
- b. Resol. #129-2010 - Award of Bid: Courtroom Seating
- c. Resol. #130-2010 - Approving the 2009 LOSAP Certification Lists
- d. Resol. #131-2010 - Authorizing Cancellation of Tax Exempt Property, 12-19 River Road
- e. Resol. #132-2010 - Award of Bid: Generator Maintenance
- f. Resol. #133-2010 - Supporting Interest Arbitration Reform
- g. Resol. #134-2010 – Supporting Senate Bill S-2 - Pension Reform for all Public Employees
- h. Resol. #135-2010 - Opposing S-82/A-437 – Time of Decision Rule
- i. Resol. #136-2010 - Supporting A2082 – Electronic Publication of Legal Notices Act

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Upon motion by Councilmember Trawinski and a second by Councilmember Baratta, the time for public comments was open.

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

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION:

Upon motion by Councilmember Baratta and a second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 8:19 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 Attorney/Client Privilege – Messina and Pending Litigation; 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 the 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 Trawinski and second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Mayor Joseph Tedeschi

Deputy Mayor Lisa Swain

Deputy Mayor Weinstein

Councilmember Jeanne Baratta

Councilmember Ed Trawinski