

## **REGULAR MEETING APRIL 13, 2010**

Mayor Tedeschi called the meeting to order at 7:44 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 Weinstein and Councilmembers Baratta and Trawinski.

**ABSENT:** Deputy Mayor Swain

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

Mayor Tedeschi stated that Dr. Ryan from Bergen Community College could not attend tonight's meeting and it is hoped that another meeting will be rescheduled.

### **PROCLAMATION – DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE**

The Days of Remembrance Proclamation was read by Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Baratta spoke about the Green Fair/Green Symposium last Thursday night at the Community Center, which was organized by the Environmental Commission and was well attended. Councilmember Baratta thanked Fair Lawn TV for interviewing people.

Councilmember Baratta referred to the terrible storm which occurred a few weeks ago and she stated that FEMA is offering disaster assistance. She urged anyone interested in this assistance to contact FEMA at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or to call the Office of Emergency Management.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that due to the March storm the Federal and State government has extended the deadline for the filing of tax returns from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein mentioned that he had attended the Days of Remembrance Service which was hosted by Paramus this year. Stories written by various Holocaust

survivors were read by children and it was a solemn ceremony attended by many. He stressed the importance of remembering this part of history.

Councilmember Trawinski thanked Borough employees for their hard work, efforts and energy during the recent storms. Councilmembers were kept well informed by the Acting Manager, Assistant Borough Clerk and the Emergency Management team.

Councilmember Trawinski extended his prayers and wishes to the family of former Congressman Bob Franks. He referred to the Days of Remembrance and stated that it is absolutely important to ensure that the slaughter of six million people never happens again.

Mayor Tedeschi complimented the Environmental Commission for their outstanding job on the Green Fair and he hopes this turns into an annual event.

Mayor Tedeschi referred to last Friday morning's Council Meeting which was primarily for Department Heads and Union Representatives of Borough employees. He stated that everyone, including employees, will know what the Councilmembers know as the process goes forward. Employees were understanding and enthusiastic and wanted to hear more about the problems. They were also encouraged to be part of the solution by making recommendations because everyone must work together to try to solve this problem which is extremely unique. Mayor Tedeschi said that he has been involved in 35 budgets over the years and there is not model for a budget like this. The Council and Borough Administration is working hard to make sure that the process is done correctly.

Mayor Tedeschi acknowledged the passing of Bob Elmezzi who was a member of the Board of Education as well as Joyce Rhodes who was a former Board of Education employee.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #8-2010**

Upon motion by Councilmember Trawinski and a second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, Consent Agenda 8-2010 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

- a. Resol. #147-2010 - Approval of Minutes

Reorganization Meeting -1/5/10  
Work Session – 1/12/10  
Closed Session – 1/12/10  
Special Meeting – 1/12/10  
Closed Session – 1/12/10  
Closed Session – 1/19/10  
Work Session – 1/19/10  
Regular Meeting – 1/26/10

- b. Resol. #148-2010 - Supporting Click It or Ticket Seatbelt Mobilization
- c. Resol. #149-2010 - Approving Renewal of Massage Establishment and Massage License – Sunny Health Center
- d. Resol. #150-2010 - Refund of Over Payment of Taxes
- e. Resol. #151-2010 - Opposition to Repealing Bergen County Blue Laws Association Realignment Plan
- f. Resol. #152-2010 - Opposition to State Budget Cuts to School Districts in Bergen County
- g. Resol. #153-2010 - Opposing United Water Rate Increase
- h. Resol. #154-2010 - Authorizing Execution of License Agreement with New Song Church
- i. Resol. #155-2010 - Award of Bid Radio Repair and Maintenance
- j. Resol. #156-2010 - Award of Bid HVAC Repair

#### **RESOLUTION 157-2010 – SUPPORT MILLIONAIRES FAIR TAX LEGISLATION**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Weinstein and a second by Mayor Tedeschi, the Resolution was passed with Councilmembers Trawinski and Baratta dissenting.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

No one came forward and Deputy Mayor Weinstein made a motion to close the time for public comments, seconded by Councilmember Trawinski.

#### **Adjournment:**

Upon motion by Councilmember Trawinski, seconded by Councilmember Baratta, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC  
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approved the foregoing minutes.

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Mayor Tedeschi

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Councilmember Jeanne Baratta

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Absent  
Deputy Mayor Lisa Swain

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Councilmember Ed Trawinski

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Deputy Mayor Steven Weinstein