

WORK SESSION OF MARCH 3, 2009

Mayor Weinstein called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the change of time of this meeting was published in The Record issue of February 27, 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.

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

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

Mayor Weinstein asked everyone to rise for a moment of silence for John Nakashian. He stated he was a true gentleman and as said at church today, a true inspiration and will always be an inspiration. On a future agenda, he would like to discuss memorializing him and maybe looking for a naming opportunity in town.

This Saturday he and other Mayors and County Executives were invited to Drumthwacket regarding the stimulus package. He gave the Council a copy of various items that were discussed. With Peter Kortright's assistance, he has been able to get in touch with the County Engineer regarding the drainage problems on Berkshire and Arcadia Roads. He spoke to a gentleman who was trying to coordinate a meeting between Fair Lawn and Saddle Brook. The issue now is the property that needs to get permits was sold and now there is a new owner. He thought they could get this project in by March 9th. As stated at the Governor's home, even if a project is not complete, they should still send it in and there is a possibility they could get money for that. They talked about specialized buses for the disabled riders like they were looking at for the mini-bus. Brownfield investigations and various other grants including bike paths and streetscapes were discussed. If Broadway was ready they could go for money. He recommended that they get in touch with Marlene Casey. The last time they spoke there was no money out there for the Borough and now there seems to be and there are opportunities for the Borough with the stimulus program.

Deputy Mayor Tedeschi asked how they go about reaching out to her. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated they would have to start the process over again because they did not sign the contract last year. They would have to figure out if they want to go out for RFP or just hire them under the non-fair and open process or have them in to talk to the Council. Councilmember Baratta stated they did RFP's the last time. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi asked if they could go back to the RFP's to see if they are interested. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated they could do the presentation and fill out all of the necessary pay to play paperwork and then appoint them on a professional resolution based on their presentation and on the fact they did not make any contributions. Mayor Weinstein stated that time is of the essence. He asked Acting Manager Kwasniewski to reach out to them quickly.

There was a consensus for Acting Manager Kwasniewski to reach out to the grants professionals for a presentation.

Budget Review

CFO Eccleston stated that as they know they started last October telling the Department Heads because of the CAP situation, he wanted them to submit their budget at the same level as last year or less. All of the departments complied and submitted a budget either at last year's level or less. As they were going through it they did make some adjustments based upon spending habits that changed from that period of time. He originally had the intention of trying to keep to their goal of two tax points, but as the economy worsened he thought this was the time to hold off on the tax rate and try to do something for the residents. The debt service was down. Surplus is down because building permits and interest on investments were lower this year. When they made all the cuts from the Manager and they used the dedicated to rider as usual he came up with \$125,000 more. They did have some CAP bank left from last year. There were some new ratable. They ended up with a decrease of a little over \$8 a year per homeowner.

Last year they raised the water rates in April but they ended up with a deficit. He was able to use other revenue to stabilize the Water Department and now he can pick up the money lost in that quarter, which is called a Special Item of Revenue in the budget. There will be no increase in the water rates. The use of water is going down due to conservation efforts.

Councilmember Trawinski arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Engineer Garrison stated they were at the twenty year period and would have to start thinking about replacing remote meters. He explained with a total change out on a single year basis it would be a two million dollar investment with remotes and radio reads. They could read the whole town in one day. They could also change the billing cycle to monthly like PSE&G does. CFO Eccleston said that would help the cash flow. Deputy Mayor Swain felt it might be easier for people to receive a monthly bill instead of quarterly. Engineer Garrison said that would be a project that would be phased in over a couple of years.

CFO Eccleston said the departments did a great job. Looking at other expenses, they are down 2.8%. The biggest jumps are the pension benefits, employee benefits and self insurance fund. Right now he has \$953,000 worth of appropriation which enables them to meet their appropriation cap.

CFO Eccleston stated he used all of the same formulas as in the past. If the surplus was higher, he probably would have used more surplus. If the revenues were up higher, he would have used less capital surplus to offset debt service.

CFO Eccleston stated that every time he cancels a partially funded bond ordinance, it goes into the capital account and can be used to offset debt service as revenue. It is borrowed money. CFO Eccleston explained if the full amount of the bond is not used it goes into the capital fund and stays there until there is an offset to revenue. This is a way to pay down the

debt service. He has been stock piling this for many years. When the Mayor and Council allowed him to raise the surplus in 2006, it put Fair Lawn way above par with the other towns. They are able now to use that surplus to stay under the CAP levy.

CFO Eccleston knows the Department Heads tried to give them the budget they wanted to see, but he thought it was going to be a little more difficult to accomplish that unless they all work as a team and get them on board to say no for the remainder of the year. With the budget being down \$78,000 which means there is little to no excess in there at all. If they continue buying as usual, there will be problems when we get to August.

Deputy Mayor Swain wondered what the new ratables were. CFO Eccleston explained what the law says; there may be additions or new businesses. They generated \$100,000 in the CAP. The law says you have to stay within 3.5% of last year's budget unless you have new ratable. There is a formula the Tax Assessor uses. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated they have seen a slowdown of the additions but there are still projects out there that hopefully will go forward.

CFO Eccleston stated the Operating Budget went up 1.51% which is only \$600,000. The budget is tight. He felt it would be a matter of keeping the department head's spending down. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi asked if the department heads could look up their line items. CFO Eccleston said no but felt in the future with a new CFO that would be possible with a new system. It will all be PC driven which can be done through the network. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated that many departments track the purchase orders on Excel so they know how they are doing.

Councilmember Trawinski asked if this was the last year on the emergency. CFO Eccleston stated this was a combination of the flood and the revaluation. That will help us a little bit in next year's CAP since they will not have to fund it with whatever retirements they have and they aren't replaced or replaced with someone with a lower salary.

Deputy Mayor Swain wondered about the reserve for uncollected taxes. CFO Eccleston explained it is a calculation that is figured by the State of New Jersey which is based upon the tax collection ratio. The Borough's tax collection ratio went up 1/10 of one percent this year. If they go to 99.10, which is their tax collection ratio, they would not generate any surplus.

Deputy Mayor Tedeschi asked about what was banked last year. CFO Eccleston stated it was \$135,599 which was used to meet the CAP this year. The added assessments were \$159,000. Mayor Weinstein stated those two things really helped this year. CFO Eccleston stated they always have eighty to one hundred thousand in added assessments.

Engineering:

Mayor Weinstein stated he spoke to Peter Kortright about the County program regarding Pedestrian Counters. Mr. Kortright told him there was cost to buy the counters, and they would need eight on the four corners of Fair Lawn Avenue and Plaza Road but the County will install them. The question was who would maintain them. He thought they were around

\$2,000 and felt this was something they should look into since the County was willing to install them. Engineer Garrison question the maintenance of them.

There was a unanimous consensus to look further into this with the County.

Engineer Garrison said they should look at intersections. Mayor Weinstein felt the one most people complain about is Fair Lawn Avenue and Plaza Road.

Deputy Mayor Tedeschi questioned Professional Services. Engineer Garrison stated it was a standard amount for the surveyor although they have not had to use it. CFO Eccleston stated the funds that were not used last year for the networking were now put in the Manager's budget.

Deputy Mayor Swain wanted to know about the jump in salaries. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated that included the salaries that were contractual and step increases. Engineer Garrison stated he did not increase his staff.

Deputy Mayor Tedeschi hoped the employees realize while everyone is going through these tough times, the Borough has no reduction in staff, they have no furloughs, they have not done any of that and that is a major plus. CFO Eccleston stated that a lot of towns have the problem with the CAP and no surplus.

Councilmember Trawinski believed there has been a fundamental change in the way Department Heads budget over the last four years. Over the last four years, former Manager Metzler had them buy into if they produce realistic budgets, there is not going to be a lot of fat to trim out of it they will run into problems. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated that philosophy has been around a lot longer than four years. Councilmember Trawinski stated she was dead wrong. When she was the Manager last time that is the reason the budget went up eleven percent. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi felt Acting Manager Kwasniewski may be right but the only way to decide would be to look at the numbers. Get the department increases over the last twelve years. Councilmember Trawinski stated it was the same the last time he was a Councilmember. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi stated the Department Heads have been the strongest group. CFO Eccleston stated that when he started in 1980 the Borough had 225 employees on staff, which included full time and permanent part time. Twenty-five members were added in the Recycling Department, three members were added in the garage, two in OEM and one in the Manager's office bringing the total to 256. They also added nine Police Officers since he started working here. Today there are 211 employees. They have eliminated fifty-four positions. Mayor Weinstein stated it could be attributed to the Department Heads working with the Borough to make sure each department was efficient.

Engineering Capital:

CFO Eccleston stated the first item was Road Resurfacing and Parking Lots in the amount of \$350,000. Deputy Mayor Swain said she knew it was for curbing and sidewalks and wondered if they could get a break down of the number of roads and man hours. Engineer Garrison stated back in 1994, they did a complete survey of the town. It is based on costs; four to five

years ago they were paying \$70,000 to \$80,000 a mile to pave. For the last two years it is up to between \$160,000 and \$175,000 per mile. His schedule is to do two to three miles a year. They are not sure what the market rate will be this year. He will not be sure what the roads are like until the cold weather breaks. Some intersections are horrific.

Councilmember Trawinski asked about the water tower on Morlot Avenue and what is being done to check it. Engineer Garrison stated they just inspected the tank in October. The professional inspector recommended they replace it in five years. The interior of the tank has no problems.

Councilmember Trawinski wondered about the sanitary sewer improvements and the construction of storm drain facilities. He asked if he has looked to see if these projects fall under the discretionary grant program. Engineer Garrison stated the sanitary sewer crew was doing an inspection of the lines to make sure there are no intrusions. None of these projects are ready to go. Mayor Weinstein stated even if it is not ready to go tomorrow, get the information in by March 9th and even if it isn't complete, there is still time to get into this year. Engineer Garrison stated he has a \$600,000 grant for doing work on the Cadmus Place and the treatment center. That is part of the GAC project. Councilmember Trawinski ask that the Manager let them know when a department submits a grant. He wondered if Glenfair and Jasper Road were looked into. Engineer Garrison stated that six years ago, the entire line was replaced. If they start looking at evaluating pump stations the \$125,000 that was put in the budget is very small. These were just abnormal storms. He suggested they consider a policy regarding putting a check valve in for those pocket places.

Engineer Garrison added that there was something that wasn't in the budget. They received a \$56,000 grant for fencing but need a match. CFO Eccleston said he would increase the Capital Budget by that amount and they would need 5% for a down payment.

Councilmember Trawinski asked about the carbon stripping and the wells. Engineer Garrison said they should be going out to bid the middle of May. It is a million dollar grant. He put this in the stimulus package. He felt the ratings will be high for this project. Councilmember Trawinski asked if this will deal with the migration of water from Clariant heading towards the Morlot wellfields. Engineer Garrison stated they have treated all of this. They have a lot of excess capacity at that plant. They will not be able to drill more wells. They can treat everything they have there. The GAC project will look for unidentified compounds. They have to test to identify them so they can treat them which will take five to six years down the road. The Borough is getting this free. Councilmember Baratta asked if the carbon process would take out the unknowns. Engineer Garrison stated it will also affect the taste and odor.

DPW:

The Council reviewed several items in the DPW budget. DPW Superintendent Conte explained there was a problem with the HVAC in Borough Hall so that line item was increased.

DPW Superintendent Conte spoke about the Maintenance Garage and how things that were on State contract no longer are. Now they have to purchase their parts at Auto Zone. The other supplier charged half the price.

Councilmember Baratta wondered about the maintenance garage working with the Board of Ed. DPW Superintendent Conte said they only worked on one bus.

DPW Superintendent Conte explained he purchased 1,500 tons of salt. He will make utilize what he has with macadam. Deputy Mayor Swain questioned when Maple Avenue would be taken care of. DPW Superintendent Conte explained that the County intends to put a skim patch on it. Acting Manager Kwasniewski explained that the County found a statute that would require the Borough to pay for the curbing.

DPW Superintendent Conte spoke about the Jasper Road having an eight inch pipe that goes into a 27" trunk. When there is a storm the water rises into the eight pipe. He felt that even if a check valve was installed, it would fail. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi wondered about changing the lateral line. DPW Superintendent Conte said installing that line would be at the homeowner's expense. Where the check valve is located could be too low to maintain which would be the homeowner's responsibility. He continued that a clay pipe has a life expectancy of 40 years.

DPW Superintendent Conte stated under Buildings and Grounds there is an oil tank at the Parks Department that should be replaced because it is costing too much to repair. Councilmember Trawinski asked that this item be placed in the wrap up budget discussion.

Mayor Weinstein asked about the vehicles what their age, mileage and what vehicles go home. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated the list was being prepared.

Police:

Chief Rose, Captain Cook and Lt. Cauwels were present. The amount of cars were discussed. Lt. Cauwels explained that the average life of a patrol car was three years. After that it gets moved to another division. They average 5,600 hours per car. Chief Rose explained that each year they get a certain number of cars but three cars this year will not do. Councilmember Trawinski asked that this item be on the budget wrap up.

CFO Eccleston reminded them if they add items to the budget, they will have to make cuts.

Mayor Weinstein wanted an analysis of every car and what the repairs were for each vehicle.

In regard to personnel, Acting Manager Kwasniewski explained there would be promotions included in their proposed budget. Mayor Weinstein inquired about the COPS Hiring Recovery Program. Acting Manager Kwasniewski explained that these grants will provide 100 percent funding for entry-level salaries and benefits for three years for newly-hired, full-time officers. At the conclusion of the federal funding, the Borough would have to retain all of the officers. Captain Cook suggested the Borough share the cost with the Board of Education. Councilmember Trawinski stated it should go in the budget wrap up.

Deputy Mayor Tedeschi asked about the rip and run system. Chief Rose stated there was a delay with the phone modems. He met with the new fire chief and will now go through the internet. He said the system is running by fax but the machine can only dial one number which causes a delay.

In regard to weapons, Chief Rose, requested they work on a three year program to add the next weapon. He explained that they hoped to trade in weapons to get \$15,000. He would like to consolidate the number of guns and get rid of old weapons.

Deputy Mayor Tedeschi asked about motorcycles in 2011. Chief Rose said he has kept asking for them. Deputy Mayor Swain asked about the use of bicycles. Captain Cook stated the original bikes were bought in 1996. Chief Rose stated they were not a priority.

Chief Rose asked to roll the laptops into the budget. These laptops will allow criminal look ups and the officers would be able to do reports. These laptops are rugged, mounted in the car and designed to be used in a moving vehicle. They have a life expectancy of five years.

Chief Rose stated that he has been asking for additional rank. This budget was presented to the Mayor and Council envisioning an officer to fill the vacancy left by Lt. Yirce, the promotion of a Sergeant to Lieutenant and three additional Sergeants. He felt to be most effective, an organization requires supervision, to lead, to train, to guide and at times, to take corrective actions and where warranted to discipline. His current budget is 6% below the 2008 amount and almost 9% below the CAP. The current supervisory staff has been the same for 26 years. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi asked for a comparison of towns of similar size. Councilmember Trawinski stated that in the Buracker report Fair Lawn was compared to urban towns.

Lt. Cauwels explained the number of Sergeants in regard to the number of patrol officers. He also explained there is a gap in the number of years that officers have worked. He felt the officers would respect the man with the stripes. Chief Rose said that person would be held accountable.

Finance:

Acting Manager Kwasniewski spoke about overlapping the CFO's when CFO Eccleston retires at the end of October. She felt they should start to advertise for the position and that the CFO is a Mayor and Council appointment. She suggested they get the resumes, interview the candidates and hire from there. CFO Eccleston suggested advertising the position in May, then the person could begin October 1 which would give them 30 days to work with him. Councilmember Trawinski wanted to see all of the resumes. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi agreed they should see all of the resumes but felt that CFO Eccleston should be part of the process.

Municipal Clerk:

Acting Manager Kwasniewski explained the cost of legal advertising and the election expense. In regard to the Code codification, it is only done twice a year. The County gave the Municipal Clerk's office a scanner and a computer for a retention program which will be used this year.

Mayor Weinstein asked about conferences and seminars and what was included. Acting Manager Kwasniewski said that any one that has a license can go to a conference and the Borough reimburses them for travel and meals. Some departments send more people than others. Mayor Weinstein felt that everyone should be allowed to get the credits they need. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated some employees have multiple licenses. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi wondered if the Borough had to pay for the CEU's and if there were people working out of title. Councilmember Trawinski thought it was a benefit to the taxpayers to have knowledgeable staff. He did feel that it could be abused. It ultimately is the Manager's discretion. Mayor Weinstein felt they should know what the costs are per department and what the Borough pays for such travel, meals, registrations, etc. Acting Manager Kwasniewski said she would give them a list by department. CFO Eccleston stated it was done by Purchase Order.

Manager:

Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated that she did not include a salary for a position in Fair Lawn TV. They have advertised for a technical person as a volunteer. Two members of FLTV have asked to make an appointment with the principal of the school that has the clubs so they can make a presentation to the students to see if they are interested. There has been a problem of returning equipment on time.

CFO Eccleston stated he took the salary ordinance and gave the salary steps for the Finance Officer so they can see what it is. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated when they do the hiring they may not want to give the minimum to someone who is very experienced. They do not have to hire someone at the highest level either.

Mayor Weinstein stated that before they move on, Peter Kortright was there from the County and since they just spoke about traffic count offs and had questions about it. He asked what the cost would be for eight of them, who would maintain it and the County would install them.

Mr. Kortright stated this is the latest in traffic and pedestrian safety. He realized that the Mayor and Council are very interested in safety issues and thought they should look into it. He spoke to the technician who installs them who indicated that Teaneck has been the only town so far. He explained that they cost a little over \$300 per head and at each intersection they would need eight of them. Teaneck paid for the heads and the County installed them. With that kind of opportunity, he felt the Mayor and Council could push toward getting some count offs. He thought that Fair Lawn Avenue and Plaza Road would be the ideal location. It is the widest area.

Councilmember Trawinski asked who maintains them. Mr. Kortright said the County would since it is on a County road. Mayor Weinstein asked if this could be included in a stimulus package.

Review of Tentative Agenda (3/10/09):

Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated that at one of the meetings they told Pam Coles that she could make a presentation regarding the Fair Lawn Historic Preservation. Mayor Weinstein stated the gentleman from the IRS will be there for 20 minutes.

Councilmember Baratta stated she would like to recognize Christine Nunn who won the ultimate chef of Bergen County. She thought they could do a proclamation for her. Mayor Weinstein felt they should do it for the next public meeting.

Request by Board of Education to Amend Ordinance re: Hours for Construction:

Mayor Weinstein explained this subject was brought up at the Shared Services meeting. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated they are going out to bid and have asked for anything that would allow them to work a little later. They really would like Saturdays which currently they are not allowed to work on. She was thinking 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Councilmember Trawinski asked if this would impact any synagogues.

Attorney Rosenberg stated they should also consider the impact on the residents near the schools. Acting Manager Kwasniewski explained that before the projects would drag out this way it would be done sooner. Councilmember Trawinski stated they also have practical issue of when they can work because of the kids being in school. Councilmember Trawinski asked what the hours would be on Saturday. Acting Manager Kwasniewski suggested 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Councilmember Baratta felt residents were allowed to use lawn equipment and such this time should be alright. Mayor Weinstein stated the contractor should use good judgment. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi felt only on Saturday. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated that during the week would be 8:00 p.m. She wants the Board of Education to stipulate to the contractors that they have to leave the school grounds at 8:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Swain thought this was a temporary situation. Attorney Rosenberg advised this was an ordinance change so it is not restricted to the summer schedule. They are now going out to bid so they will put this into the scope of the project. Councilmember Baratta stated the Board of Education felt it was too restrictive. Deputy Mayor Swain has a problem since she could see neighbors getting really upset. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi suggested sun setting the ordinance after a year. Mayor Weinstein felt they could address it again next year. They would have to let them finish their projects and if it wasn't working they would have to change it back. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated if they get a rash of complaints the Council would have to look at to rescind the ordinance. Councilmember Baratta also felt if they get a rash of complaints they could address it. Deputy Mayor Swain felt this could be every Saturday. Attorney Rosenberg advised that they said they have to cease all activities by 8:00 p.m. Since they are going to amend the ordinance they will fix that too. The Council has proposed weekdays to end at 8:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Swain had a problem with residents going to temple on Friday nights.

There was a consensus to amend the ordinance as stated, with Deputy Mayor Swain voting against it.

Resolution to Support Board of Education, Senator Gordon & Assemblywoman Wagner's Efforts to Prevent NJSIAA from Changing High School Athletic Scheduling and Locations:

Mayor Weinstein stated Superintendent Watson felt the Council supporting the appeal would be helpful. Councilmember Trawinski felt as long as it was not economic support.

Mayor Weinstein spoke to the Mayor of Paramus. Attorney Rosenberg would meet with the Paramus Board Attorney and would meet with the Mayor and go over the details. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi felt as long as it did not cost the Borough any money. Mayor Weinstein felt they were doing it for the kids of Fair Lawn.

There was a unanimous consensus to support the Board of Education efforts to prevent NJSIAA from changing the high school athletic scheduling.

Public Comments:

Craig Miller, 5 Ramapo Terrace, asked if the grant for the fences is permanent around Memorial Pool. Councilmember Trawinski confirmed they were. Mr. Miller spoke about the Borough vehicles and their life expectancy and felt the people working on the cars would have the best knowledge. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated that Lt. Cauwells and the Borough Mechanic work closely together. Mr. Miller mentioned that The Record made a comment about Maple Avenue being one of the worse roads.

Sylvia Zasloff, 9 Maltese Terrace, stated she lived near a construction site and it was not easy. Mayor Weinstein felt they should change it to allowing them to work on Monday through Thursday and leave out Friday. Ms. Zasloff felt the contractors were given carte blanche and can do anything they want. Councilmember Trawinski stated they would have to abide by the noise ordinance. Ms. Zasloff stated in regard to the noise ordinance it has to go on for a certain amount of time and be over a certain decibel level. She felt they were leaving this open ended. Councilmember Trawinski informed her that they were amending this ordinance just for school construction projects. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated the schools would not be doing a rebuild that would last a year

A motion by Deputy Mayor Swain and seconded by Mayor Weinstein to reopen the discussion regarding the noise ordinance failed, with Deputy Mayor Tedeschi, Councilmembers Baratta and Trawinski dissenting .

Councilmember Trawinski proposed an amendment that it sunsets in either twelve or eighteen months so they have an opportunity to live with it in the real world and would be forced to look at it if they have issues. He felt that way the school board would go on notice that it will not go on forever, they will revisit this, and this is just a test. Councilmember Baratta said she was good with that.

Deputy Mayor Tedeschi suggested sunseting this until the end of the year.

Mayor Weinstein stated his proposed amendment and hearing what Ms. Zasloff said and how Deputy Mayor Swain felt, the construction should be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He is not opening it up for Friday or Saturday because that is the weekend. Councilmember Baratta noted what he proposed is less than what they were getting before. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated they did have Fridays. Mayor Weinstein added Fridays. Councilmember Trawinski felt to get the projects done, they would need to allow construction on Saturdays. It might be an inconvenience but it will get it done quicker. Mayor Weinstein was trying to preserve the peace on Saturday.

Ms. Zasloff stated the contractors will be sure to work on Saturdays since it makes sense to bring the men and trucks in for a full day.

Deputy Mayor Tedeschi advised that the Board of Education maintains its own staff of carpenters. The bulk of the construction is done by Board employees. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated this would allow them to get the work done with no children around.

Councilmember Trawinski stated he would sunset it at the end of this year which would give them the summer and fall. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi felt twelve months would be better.

There was a consensus to sunset in one year, with Mayor Weinstein and Deputy Mayor Swain voting against it.

Councilmember Trawinski stated they should leave Friday nights at 6:00 p.m. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated they were going Monday through Thursday till 8:00 p.m. and Friday until 6:00 p.m. and sunset in twelve months.

Closed Session:

Upon motion by Councilmember Baratta, and a second by Deputy Mayor Swain, the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 10:00 P.M.

WHEREAS; the Open Public Meetings 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 – Manager’s Computer and Contract Negotiations – Sale of Fire Co. property;

WHEREAS; these matters are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussions;

WHEREAS; minutes will be taken during this closed session and once the need for 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 Baratta and second by Deputy Mayor Swain, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approved the foregoing minutes.

Mayor Steven Weinstein

Councilmember Jeanne Baratta

Deputy Mayor Lisa Swain

Deputy Mayor Joseph Tedeschi

Councilmember Ed Trawinski