

WORK SESSION OF JUNE 10, 2008

Mayor Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Weinstein, Deputy Mayor Swain and Councilmembers Baratta.

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Tedeschi and Councilmember Trawinski

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Metzler, Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski and Attorney Rosenberg:

Closed Session:

Upon motion by Councilmember Baratta and a second by Deputy Mayor Swain, the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 7:05 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 Personnel – Appointment of Tax Assessor, Appointment of Borough Engineer; Contract Negotiations – Scavenger Services, Fair Lawn Promenade/Environmental Consultant.

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.

Mayor Weinstein reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Education Parking/Borough Property:

Mayor Weinstein explained that the offices for the Community Center had relocated from Edison School to trailers at the High School. The Board would like to use Borough property for parking for those employees. This was not a short term use.

Manager Metzler noted that this was a green strip. The Board could pave it, dig it out and place stone temporarily or they could place open pavers. He thought they needed six spaces.

It was the consensus of Council that the Board of Education be given permission for the Community Center employees to park on Borough property near the High School trailers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Harvey Rubenstein, 28 Rutgers Terrace inquired about Hot Street Enforcement referenced in the last Manager's Report. Manager Metzler could not recall what that was. He will check his manual. Mr. Rubenstein inquired about GDL (Graduated License). Manager Metzler explained that was a commercial driver's license.

Mr. Rubenstein asked if the Greenway Ordinance had to be posted in the papers, as he did not see it. Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated they were always posted in the paper. Mr. Rubenstein stated that he spoke with the enforcement officer last week, who stated he would speak with Construction Official Kolano as he did not know about the ordinance.

Mr. Rubenstein reminded Council of the flooding at the corner of Remington and Berdan and asked if the Borough or the County was treating the area for mosquitoes. Manager Metzler stated that if the area was being sprayed it would be done by the County. He did not know if this area was on the list. He will call the mosquito commission and make them aware of the problem.

Manager Metzler stated that he met today with Engineer Garrison and the builder of the house on the corner of Berdan, where there had been flooding. The Engineering Department did the preliminary study to determine what was needed to remedy that problem. They will go to more defined drawings and a cost estimate. He anticipates the 2009 Capital Improvement Budget would include the cost to remedy the problem. The property owner participated in the process and felt the project was moving forward in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Rubenstein wondered if the greenway areas that have been bricked over and replaced with macadam prior to the ordinance would be grandfathered or could the enforcement officer issue violations. Mayor Weinstein stated it would be grandfathered.

Howard Marks, 12-23 Ferry Heights suggested installing another bicycle rack as more people may choose to ride a bicycle due to the high cost of gas. Mayor Weinstein thought it was a good suggestion. Deputy Mayor Swain stated that she spoke to the Chamber of Commerce about installing bicycle racks around town to encourage more cycling. Mayor Weinstein suggested they look into more racks at the high school. Councilmember Baratta felt there would be more use in other parts of town, such as River Road. Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated that it took a long time to get permission from the merchants on River Road. Mayor Weinstein felt additional racks might give more students incentive to use their bicycles.

Deputy Mayor Swain asked about placing a bicycle rack at Borough Hall. Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated there was a rack that was never used, except by Howard Mark. Mr. Mark stated that the Community Center received complaints that there were no bicycle racks, so then Superintendent Frey moved the rack from the Municipal Building to the

Community Center. Manager Metzler thought they still had some brand new racks that they were not able to place. Mayor Weinstein suggested he try again.

Mr. Mark inquired if the Paramus residents would pay the same rate as Fair Lawn residents. Mayor Weinstein stated that was correct.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Councilmember Baratta and second by Deputy Mayor Swain the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC/CMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Mayor Steven Weinstein

Councilmember Jeanne Baratta

Deputy Mayor Lisa Swain

Absent
Deputy Mayor Joseph Tedeschi

Absent
Councilmember Ed Trawinski