

WORK SESSION OF MARCH 21, 2006

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

PRESENT: Mayor Etler, Deputy Mayors McCarthy and Weinstein, Councilmembers Baratta and Trawinski.

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Manager Metzler, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski and Attorney Kates.

Review of Tentative Agenda (3/28/06):

Acting Manager Metzler said he had to add two housekeeping resolutions for two Community Development grants that need the signatory to be changed from the former Manager to himself.

Traffic Calming Devices:

Acting Manager Metzler said that the Council had formed a committee to listen to the public about traffic safety. The committee discussed the bump out on River Road. The drawings have been sent to Engineering for their review. They felt they may be able to move forward with that project this year. The committee also suggested moving forward with the orange cones even though they are a source of criticism. He asked Traffic Safety Officer Franco to be at the meeting to explain why he felt it was important to continue with the cones. He recently attended the safety meeting where Fair Lawn was recognized for the safety measures it had taken.

Traffic Safety Officer Franco said the Borough has been challenged to come up with ways to slow down traffic. Short of that, they feel the cones work as a temporary measure. They will be installed around town and by the schools in coordination with the Safe Streets program. He picked school crosswalks and locations where there was heavy pedestrian traffic. The orange cones were chosen because they can be moved easily and removed completely in the winter months. When the Mayor and Council and Engineering decide the program works they can think about installing them permanently.

Acting Manager Metzler said that one of the beliefs the residents have is that there is heavier traffic on Warren and High Streets because of the cones at Fair Lawn Avenue and Abbott Road. The Police Department will get equipment to check that out. There is no one denying the cones made it difficult to turn but they can be adjusted. It was his opinion to try temporary measures before they spend money on the permanent ones.

Mayor Etler said he had a different opinion. The cones have generated so many calls. While he agreed that they had to do something to slow down traffic, there are other ways. They can choke traffic. He cannot agree to the cones.

Traffic Safety Officer Franco stated that since January 3 a number of residents have come up with good ideas on how to slow traffic down. The Police Department has been discussing several different options. He disagreed with Mayor Etler because he believes in this projects and supports it.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that he liked the cones because people cannot drive through the cones. They found out that a bump out should be done on River Road because of the cones. He felt that the cones were paid for and are adjustable so they should use them.

Traffic Safety Officer Franco spoke about the turning radius. Engineering does have templates to gauge how far the radius should be for trucks turning. He said there are other devices they can put out but will not have DOT approval. The cones are the only things the DOT has approved so far. He felt there was a lot of confusion about the cones and they should test them again.

Councilmember Trawinski stated that he has a file dating back to 1996 regarding pedestrian safety. He was glad that the Council was discussing this again. The committee is talking about this but they are also talking about adding a Traffic Safety division. He felt that all test sites should be reviewed again. He supports this.

Deputy Mayor McCarthy stated he is in favor of this. The first principle they must think of is pedestrian safety and slowing down traffic. He thought that perhaps these cones would alert the drivers of the vehicles to slow down.

Mayor Etler asked for a sunset provision. Traffic Safety Officer Franco felt they could coordinate a time to remove them with the Road Department. Mayor Etler felt it was a mistake to do it without a sunset period. Acting Manager Metzler felt that public education was the key. He suggested utilizing the news letter to help educate the residents. It is important for the public to understand that the topic is being discussed and that traffic safety is an issue to the Mayor and Council.

There was a consensus to install the orange traffic cones with Mayor Etler dissenting.

There was no consensus to have the orange traffic cones installed with a sunset period with Councilmember Baratta, Councilmember Trawinski and Deputy Mayor McCarthy dissenting.

Mayfair Terrace Traffic Issue:

Mayor Etler said the residents have asked for speed bumps. Mr. Frangione said he had a second petition with another solution. Mayor Etler asked if the town could put up a stop sign. Traffic Safety Officer Franco said they cannot use stop signs to slow down traffic. He said that legislation has changed and it would have to meet their criteria. He said the Police Department did everything they could on Mr. Frangione's street. The average speed on that street has been under 30 mph. There already is an S curve in the street that naturally slows traffic down.

Councilmember Trawinski stated that he would like to revisit this. He has seen cars accelerate out of the S curve and wondered if speed traps could be set up. Traffic Safety Officer Franco said they had done that before. The officers know the streets that people speed on. He understood their frustration. He said when people get by the schools they cannot speed, it is the people going to the schools that speed. He also reminded them that

people know when a Police Officer is there, they slow down. Traffic Safety Officer Franco said he did not have the data with him because he did not realize they would be talking about this. Councilmember Baratta said they need to revisit this and would like to see the data. Deputy Mayor Weinstein felt they should do more patrols in that area. Councilmember Trawinski said he wanted to revisit the subject. Acting Manager Metzler said that he will send Chief Rose a memo and then put it on a Work Session agenda.

Councilmember Baratta asked if they could revisit Prospect Street stop sign. Acting Manager Metzler stated that question from a resident had generated a green sheet and now Engineering is waiting for the DOT's response.

Update Ambulance Corps:

Acting Manager Metzler said that the Ambulance Corps has gained seven new members, six of them are day time members. It will take six months of training to get them to go out on calls. He advised them they would have to continue with Life Star for a year. He felt that it was an effort on the Ambulance Corps part to bring in so many volunteers. He will send proposals for the one year contract to Life Star. Councilmember Trawinski thought it was a phenomenal response from the Ambulance Corps.

Budget Wrap Up:

Mayor Etlar said they have looked at the budget and are planning on introducing the budget at the March 28th meeting. Councilmember Baratta stated that before the budget gets adopted, she would like to hear from the other Councilmembers and be able to look at additional data. Councilmember Trawinski said he would support introducing the budget on the 28th. He would like Acting Manager Metzler to ask CFO Eccleston to do an overview.

CFO Eccleston explained that they are trying to build surplus up. With the revaluation coming, they do not know what the shift will be. The residents are the Borough's biggest taxpayers. They tried to put in enough surplus so there is enough to offset what comes up.

He explained that there are charges in the employees coverage, new salary scale that would be one percent less than the current salaries and they have changed longevity. He and the Acting Borough Manager have tried to keep it a tight budget.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that during Councilmember Baratta's campaign she made a statement that the Borough was in such bad shape. Councilmember Baratta asked him to change his tone. She said she was new at this and was open to hear what everyone had to say. Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated the discussion had been going on for weeks. He had ideas and thought she had some too. Councilmember Baratta stated she wanted to build up surplus. Deputy Mayor Weinstein asked if she was willing to support the budget at 21.8 points. Councilmember Baratta said no because she wants to hear what everyone has to say. Councilmember Trawinski stated that he would support a 19.8 increase. He suggested they take 2 points from surplus. He questioned if they could use the one million dollars that was not needed in the construction of the Recreation / Community Center. CFO Eccleston stated they would have to use it for debt reduction. He has made a \$250,000 payment already. He is asking the Auditor if the 501(c)3 will be making the payment. All

funds must be dedicated and whatever is left over will have to be applied to the debt. He said he would like to introduce the budget on March 28th, hold a hearing in May and by then they can go forward with what they want to do. He said they would be able to make adjustments to it until the final adoptions. Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that he agreed to introduce the budget at 19.8 points. He would not adopt the budget at 19.8. He would like to get public input. He said he would analyze the budget further. Deputy Mayor McCarthy felt they should use the two points from surplus. They need to move forward. In the weeks ahead maybe the CFO can inform them of what is happening with the Recreation / Community Center. He talked about the grants the Borough has received, while the amounts are not great they do add up. He agreed with introducing the budget on the 28th and for them to keep the ball rolling. He supported introducing it at 19.8 and for them to keep the discussion open and hopefully when the budget is ready for adoption, they can realize more savings.

There was a unanimous consensus to introduce the budget on March 28th at 19.8 points and to discuss it further.

Banning Pay to Play Ordinance:

Attorney Kates passed out a document he downloaded from the Division of Local Government Services regarding municipalities having stricter pay to play policies. They are looking at banning contracts with anyone that gave contributions. Since the law is so new, the interpretations are changing daily. He spoke about when he was hired as the Borough Attorney, he signed a non fair certification that he had not made reportable contributions. It turns out that the certification must relate to contributions to any public entity in the County. The threshold is anything in excess of \$300 paid to any school board or municipality in the County. There is a lot that has to be analyzed. The majority of you may have enough comfort with a wider scope of pay to play as it exists now and to not go to the level of saying any contribution that is made. He needs a little more time and asked if he could carry this to the next Work Session.

Councilmember Trawinski stated he wanted to keep this as a priority. He would not support seeking an advisory opinion on this. The DLG in his opinion does not enforce the time of day on anything. This is a problem they all committed to address sooner than later. Deputy Mayor McCarthy stated this Council as a whole has been trying to deal in a non partisan manner in addressing this issue, and campaign financing. He felt they should move forward with this. Mayor Etler said they will discuss this further at the next Work Session.

Campaign Contribution Disclosure Ordinance:

Attorney Kates stated this is a development regulation requiring a disclosure checklist so that the applicants and the experts and anyone connected with the application make a disclosure of campaign contributions. It is something for a board reviewing an application to become aware of. He felt they did not have to change the municipal land use law to give them that authority. Councilmember Trawinski stated that he supports this and it does not prohibit anyone from doing business with the Borough and that is not the intention. The intention is simply to make the information available to the Boards and to the public. He

thought they should move ahead with introducing this if everyone is in agreement. Councilmember Baratta asked if this is for individuals not only businesses. Attorney Kates said it would be for the individuals making the application or corporate. Deputy Mayor Weinstein is concerned how this would work. When someone goes before the Planning Board or Zoning Board when would they submit the information. Councilmember Trawinski said before when they file an application it would be on the checklist. Deputy Mayor Weinstein felt they should have a substantial level because he did not want to have reverse discrimination to someone who is coming in to do a job in town. Councilmember Trawinski said he could go with the \$300 amount. Deputy Mayor McCarthy felt they should not put people in risk of being ridiculed. Mayor Etler said they would make a threshold.

There was a unanimous consensus to introduce the ordinance for Campaign Contribution Disclosures over the \$300 threshold.

Banning Sex Offenders from Residing Within 1,000 Feet of Elementary School, Playground or Child Care Center:

Acting Manager Metzler stated that Superintendent of Parks and Recreation George Frey emailed him with a couple of concerns he has. Councilmember Trawinski stated he looked at the Hamilton ordinance where they prohibited within 2,500 feet of any school, park, playground or day care center. Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that he did some research on this ordinance. He understands that in Middletown they just passed this. This ordinance is also in effect in Iowa. The ruling was 2,000 feet. The prosecutors out there feel that this ruling did not help but hurt. These people had to move out of their residences and often did not register with the Police Department, so they lost track of the people. Also a lot of these people are mentally disabled and need the support of their families and now do not have that support which can lead to bigger problems. The research they did said that a lot of these sex crimes were done within families versus strangers. They came up with other ways to attack these problems. He gave out a copy of their ordinance. Councilmember Baratta stated she had researched that too. As a teacher they receive in the school notification if there is a pedophile in the area. After they read it they have to sign that they read it. If someone harasses that person, the first person they would come to would be her. She did not have a problem with this. Deputy Mayor Weinstein felt if someone moved out of their residence and the other issue is the State should set this for all municipalities. What if someone lives on the border of Saddle Brook, what do they do then.

He is saying not to wait for the State but to look at what he had from Iowa. Deputy Mayor McCarthy felt they should look at what Deputy Mayor Weinstein has and incorporate it into what Attorney Kates has. Mayor Etler said they will continue this at another Work Session.

Dedication Plaque - Recreation/Community Center Inc.:

Acting Manager Metzler passed out new versions of the plaque. This is a response from the 501(c)3 to what the Mayor and Council want to place on the plaque. One of the suggestions was to add the Borough seal. He has been requested by Councilmember Trawinski to provide what the cost of this will be. The purchase orders that are attached are for the plaques for the west wing. He will send home what the cost of the Davidson Pavilion plaques were.

Councilmember Trawinski stated if he had to vote on this, he would not for two reasons. One is if they are going to dedicate this to anyone, it should be dedicated to the people of Fair Lawn who are footing the tab for the building and not to the individual Councilmembers, Borough Manager, Architect or the general contractor. His first choice would be not to put a plaque there and not to waste all that money on the plaque. He thought there was other plaques that were put up and names were left off. He felt this would set a precedent of using the taxpayers money for self grandiose, instead they should dedicate it to the people of Fair Lawn.

Councilmember Baratta stated that she had spoken to John Cosgrove who told her he was having a plaque made with the trustees with the 5019(c)3. She agreed with Councilmember Trawinski, she would rather have no plaque and if they did have one, it should be dedicated to the people of Fair Lawn. She said she was against this. She did not want her name on it.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that was very noble of Councilmember Baratta but during her campaign she attacked it. Councilmember Trawinski said they attacked the financing of it. Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated the point was that a lot of people had a part in it and they put their heart and soul into it. It is only for the residents of Fair Lawn. He felt it was the policy of the Borough to put a plaque on the building. Another issue of something that has always happened in the Borough is just another pandering and making political statements and the other thing he wanted to say, he should not have gotten antagonist but in the back of his mind, Councilmember Baratta did not think the budget was that important after all. Two weeks ago she didn't show up because she was at a political convention and last week when she started the conversation she said she did not know if it was something about the surplus. Now she is sitting here at this meeting and she wants other people to tell her what to do with the budget. Councilmember Baratta stated that was not what she said but he can twist anyway he likes. If so many people were involved with this, like he said, then their idea of dedicating it to the people of Fair Lawn, is a good one. They started getting rid of a lot of things like all those gateway signs. She referred to it as the vanity tax. She thought this would be a continuation of that theme. She knows a lot of people put their heart and soul into this project but the people of Fair Lawn are footing the bill. If there is a plaque, it should be dedicated to the residents of Fair Lawn. Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated he agreed that the plaque should say dedicated to the people of Fair Lawn. The policy has been like this over the years that whoever is the Mayor and Council and the people involved, should be on the plaque. This is a major structure in Fair Lawn and he thought this plaque was warranted. Mayor Etlar said he agrees there should be a plaque. Deputy Mayor McCarthy stated it should say dedicated to the residents of Fair Lawn. He wants to see what the cost is going to be and then make a decision.

Holocaust Memorial:

Acting Manager Metzler passed out a diagram of the proposed memorial. He felt one of the problems was the Borough of Fair Lawn was not mentioned but will be corrected. The plaque will be placed by the 9/11 memorial facing Parmelee Avenue.

There was a unanimous consensus to authorize the installation of the Holocaust Memorial.

Proposed Resolutions:

Supporting Community Development Block Grant Program - Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that last year the Mayor and Council did a supporting resolution. Every year there is a threat that the Federal government will cut the money it sends to Community Development. Community Development has asked the Borough to support them by passing a resolution supporting them.

There was a unanimous consensus to prepare a resolution supporting the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Supporting Reintroduction of A-4063 - Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated this second one has to do with the Borough Clerk that if something is out of their control, they are not responsible based on certain issues that have come about. Mayor Etlar stated this would not hold the Clerk liable.

There was a unanimous consensus to prepare a resolution of support for A-4063.

Maple Avenue/River Road Traffic Light Status:

Councilmember Trawinski asked for a status report on the Maple Avenue/River Road traffic signal. Acting Manager Metzler recommended to them when the two intersection projects were proposed, Chandler Drive and Maple Avenue, the Borough was asked to establish what its priority was which was Chandler Drive. That project is well underway. During the holidays the Borough received the preliminary plans from the County and has sent them to Riggs Associates for surveying and construction drawings. They are working on the easements with the Assessor and when that is done it will go to the Borough Attorney for acquisition. The revised construction drawings will be going back to the County in the next two weeks and they anticipate it will go out to bid in the late spring or early summer.

Zoning Board Approval conditioned upon Radburn Architectural Compliance:

Councilmember Trawinski stated when the Zoning Board adopts its resolution, it imposes the condition that before the applicant can get a building permit the applicant must furnish proof of compliance with Radburn's requirements. It seemed to him that it was logically inconsistent with the position the Council took on the Planned Community Democracy Ordinance. Either the Borough is in or out. Whether someone complies with the Radburn guidelines or not is between the private property owner and the Radburn Association. It should not be something the Borough is wasting one nickel of its construction officials time in enforcing. Nor should the Zoning Board who has a pretty busy agenda spend one second whether they complied or not. It is completely irrelevant. The Borough is meddling into the Radburn Association's affairs by making sure they have compliance with it.

Mayor Etlar wondered if what he was saying was that Radburn should not have an architectural standard. Councilmember Trawinski said absolutely not.

Councilmember Baratta stated it was the fact that the Radburn architectural guidelines do not apply to the rest of Fair Lawn. When a Radburn resident comes before the Zoning Board it should just be about complying with the rules of the Fair Lawn. Mayor Etler stated the Zoning Board gives them conditions. Councilmember Baratta asked why should it matter to them if the resident had Radburn's architectural approval. Mayor Etler said it was based on them getting approval from their architectural study. Councilmember Trawinski said they are not a governmental entity. He thought it was beyond their powers but felt they should ask Attorney Kates.

Attorney Kates stated that first of all the Zoning Board is an independent body and even if you were to give them the directive they would not be under your control. Councilmember Trawinski stated that the construction official is and they can ask the Manager to give a directive to him to disregard this condition. Attorney Kates stated he did not see it as an inconsistency because there is so much more involved in the Radburn's rules. To the extent that a municipal official is enforcing or spending time reviewing it is within the Borough's power.

Deputy Mayor McCarthy said he heard what Councilmember Trawinski said and felt it was somewhat persuasive. He would like to hear what Attorney Kates has to say. He thought that if someone came before the Zoning Board if they did not get Radburn's approval they may be proceeding at their own risk. He is somewhat persuaded by Councilmember Trawinski's argument. He is not in full support of it right now but would like to hear what Attorney Kates has to say before they make a decision on this.

Councilmember Trawinski pointed out the condition is that no building permit shall be issued until written proof of such authority is presented to the Fair Lawn Building Department. The applicant has to supply written proof to the Secretary of the Zoning Board. Attorney Kates asked if it meant that the Construction Official, who issues the permit, expects to see something endorsed by the Radburn Association. Councilmember Trawinski asked where in the code of the law for Fair Lawn, as a municipality, to say to an applicant that they cannot have their approval under the Municipal Land Use Law until they comply with the rules and regulations of a private association. Deputy Mayor McCarthy stated it would be similar to a co-op where people need approval from the Board. Councilmember Trawinski stated he did believe in the Radburn architectural guidelines. They have substantial merit but this has to do with hypocrisy and inconsistency.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated this is the first time he is hearing this argument. When he was on the Zoning Board years ago, he never thought the Building Department had much to do with an application if the Radburn Board did not approve the architectural designs. He does not see spending extra time going into it. On the other hand, he would be concerned about the historical guidelines if they drastically make this change. Councilmember Trawinski stated since when does the Borough have the right to affect the historical guidelines of Radburn. Deputy Mayor McCarthy felt it was between the resident and the Radburn Association to get their approval one way or another.

Attorney Kates wondered if the resolution simply stated "subject to the Radburn Association's approval", which is what they would

need anyway as a member of the Association. He asked if Councilmember Trawinski's concern was a municipal hold back. Page Nine

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Councilmember Trawinski said yes. Councilmember Baratta thought that the applications were held because there were places on the resolution where it says waiting for Radburn's approval, received Radburn's approval, etc. There are a lot of steps where the homeowner's application is held up because the paperwork is not in. This is something she would be interested to know when Attorney Kates researches this if someone came without Radburn's approval and the Borough approved it, could the Borough be sued by the Radburn Association.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein felt they should look into the history of this and why it was done like this. Attorney Kates said he would look into this. What seems to be clear to him is that now there are cases which say private right, easements and restrictions, are not enforceable as an approving authority. The fact that the Zoning Board would grant a deck or an addition to a home in Radburn does not mean that it overrides the Radburn rule. It means that the private property owner still has to get those approvals from the Association.

What Councilmember Trawinski is saying is to hold back the permit on the basis of getting the approval is perhaps more deference than is called for or is justified. Deputy Mayor Weinstein felt they were wasting time for everyone if the Zoning Board was to approve it and they couldn't put it into effect anyway. Attorney Kates said not necessarily. Deputy Mayor Weinstein said wouldn't the residents have to go fight the Radburn Board anyway. Councilmember Trawinski felt they were exposing the Borough to potential litigation if an applicant someday wakes up and realize the Borough does not the right to withhold their building permit for the Radburn approval. Attorney Kates will look into this and advise the Council.

Demolition Permit Notification Procedure:

Councilmember Trawinski stated this is related to McMansions and also just the general demolition process. It has come to his attention that the Borough does not have an ordinance requiring giving of notice if someone is going to demolish a structure. Mayor Etlar stated they are only required to notify each side of the house. Councilmember Trawinski thought they should put an ordinance in place that would require giving notice to anyone within 200 hundred feet. He gave an example that if the Naugle House were to be demolished they would be giving the notice on each side to a County park. The 200 foot would put residents on notice that the demolition was going to take place. Attorney Kates asked what right would the resident's neighbor have to stop the demolition. Mayor Etlar said it would make them be aware of it. Councilmember Trawinski felt it would be the same right that they would assert the permit was improperly issued or the permit was not

complied with. Councilmember Trawinski had a copy of a demolition permit from the Manager's office. He asked Attorney Kates to take a look at this and prepare an ordinance.

There was a unanimous consensus to have Attorney Kates prepare an ordinance.

Special Meeting:

Upon motion by Councilmember Trawinski and a second by Councilmember Baratta, the Work Session was recessed to the Special Meeting.

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Mayor Etler reconvened the Work Session at 9:21 p.m.

Public Comments:

Don Oliver, 8-32 Mitchell Place, felt the orange cones were tacky but they seem to have done what they are supposed to do. He asked why the Borough doesn't ask the County for bump outs on Fair Lawn Avenue. He saw in the Manager's Report that in January less than one ticket per day was issued to speeders. He suggested they look at what the County can do.

Mr. Oliver stated that in regard to item #6 on the Agenda, Banning Sex Offenders from Residing Within 1,000 feet of Elementary School, Playground or Child Care Center, the Borough has 11 registered sex offenders. He said someone could move from another town to Fair Lawn and not register. He felt it was important to protect the children.

Harvey Rubinstein, 28 Rutgers Terrace, mentioned the traffic calming strips by the George Washington Bridge and thought someone should look into them. He said that bicyclist do not know the rules when it comes to bump outs. He suggested since the Planning Board, Zoning Board and the Council are separate entities, a meeting should be held with the Mayor and Chairman of both boards, their attorneys and engineers to work out an ordinance on traffic calming that would be clear.

Mr. Rubinstein spoke about the conditions of approval are subjective and wondered how he decides which condition runs with the deed and the land. Attorney Kates advised the approving authority would decide which one runs with the land in the future. He felt there may be a way for the town to keep track of it. It also should be recorded in the County Clerk's office with a deed.

Acting Manager Metzler stated that he had received two different drawings addressing the cyclists and the bump outs. He felt what was important was that this issue does not fall onto deaf ears. The Mayor, Council and he spend a large amount of time analyzing this.

Craig Miller, 5 Ramapo Terrace, felt the plaque on the Recreation Center should be dedicated to the residents since this building cost thirteen million dollars and they are the ones that will be paying for it. He also spoke about customer service and how a Councilmember attacks residents and how this was becoming a dictatorship.

Arlene Rubinstein, 28 Rutgers Terrace, stated the Recreation Center is a very beautiful

building and since she is paying for it, she sees no need for a plaque to be installed. She felt enough of her tax money was going into that building.

Mrs. Rubinstein stated that in regard to the Zoning Board waiting for an approval from the Radburn Architectural Committee is a waste of time since they do not have an architect on the committee. She reminded them that Radburn still has Fair Lawn's zip code.

Mrs. Rubinstein spoke about the budget and how 19.8 points is fiscally irresponsible. She felt over the last eight years it has become a travesty.

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Mrs. Rubinstein suggested that Deputy Mayor Weinstein and Mayor Etler take anger management classes because of their attacks. She sees that Mayor Etler has a short fuse. She felt there was a lack of courtesy among them and to the public.

Laurence Koplik, 6 Reading Terrace, questioned an item on the Agenda having to do with Zoning Board's approval conditioned upon Radburn's architectural committee's approval. He wondered under the zoning laws of the State, which would be enforceable. He also wondered what they do if that conflicts with the zoning laws

Jim Frangione, 8-07 Mayfair Terrace, thanked Councilmember Trawinski and Councilmember Baratta for their opinions and letting him air his concerns about the traffic and speeding on Mayfair Terrace. He spoke in reference to a study the Police Department did, feeling that the time of day it was done should be taken into consideration.

Suzanne DiGeronimo, 16 Beekman Place, spoke about Community Block Grants for certain kind of projects which Daly Field and Nabisco would fall under since the Mayor and Council have determined those areas to be blighted. Mayor Etler said the problem is the Federal government keeps cutting the funds.

Stewart Golding, 14 Rutgers Terrace, he felt that the Borough was doing the right thing by studying the cones. He did not want his money spent on plaques and they do not need any more of them. He suggested they spend the money wisely.

JoMarie Sacchinelli, 23-17 Ellington Road, said she noticed there seems to be a lot of new faces at the Council meeting. She asked Mayor Etler to pull the residents together in changing Radburn. Mayor Etler said he would take it in under consideration.

Robert Gulack, 4 Bancroft Place, spoke about various issues about Radburn including the matter of the Zoning Board approving an application based on Radburn's approval. He suggested the Borough exclude Radburn from the Zoning Board approval. He felt that architectural guidelines are good only when they are managed correctly.

Felice Koplik, 6 Reading Terrace, asked where does the money come from when a grant is given. Mayor Etler explained from the Federal government through Bergen County. Ms. Koplik wondered why the fence around Topps was moved. Acting Manager Metzler said he would look into it.

Todd Newman, 10-07 Essex Place, questioned if an applicant comes before the Zoning Board with a hardship without Radburn's approval, what will happen. Councilmember Trawinski said they could sue the Association. Mr. Newman talked about banning sex offenders from around schools and playgrounds feeling it is a great idea because they are dangerous and there are still some out there that have not been arrested yet. He asked that the Council make sure something is put in place to protect and educate the children.

Barry Winston, 19-11 Greenwood Drive, addressed comments made by Mrs. Rubinstein.

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He said no one was attacked.

May Hayden, 12 Beekman Place, said when her roof leaked, she went to get a permit to fix it and was asked if Radburn's architectural committee approved it. It took her two years to get it repaired.

Stan Hayden, 12 Beekman Place, stated he was in favor of the orange cones. He spoke about the leadership in Radburn and how it has deteriorated. He gave an example of when he went to get a permit from the town it took six weeks and two visits from the Architectural committee. Two years later he was able to build. He felt that anyone who sides with Radburn will be defeated.

Bob Gremillot, 1 Bristol Place, felt that when the Borough puts the orange cones up some streets become more dangerous than others, giving the example of Fair Lawn Avenue and Abbott Road. Mr. Gremillot questioned the budget and the five million dollar surplus. He felt it was a much better position for the Borough to be in, but he did feel after everything is taken care of, maybe they could issue rebates to the residents or look at next year and have no tax increase.

Acting Manager Metzler stated the Borough is in fairly good shape. He explained why the budget is called the Manager's Budget because it is given to him to decide what to cut early on and then the Council makes cuts. Their goal is to stabilize future taxes. They would like to try to keep it between five and seven points. How they will accomplish this is by looking at cuts. One thing they did not do was inflate it so the Council make cuts. He and CFO Eccleston came up with the budget. He said he believed in the budget. Councilmember Trawinski said that even if they used all of the surplus the budget would still be 15 points. He felt using the surplus would not be a responsible thing to do. He said none of them are happy about this budget. They have corrected some things but it is tough.

Rita Golding, 14 Rutgers Terrace, said if people get ticketed or warned they will be sure not to speed. She seldom sees the Police patrolling the streets. Councilmember Trawinski responded that the Police are patrolling the area with the same amount of Police Officers since 1954. The calls have changed, the details that go into the reporting of domestic violence and other arrests have changed drastically. In some instance two officers must

