

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2005

Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski called the meeting to order at 7:40 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, 2004. 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 North Jersey Herald and News and the Shopper. The annual notice identified the times and locations of the Council meetings and work sessions.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Caan, Etlar, Ganz, McCarthy and Weinstein.

ALSO PRESENT: Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski and Attorney Lustgarten.

Invocation by Reverend Charles Austin

Invocation by Cantor D'Vir

Nominations for Mayor

Upon nomination by Councilmember Etlar and a second by Councilmember Weinstein, Councilmember Ganz was nominated as Mayor. There being no other nominations, the time for nominations were closed. Councilmember Ganz was unanimously elected Mayor and took his Oath of Office. Sheriff McGuire swore in Councilmember Ganz as Mayor.

Mayor Ganz assumed the chair.

Sheriff McGuire stated he was sworn in by the Governor yesterday and it was attended by great people like Senator Coniglio who was also in attendance tonight showing how many people support Fair Lawn, Mayor Ganz and everyone on the Council. He added Fair Lawn has been there for him and he will be there for them as Sheriff.

Nomination for Deputy Mayor

Upon nomination by Mayor Ganz and a second by Councilmember Caan, Councilmember Etlar was nominated for Deputy Mayor. There being no further nominations, the time for nominations was closed. Councilmember Etlar was unanimously elected Deputy Mayor.

Prior to Councilmember Etlar's swearing in he wanted everyone to know the Bible he was using has been in his wife's family since 1840.

Senator Coniglio swore in Councilmember Etlar as Deputy Mayor.

Nomination for Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs

Upon nomination by Deputy Mayor Etlar and a second by Councilmember McCarthy, Councilmember Weinstein was nominated for Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs. There being no further nominations, the time for nominations was closed. Councilmember Weinstein was unanimously elected Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs. Senator Coniglio swore in Councilmember Weinstein as Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs.

Remarks of the Mayor

Mayor Ganz asked for a moment of silence for all the people who had tragically died in South East Asia.

He then continued, this evening, I took the oath as Mayor for the 7th time, and I am honored that our new Bergen County Sheriff, and friend Leo McGuire, and all of you took time from your busy schedules to be here to join us. A few hours ago, I was also sworn in as Vice Chair of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Bergen County.

This year marks the 81st anniversary of the founding of the Borough of Fair Lawn, and it promises to be a year of progress. It is a good time to look back at the accomplishments of not only the last year, but the last seven years of this administration, and to talk about the vision that the Council has for the Borough.

We have made recreation an area of Council priority. On my watch, Memorial Pool has been cleaned, new buildings and amenities installed, 28 tons of new sand added, Goose Busters was hired for a cleaner pool area and surrounding grass, and outdoor activities enhanced. We're already well along in the process of building a new center rec, a Fair Lawn Community Center that will include a new recreation center, a new library theater, and a host of amenities for seniors, juniors and inbetweeners. We eagerly anticipate building construction on the Kipp Street site, and through the Bergen County Improvement Authority have obtained below-market financing.

We've also applied for and obtained outright grants for lighting ball fields that thousands of youngsters and older ball players want to regularly use three seasons of the year. This past fall, lights at Center Rec went on allowing for evening play and more field rotation. We've also paved Walsh pool's lot and re-paved the Memorial pool lots to increase their utility, put a walking track around the Dobrow Complex for joggers and others, and committed significant resources towards field restoration, Borough-wide.

The last four years have been growth and building years for Fair Lawn's infrastructure. In

2003, we opened the West Wing to Borough Hall, the first addition in more than 40 years, to give the police department and building department

desks and chairs that now do not have to be shared; the year before that, the DPW complex got its new garage, a state of the art repair and maintenance facility that saves taxpayers money by allowing for in house Page Three
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repairs. The year before that, we rebuilt the buildings at Memorial Pool in the wake of Hurricane Floyd to make the facility attractive to a new generation of homeowners and their families.

We have used contacts in the County, and with State government, to apply for and receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants that have made Fair Lawn a better place to live, and with little or no cost to the taxpayers. We've used innovative financing from the Bergen County Improvement Authority to make sure our police officers have a full complement of modern police cars and armament, and received promises of additional grants through the County Prosecutor's Office to assure that Fair Lawn's finest always has the best and safest equipment. We've taken advantage of low bonding interest rates to add badly needed emergency service vehicles. Later this year a new fire engine purchased by the Council, will go into service for Company 2, replacing an aging vehicle and giving our firefighters state-of-the art equipment. We've opened up government to the people. Long before the state required it, the Council agreed to open up work sessions to public comment. We also started televising our Council meetings, live and unedited – which you can see many Tuesday nights as well as on re-run on Channel 77.

The Council acted collectively in these endeavors. A talented group of Borough men and women serve on our local committees and boards and assisted in the process. Deputy Mayor Steve Weinstein has coordinated the recreational facilities committee. Deputy Mayor Marty Etlar works daily with Steve Weinstein on the new Community Center. Allan Caan successfully sought out approvals for pedestrian safety devices on River Road and Fair Lawn Avenue. His prescription drug plan for Fair Lawn residents became the model that I brought to the Freeholder Board for county-wide help, even before seniors got federal help.

Councilmember Owen McCarthy has served with Deputy Mayor Weinstein on our planning committee designed to find an appropriate way to save Daly Field.

As I said to you last year, this coming year will be a difficult year for all of us. Federal, state and County grant money will be at a premium. Health care insurance has gone up nearly 20%. Everything costs more. Our pledge is to try and maintain Fair Lawn's essential, core services and to find enhancements that are needed by most residents at a modest cost, and to make Fair Lawn not only a nice place to visit but a better place to live.

Thank you for joining us this evening. God bless you all, our troops in harm's way, and the UNITED STATES of America.

Remarks of the Deputy Mayor Etler

This past year has brought great achievement in our Borough at the same time bringing stability with our taxes.

We replaced an 18 year old fire truck from Company #2 with a new one. We also replaced some of our police cars and our aging D.P.W. trucks with money from the Bergen County Improvement Authority, which will save us money on the interest in the long run. We have continued to upgrade our water system, our Library and both Memorial and Walsh Pools.

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Lastly, we have broken ground for our new Community Center. When finished it will be a beautiful building and used by many of our citizens. As I like to say it will be "The Heartbeat of Fair Lawn".

Our D.P.W. has improved its' leaf pick up service, has cut, trimmed and replaced trees and has maintained our streets. They are now standing by for snow removal, if and when it happens.

Still other things of importance have come up, namely Daly Field and the Naugle House. As for Daly Field it was a consensus from this Council that Daly Field remain "Green", and I will work to that end to see that it happens. As for the Naugle House, which has great historical significance, it will be rebuilt and brought up to code.

Also through a great effort of Deputy Mayor Weinstein, a Broadway Improvement Authority is about to be launched. Maybe this is the "light in the Tunnel" to at least see a revitalized Broadway.

In all, I think this Council has served Fair Lawn well, and am proud to be a part of it. I want to take this occasion to wish all our citizens a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Remarks of the Deputy Mayor Weinstein

Thank you Mayor, Good evening ladies and gentlemen.

"Quality of Life" we hear that expression all the time. What does it mean? To me there are four components. Planning and building for the future, maintaining our current services and infrastructure, preserving our resources and remembering our heritage and heros. Every decision made is based on those four components and all within a framework of the Municipal Budget.

Each year our goals are set for each component as we listen to the concerns of the people; have honest debates; develop a consensus and then implement and take action.

Keeping an open mind, listening and developing a consensus is at times a long arduous task. But, as Deputy Mayor I believe this is the proper way to do our job, and is good government.

My goals for 2005:

In planning and building for the future - in the area of Economic Development; nearly three years of recruiting residents and business leaders, developing consensus, goals and direction under my leadership of the Business Leadership Committee completed its three year pronged task. In the next few months the following will be implemented. Improvement District on Broadway; an Economic Development Corporation for the Borough, and a streetscape initiative for the Radburn Business area. These initiatives such as can be seen on River Road will improve the vibrancy of our business districts for

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the good of all of our residents. Better shopping, more attractive and pedestrian friendly districts, better security and traffic safety, more jobs and increased ratables.

In the area of Art and Recreation; I look forward to the ground breaking of the new Fair Lawn Community Center which will become the heart of Fair Lawn. The volunteer organization under the leadership of John Cosgrove is doing a tremendous job. The Community Center will have something for every resident, from card rooms for our seniors, to lounges and game rooms for our teens. We will have a 170 seat new library theater with the intimacy of the Old Library Theater, but with the state of art amenities; a walking track for all; and High School level regulation basketball court and gymnasium. The center will be a symbol of Council and Borough support for cultural enrichment for generations to come.

In regards to our fields; hopefully by the spring we will begin the overhaul of Berdan Grove, which money for this in part is from Senator Coniglio. The park will be regraded and again become a major facility for sports and leisure activities for the Borough.

I also strongly support the initiative for bicycle signage throughout the Borough. A great idea by Wendy Dabney and the Environmental Commission.

In maintaining our current services and infrastructure I will continue to work with the Manager and Department Heads to make sure we are supplying top rated and efficient services to our residents, from sanitation and recycling to snow plowing and leaf pick ups; to our tree replacement program.

I am committed to maintaining the level of support that has earned our Emergency Service Departments nationwide acclaim, and that they continue to receive the equipment and resources necessary to keep our residents and the men and women who provide these services safe.

In preserving our resources. Our green space is scarce. We must preserve whatever we can. Whatever is lost through development will be lost forever. As part of a sub-committee Councilmember McCarthy and myself are in the process of selecting an independent planner, with no preconceived bias, to give us a conceptual site plan for Daly Field, Heyward track, Archery Plaza and Topps Cleaner parcels. The planner will be charged with keeping Daily Field green and saving part of Fair Lawn's history.

As I stated once before I grew up in Brooklyn and enjoyed my childhood playing stickball, stoop ball, and box baseball; but I brought my family west to Fair Lawn for the greener fields and open space.

In remembering our heritage:

In 2004 there was an outcry to save the Naugle House. The Council discussed the issue and set out to save the historical structure. The developer who purchased the property agreed to not only save the Naugle House, but also to put it into operating condition. Visitors will be able to tour an integral part of Fair Lawn's heritage.

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Finally, we must never forget to honor those men and women who gave themselves at home and abroad; and continue to serve in harms way around the world. With my support in 2004 we refurbished the memorials dedicated to them. I look forward to the unveiling of a memorial statue to our fallen heroine Officer Mary Ann Collura on the Borough Hall lawn in the near future.

I look forward to a great year in 2005, but, not without your help. When you see me around the Borough please tell me how you are doing. Your concerns and issues are also mine and help formulate our goals for a strong future for Fair Lawn.

On behalf of my wife Linda; my children Sari, Zachary, and Ashley and myself a happy and healthy new year to all.

Remarks of the Council

Councilmember Caan

This is the beginning of my fourth year on the Council and looking back, I believe the things I have promised and set out to do have been achieved, some projects are in the midst of being done and there are new projects I'd like to bring to the Borough in 2005

Our Veteran and Volunteer Coalition is in its third year and membership increases each month. We are still the only town to offer this program to our veterans and emergency service volunteers.

Our free prescription drug card saved Fair Lawn card holders over \$90,000.00 in the first nine months of 2004. After we started this program in Fair Lawn, 115 towns and 15 counties in New Jersey now offer the same plan. The one difference is the other towns and counties charge an annual fee for this program.

Last year I was able to start our New Resident Program, where we introduce new residents to businesses in town.

Many initiatives were started in 2004, and I hope to complete this year. I brought to the Council and we are exploring the possibilities of using solar energy for some of our energy needs. An energy audit is being done to determine the feasibility of using solar energy to

offset present energy costs. This could not only reduce the dollars we spend on utilities, but environmentally it is the right thing to do.

Sudden cardiac arrest is a fatal condition unless treated immediately. Each year over 400,000 people in the United States die from sudden cardiac arrest. In October I had a demonstration of an Automatic External Defibrillator presented to the Council. My goal this year is to equip Borough Hall, the Senior Center, Memorial Pool and when complete, our new Community Center with these easy to use lifesaving devices.

Under the leadership of Deputy Mayor Weinstein, the Economic Development Corporation, the Broadway Special Improvement District and the Radburn Committee will continue to move forward in improving each of the business districts in Fair Lawn.

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Speaking of Radburn, as I stated last year it is my intention to keep Daly Field green as open space. That continues to be a priority in 2005. The Council will have its own planner look at Daly Field, The Hayward tract, Archery Plaza and the Topps property and make its recommendations on the best way to accomplish that goal.

For more than a year I have been working with Fair Lawn Police Detective David Boone on a suitable memorial for Maryann Collura. An artist was selected, and at a December work session the artist and a small model of the sculpture was presented to the Mayor and Council. I believe the final work will be a truly appropriate memorial to Maryann and the life she led. The response that night from those in attendance was overwhelming positive and emotional.

Finally this year there are two new programs I would like to start and put into place. Each year finances become more and more complicated and harder to understand, including mortgages, investments, insurance and banking to name a few. In cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, I will present to the Mayor and Council the Financial Literacy Awareness Network. This program, which I hope will be located at the Library and Senior Center, will have a host of valuable financial information, as well as information on-line and tools to use for your own individual situations.

The second new program I will propose will be The Fair Lawn Health Network. Throughout the United States, there are millions of people without health insurance. Fair Lawn is no different. How many children and adults in Fair Lawn have no health insurance, no one knows? There are no statistics kept, but we know they are out there. The people without health insurance are typically those who can afford the costs of healthcare the least, yet they pay the high rates. The goal of the Fair Lawn Health Network will be to work with healthcare providers in Fair Lawn to provide more affordable service for Fair Lawn children and adults without healthcare coverage.

Councilmember McCarthy

Initially, I would like to congratulate Mayor Ganz and both Deputy Mayors on their reelections to their respective positions. I would also like to offer my best wishes to all of the residents of the Borough for a healthy and Happy New Year.

It is difficult for me to imagine that one year has passed since I first spoke to you as a newly

elected official. I am confident that the knowledge and experience that I have obtained during this last year will allow me to continue, and in fact better, serve each of our 31,000 residents.

I am grateful that I have been able to meet thousands of residents at various events in the Borough ranging from recreational activities to dare graduation ceremonies. It is truly rewarding receiving the thanks of residents that we are able to help.

I am proud of the many accomplishments of this last year including the efforts to preserve the Naugle House and Daly Field. Additionally, as the thousands of residents who enjoy Memorial Park observed, for the first time in more than twenty years the complex was free from the goose droppings that have been a thorn in the side of all attempting to enjoy the park. Through the efforts of this Council, Fair Lawn was one of the first communities to

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create a full-time office of emergency management. Over the summer, I was privileged to watch Director Metzler and the other professionals conduct a training exercise dealing with an oil-tanker spill on a road, which could occur at any time on any of the more than 111 miles of roadway in the Borough including the blocks that each of us call home. Each resident can sleep a little safer knowing these professionals are there protecting us. As a new uncle, I am proud that for the first time our Ambulance Corps is equipped with a pediatric defibrillator to ensure that our youngest residents will receive the emergency care they need at the critical moments. Additionally, I am proud of the fact that this Council provided state of the art body armor to our police officers who risk their lives on a daily basis protecting each of one of us.

I would also like to take a minute and thank the representatives of other levels of government, Federal, State and County, many of whom are here this evening for the assistance they have provided during my first year on the Council.

Approximately forty years ago, another Irish politician issued a challenge to the American people. Most know this famous quote, ask not what your country can do for you? Ask what you can do for your country. I speak before you with neither the eloquence nor vigor of our late president, but do have a challenge for our residents. Do not merely state that the Council are wrong; tell me why the Mayor and Council are wrong. One of the first lessons I learned in law school was that any one can state whether an action was correct or incorrect. The more difficult and more productive task is telling someone why they are wrong. Whether it means attending a Council meeting, writing a letter or email, making a telephone call, or using the few minutes we all spend while waiting on line, please know that I and my colleagues are available and accessible to the people. Rather, than merely stating we are wrong, answer the second question and let us know why you think we are wrong. This will ensure that as our forefathers intended, our government is and will always be a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

Thank you and may God bless the Borough of Fair Lawn, the United States of America and all who protect them.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Ganz announced his appointments.

- a. Library Trustees - Phyllis Weglein and Robert Kahn
- b. Environmental Commission Chairperson - Wendy Dabney
- c. Board of Education Liaison - Mayor Ganz, Deputy Mayor Weinstein
- d. Planning Board designee - Todd Malkin
- e. Class II Planning Board Member - Alan Neggia

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #1-2005 Council APPOINTMENTS:

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etlar and a second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, Consent Agenda 1-2005 containing the following items was unanimously adopted.

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- a. Resol. No. 1-2005 - Borough Attorney
- b. Resol. No. 2-2005 - Borough Auditor
- c. Resol. No. 3-2005 - Tax Appraisers
- d. Resol. No. 4-2005 - Labor Attorney
- e. Resol. No. 5-2005 - Bond Counsel
- f. Resol. No. 6-2005 - Planning Board
- g. Resol. No. 7-2005 - Zoning Board
- h. Resol. No. 8-2005 - Fire Officers
- i. Resol. No. 9-2005 - Liaison to Fire Board
- j. Resol. No. 10-2005 - Environmental Commission
- k. Resol. No. 11-2005 - Senior Citizen Advisory Board
- l. Resol. No. 12-2005 - Rent Leveling Board
- m. Resol. No. 13-2005 - Holiday Celebrations
- n. Resol. No. 14-2005 - Youth Advisory Board
- o. Resol. No. 15-2005 - Property Maintenance/Facelift Committee
- p. Resol. No. 16-2005 - Insurance Commissioners Self Insurance
- q. Resol. No. 17-2005 - Fair Lawn Historical Committee
- r. Resol. No. 18-2005 - Advisory Committee on the Americans
with Disabilities Act
- s. Resol. No. 19-2005 - Garden Club
- t. Resol. No. 20-2005 - Defender County Tax Board of Appeals
- u. Resol. No. 21-2005 - Liaison to Alliance for Substance
Abuse Prevention
- v. Resol. No. 22-2005 - Advisors to the Senior Citizen Center
- w. Resol. No. 23-2005 - Broker of Record Medical & Dental
- x. Resol. No. 24-2005 - Public Advocates
- y. Resol. No. 25-2005 - Pool of Experts/Alternate Public Advocates
and Conflict Panel
- z. Resol. No. 26-2005 - Claims Management Service - Quality Claims
Adjuster
- aa. Resol. No. 27-2005 - Loss Control Services - Commerce National
Risk Control
- bb. Resol. No. 28-2005 - Risk Management Consulting Service -
Business & Governmental Insurance Agency
- cc. Resol. No. 29-2005 - Health Advisory Board

- dd. Resol. No. 30-2005 - Health Educator
- ee. Resol. No. 31-2005 - Professional Nursing Services
- ff. Resol. No. 32-2005 - Health Care Provider
- gg. Resol. No. 33-2005 - Fair Lawn Recreation Facility Review
Committee
- hh. Resol. No. 34-2005 - Veteran & Volunteer Coalition
- ii. Resol. No. 35-2004 - Planner of Record
- jj. Resol. No. 36-2004 - Liaison to Cable Television Board
- kk. Resol. No. 37-2004 - Healthcare Provider - Occupational Medical
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PRESENTATION BY SENATOR CONIGLIO, ASSEMBLYMAN GORDON AND ASSEMBLYWOMEN VOSS :

Senator Coniglio stated on behalf of the three representatives that they have in the State of New Jersey they are very proud to make this presentation to Fair Lawn for \$400,000.00 in Extraordinary Aid. This is the largest sum Fair Lawn has every received and an additional \$90,000.00 for Homeland Security for a grand total of \$490,000.00. As far as they are concerned they can be sure that in the future Fair Lawn will receive additional dollars. They will work as hard as they can to benefit Fair Lawn and the rest of people in Bergen County.

Mayor Ganz explained how important this is to the Borough of Fair Lawn. It is the largest amount they have received for those items and has significant impact on the taxes for the Borough. This shows that Senator Coniglio, Assemblyman Gordon and Assemblywomen Voss fight for the Borough of Fair Lawn.

MANAGER'S APPOINTMENTS:

Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski announced her appointments.

- Prosecutor - Steve Schechter
- Alternate Prosecutor - Catherine M. Bani
- Public Defender - William Soukas
- Deputy Public Defender - Cathe Donham McAuliffe
- Rent Leveling Attorney - Steven H. Cohen

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #2-2005

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etlar and a second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, Consent Agenda 2-2005 containing the following items was unanimously adopted.

- a. Resol. No. 38-2005 - Cash Management Plan
- b. Resol. No. 39-2005 - Official Newspapers
- c. Resol. No. 40-2005 - Temporary Budget
- d. Resol. No. 41-2005 - Temporary Budget - Water

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

BENEDICTION BY THE REVEREND JEFFREY LEININGER

ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION AT 8:15 P.M.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etler and second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Mayor David L. Ganz

Councilmember Allan Caan

Deputy Mayor Martin Etler

Councilmember Owen McCarthy

Deputy Mayor Steven Weinstein

