

WORK SESSION OF NOVEMBER 22, 2005

Deputy Mayor Etler called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayors Etler and Weinstein and Councilmember McCarthy.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Ganz and Councilmember Caan.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated that she had to remove the liquor license transfer since all of their documents were not in order.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein invited Councilmember-elect Baratta to the table.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL:

Deputy Mayor Etler stated that the Council had heard from Mr. Horn who requested permission to erect a memorial in front of Borough Hall for the Holocaust. He felt that if the Council agreed, the plaque should be placed on the 9-11 wall. Deputy Mayor Etler recommended that Jane Spindel get involved. Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski asked if Mr. Horn knew it would be placed on the 9-11 wall. Councilmember McCarthy felt that a lot was going on in front of Borough Hall and thought it would take away from the ones that are there already. Deputy Mayor Etler suggested that Mr. Horn take this to the 9-11 committee to see if they can reorganize the area to include a memorial for the Holocaust. Deputy Mayor Weinstein felt it was a good idea to have Jane Spindel involved.

Mr. Horn was present and stated that if the size was the problem, he could have it changed. Deputy Mayor Etler stated that was not the point. This type of monument would be too much for the lawn in front of Borough Hall. Deputy Mayor Etler asked Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski to set up a meeting between Jane Spindel and Mr. Horn.

There was a unanimous consensus to authorize putting the memorial up somewhere other than the front of Borough Hall.

TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES:

Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated that the Council had agreed to take the cones down on November 1. She has collected feedback on them. Engineer Garrison and Traffic Officer Franco were present. She asked the Council for direction on the next step.

Deputy Mayor Etler stated he would go with the objectors. He felt it was a mistake to put

that kind of restriction on the roads. He has seen traffic go up High and Warren Streets. He felt lines could be painted to make the traffic move in. Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated that Peter Kortright had specific ideas that could help that area.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein believed that other than Fair Lawn Avenue and Abbott Road there was positive feedback. He had a meeting with the River Road Improvement Corporation and they were in favor of them.

Engineer Garrison stated this topic started back in 1999. He gave the history of what had transpired since then. The objective was to move the traffic and to protect the pedestrians. The Borough received a grant, a report was generated, a conceptual report was done, some things were considered by the Pedestrian Safety Committee. That committee gave a report to the Council of things to be done although not all were agreed to. Engineer Garrison continued that the Fair Lawn Avenue corridor had applied for grants, and after the report was done they reapplied to the DOT for grants. He said that all of the intersections need a lot more engineering work. He thought these cones were on a trial basis but felt these were the best way to go.

Councilmember-elect Trawinski arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Engineer Garrison stated that the cones have attracted attention and although they are ugly, they did work.

Traffic Safety Officer Franco stated that the cones are mobile, inexpensive and if they want they can move them to another area. He said that Fair Lawn Avenue and Abbott Road are only one lane each. Deputy Mayor Weinstein asked about gradual narrowing. Engineer Garrison informed him that the tapers have to do with speed. The higher the speed, the longer the taper. He said that there have been suggestions to make Abbott Road one way, but that idea would have to be evaluated. He stated there were a number of options but they will not be ready in the spring. The plans would have to go through Engineering and have to be approved by the County. Deputy Mayor Etler stated the plan would have to be approved by the Mayor and Council. He asked Engineer Garrison to consider putting up a sign "Stop for Pedestrians." Traffic Safety Officer Franco stated they already have the yield to pedestrian signs.

Engineer Garrison stated that they have done a number of minor things that were on the report because they had the funding. Barrier-free ramps, ladder cross walks and street lighting had been done. He felt it was prudent to do this on a trail basis.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein asked that regarding River Road, would they need to apply for a grant to do a bump out at the Post Office. Engineer Garrison stated if it were the Council's decision, he would do it for them. Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that in regard to Fair Lawn Avenue and Abbott Road, if they all agreed, he would speak with the Economic Development Corp. so they can apply for grants also.

Traffic Safety Officer Franco stated that each area had to be analyzed individually. They have to conform to the laws.

Councilmember-elect Trawinski stated the Pedestrian Safety Committee had suggested roadway improvements. He felt that whatever Engineer Garrison or Traffic Safety Officer Franco does, it has to be consistent. He suggested that they speak to someone in Morristown to see if there is anything they would do differently.

Councilmember McCarthy asked if the parents were happy with the cones around Lyncrest. Traffic Safety Officer Franco said he had received no feedback since they were not up long enough. Engineer Garrison stated there are a number of things that can be done around Lyncrest.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein asked if Fire Co. 4 had any problems making the turn onto Fair Lawn Avenue. Traffic Safety Officer Franco stated they did not like it. He said he was not in favor of putting them back. Engineer Garrison stated that conceptually this is what they were looking for, something to slow traffic down. If the Council wanted to proceed, he would have to see what the cost will be and see if it is worth it. Deputy Mayor Etler felt they should do the easy things first such as painting lines. Traffic Safety Officer Franco felt that painted lines do not do anything.

There was a unanimous consensus to proceed.

TRANSITION:

Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski said we have already started the transition process by sending packages home to the newly elected Councilmembers and now they are invited to the meetings.

Government on the road - Councilmember McCarthy felt there has been confusion in the past, there have been complaints about the acoustics in the schools and furthermore he felt it was more professional to keep the meetings in the Council Chambers. Deputy Mayor Weinstein agreed that there should be no more meetings on the road.

Reorganization date - Councilmember McCarthy stated he is working on it and will get back to Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski the following week.

Appointments - Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated several people's terms are up. Deputy Mayor Etler suggested discussing it at the December 6 Work Session.

Pay-to-Play - Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated she had sent home a package regarding the new law that will be taking effect. Councilmember-elect Trawinski stated that a new law passed in the Senate that may change the law. He said the Borough may be able to have a tougher law.

Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated the resolutions and contracts will have to be changed to reflect this new law. Certain people will have to sign a Business Entity Disclosure Form. Deputy Mayor Etlar stated only if they are paid more than \$17,500. Councilmember-elect Trawinski thanked the Council for not skipping a beat on this matter. He also thanked Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski and Deputy Mayor Etlar. Councilmember-elect Baratta echoed his sentiment.

REZONING NAUGLE HOUSE PROPERTY:

Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated that this matter is scheduled to come back to the Council. Originally Mayor Ganz asked Attorney Lustgarten to draft an ordinance. Deputy Mayor Weinstein thought they were waiting for the Open Space Grant before they doing anything. Attorney Lustgarten suggested waiting to discuss this matter at a Work Session early in January.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Felice Koplik, 6 Reading Terrace, stated she agreed with Engineer Garrison and hoped that they look at the 1998 report. She was on the committee and felt strongly that something should be done on Abbot Road since there is a school crossing there. The Council should try other options to slow the traffic down. She has seen it work in other towns.

Arlene Rubinstein, 28 Rutgers Terrace, felt these tubes were horrendous. The Council should apply to the County to decrease the speed limit, like they did on E. Ridgewood Avenue. The town of Millburn made certain streets one way. She suggested putting signs up and decreasing the speed limit would do more good than the tubes.

Michael Rooney, 14 Burnham Place, asked if it was wise for the Council to wait until January when the developer for the Naugle House brings in an application. Attorney Lustgarten advised that no decision has been made.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon motion by Councilmember McCarthy and seconded by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 7:28 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 Personnel, and

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

WHEREAS, public disclosure of the results of these discussions shall be made relating to Personnel upon formal appointment by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn within 90 to 120 days;

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 to Regular Meeting:

Upon motion by Councilmember McCarthy and a second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

pectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Absent
Mayor David L. Ganz

Absent
Councilmember Allan Caan

Deputy Mayor Martin Etlar

Councilmember Owen McCarthy

Deputy Mayor Steven Weinstein