

Municipal Clerk

Council Minutes - January 14, 2003

REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2003

Mayor Ganz opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.. Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski read the following statement of compliance.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, annual notice of all meetings of the Borough of Fair Lawn was published in "The Record" issue of December 27, 2002. Notices were also posted on the Bulletin Board located on the First Floor of the Municipal Building and at the Maurice Pine Free Public Library, copies mailed to The North Jersey Herald and News. The Annual Notice identified the meeting location and the time of the Council Meetings and Work Sessions.

PRESENT: Mayor Ganz, Deputy Mayors Etlar and Weinstein and Councilmembers Amato and Caan.

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

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #3-2003

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etlar and a second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, Consent Agenda #3-2003 containing the following items was unanimously adopted

- a. Resol. #39-2003 - Approval of Minutes:
Regular Meeting 10/22/02
- b. Resol. #40-2003 - Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- c. Resol. #41-2003 - Award of Bid: Uniforms: Police, Auxiliary Police & School Guard
- d. Resol. #42-2003 - Removed
- e. Resol. #43-2003 - Endorsement of Board of Education CDBG Application
- f. Resol. #44-2003 - Change Order: Project #2098 Radburn Pathways Contract 1
- g. Resol. #45-2003 - Authorizing Extension of Bank of New York Lease
- h. Resol. #46-2003 - Approval of Raffles & Bingos:
Fair Lawn Rotary off-premise 50/50
- i. Resol. #47-2003 - Authorizing Extension of the Veterans & Volunteers Coalition
- j. Resol. #48-2003 - Authorizing Extension and Appointments to the Fair Lawn Recreation Facilities Review Committee
- k. Resol. #49-2003 - Professional Services - Planner of Record
- l. Resol. #50-2003 - Appointments to the Fair Lawn Borough Gardens Committee
- m. Resol. #51-2003 - Appointments to Cable Television Board

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etlar and a second by Councilmember Caan, it was unanimously agreed to open the time for public comments.

Assemblyman Matt Ahearn, stated it was always a pleasure to be in Fair Lawn. Mayor Ganz stated he was glad to have him back. Assemblyman Ahearn stated the reason he was there was to discuss a grant program. The announcement was made last month, about the homeland security grant which the

Borough received \$100,000. Mayor Ganz stated they appreciate his efforts for obtaining that for the Borough. Assemblyman Ahearn stated he was there as a messenger more than anything else. There are some people that need to be thanked on behalf of the town and himself regarding that particular grant. This particular grant program was initiated to a great extent because of discussions that took place with your OEM Manager and similar conversations with OEM Managers in Fort Lee. This grant was designed specifically so that the only way a town could get it was if they had personnel who had training and experience in dealing with emergency situations. Assemblyman Ahearn felt Fair Lawn happens to be blessed with many volunteers in the OEM department, Ambulance, Fire Department, Rescue and the Police who were involved back to the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center, the most recent devastating attacks and Hurricane Floyd. That vast amount of experience is the only way a municipality was able to get that grant money. Assemblyman Ahearn stated he wanted to particularly thank Mr. Metzler for bringing the concept of a separate grant for the type of preparation equipment that you are looking at.

Assemblyman Ahearn continued that one of the other reasons he stopped by was that in the next couple of weeks he has a series of meetings with Assemblyman Lou Greenwald, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, to discuss what grant programs might need to be extended but also the other needs that they should look at. One of the things he is working on is creating better incentives through grants for interlocal agreements for municipalities that share services. He needs their input as well as the input from anyone in town so that he can get a better feel of what those agreements that exist are in Fair Lawn. He wanted suggestions and ideas on what kind of incentives might help municipalities move into more effective interlocal agreements and shared services and the types of grants that would reward municipalities that can find innovative ways to reduce local taxes.

Assemblyman Ahearn quoted Governor McGreevey from his speech earlier that day that went as follows: Alf we are to take on these issues and fight to restore the quality of life that has made this state great, those of us in public service must be prepared to answer two simple questions about our actions - who are we willing to stand up for and who are we willing to stand up to@. He invited their input for this years budget session as it was going to be a tough battle but whatever he can do for Fair Lawn and the rest of the district he will get it done.

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

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION - PERSONNEL & ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etlar and seconded by Councilmember Caan the following Closed Session Resolution was read at 7:45 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, anticipated litigation and labor negotiations; 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 action by either the Manager or Mayor and Council within 60 - 90 days if formal action is taken, anticipated litigation within 180 days except for legal strategy and labor negotiations within 30 - 60 days upon formal resolution if the matter is resolved; and

WHEREAS, public disclosure of the results of these discussions shall be made upon the conclusion of these matters by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Lawn.

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 CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Councilmember Amato and a second by Deputy Mayor Etlar, the meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

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