

REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 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 News and Shopper. 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 Caan.

ABSENT: Councilmember Amato

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

Mayor Ganz stated they are delighted to be back in full swing for the fall season and will be here every Tuesday night in the coming weeks. On September 23, the meeting will be held at the Senior Center, and will discuss the economic development of Fair Lawn and each of the business districts.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Hispanic Heritage Month - Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski read the Proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Mayor Ganz welcomed the Vice Chairman of the Freeholder Board, Tom Padilla and Governor McGreevy's latest appointment to the ethnic advisory commission, Cid Wilson, both of Spanish decent. Tom Padilla stated that it is a pleasure to accept this proclamation in behalf of the entire County. Approximately 13% of Bergen County is of Hispanic decent and growing. Cid Wilson stated how proud Fair Lawn should be to have a Mayor that is so diverse and multi cultural, and thanked him for the proclamation.

Councilmember Caan stated that he has gotten to know Tom Padilla over the past few months. He is very reliable, and it is an asset to the Bergen County Freeholder Board to have a Vice Chairman that is knowledgeable in so many areas.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #27-2003

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etlar and a second by Councilmember Caan, Consent Agenda #27-2003 containing the following items was unanimously adopted.

- a. Resol. #251-2003 - Approval of Minutes:
 - Work Session 5/6/03
 - Special Meeting 5/6/03
 - Closed Session 5/6/03
 - Regular Meeting 5/13/03
 - Work Session 5/13/03
- b. Resol. #252-2003 - Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- c. Resol. #253-2003 - Audit Report

- d. Resol. #254-2003 - Approval of Raffles & Bingos:
St. Anne Church Bingo
Congregation B=nai Israel off-premise 50/50
Fair Lawn Touch Down Club off-premise 50/50
- e. Resol. #255-2003 - Award of Bid: Water & Sewage Pump Station Maintenance
- f. Resol. #256-2003 - Confirming Fire Board Actions
- g. Resol. #257-2003 - Award of Bid: Four-Wheel Drive Utility Truck
- h. Resol. #258-2003 - Award of Bid: Mason Dump Truck with Snowplow
- i. Resol. #259-2003 - Award Contract for Sale of Recyclables
- j. Resol. #260-2003 - Opposition to S-2516 - Polling Places
- k. Resol. #261-2003 - Auction of Surplus Equipment and Vehicles

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Howard Mark stated that he recently found out that the Naugle House on Dunkerhook Road is for sale. It is a historical building that should be preserved. Mayor Ganz stated that he=ll give the photographs to the Clerk.

Howard Mark asked if the Naugle House gets a tax break on the property because it has a historical label. He doesn=t want to see the Dutch house get sold either because that would destroy the character of this town. There is another house on Century Road that should have a marker and does not. Mayor Ganz stated that New Jersey being the crossroads for the American Revolution had many battles fought here. Many roadways and building are of keen historic interest for all of us.

Leon Wender, 7-22 Manor Avenue, stated he found the Borough=s reverse warning system to be flawed. Many people were not notified of the nature of the power outage. Many people thought it was a terrorist attack. He thought that this was unacceptable. Borough Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski explained the way the reverse 911 works. If it receives a busy signal or no answer, you don=t get the notification. Those who didn=t answer the phone didn=t get the notification. Mayor Ganz stated that over 4,000 households received notification. All things considered, it is a wonderful system.

Mr. Wender stated that 23% of the town are senior citizens, and it was scary. Mayor Ganz stated that those are most likely the ones that got the calls. Deputy Mayor Etler stated that on file there are about 100 people with special needs. One of the first tasks was to notify all the people with special needs. Those who could not be contacted were specifically visited to see if they were alright.

Mr. Wender added that maintenance and security at Memorial Pool are lacking. Bathrooms are never checked. Badges should be checked. Borough Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated that there is a program for checking the bathrooms on a regular basis. There was a problem about mid-season, so inspections were stepped up because of the amount of sand from the beaches. The pool was tested in accordance to the DEP regulations and Health regulation and passed every single test. Mayor Ganz stated that the water is tested several times a day for the applicable level of bacteria and if it didn=t pass, the pool would be shut down.

Mr. Wender asked about the algae at the bottom of the pool. Mayor Ganz stated that this happens a lot when you have the type of weather that we=ve had this season. There is no way that the pool engineers can solve this problem. They=ve tried to, but with sand in the pool, it is just the nature of the beast.

Mr. Wender added Flossie Dobrow had established a snow shoveling program using a crew from the high

school for those needing the service. It was discontinued and he wanted to know if it was possible to get it back. Mayor Ganz stated that the Superintendent was asked and there was an insufficient interest from the students, but they will try again.

Mr. Wender asked Councilmember Caan about the Veteran discounts. Councilmember Caan stated that they will release a new catalog in October. Affiliated Management Group agreed that any volunteer or veteran that is part of the program will receive a \$10 per month discount on their rent.

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Citizenship Day & Constitution Week - Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski read the Proclamation for Citizenship Day & Constitution Week.

Patriot's Day - Deputy Mayor Weinstein read the Proclamation for Patriot's Day

POW/MIA Recognition Day - Deputy Mayor Etlar read the Proclamation for POW/MIA Recognition Day
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month - Councilmember Caan read the Proclamation for Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etlar and a second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk