

REGULAR MEETING AT LYNCREST SCHOOL OCTOBER 28, 2003

Mayor Ganz opened the meeting at 7:40 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 Etler and Weinstein and Councilmembers Caan and Amato.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE SUNG BY LAURIE HOCHMAN

POLICE PROMOTION AND AWARD

Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated it was a pleasure to have so many in attendance. As Manager there is nothing better than having the privilege of giving someone the credit that they deserve and honoring someone for their achievements, and with that said, she announced the promotion of Lieutenant Eric Rose to Captain Eric Rose. This was followed by loud applause. She then followed with his oath of office.

Captain Rose thanked the Manager, Mayor and Council for their vote of confidence. He thanked everyone for coming. He has come across some police officers who said to him he was going to have a tough road ahead of him. No matter what, there are always problems and the officers present tonight are all off duty, but yet came for him tonight, and if they do that, than they will definitely be there for the rest of the police force in tough times. Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski then presented him with his Captain=s badge.

Captain Rose stated that the first thing he was doing as Captain was recognize one of their own officers. There have been some problems with the radio system frequency. The Mayor and Council have provided funding but the other issue was the equipment. Officer Lonnie Mergler, on much of his own time and with support of others, observed the problem and found another frequency. It is now up and active. He thanked Officer Mergler for developing, planning and implementing a new communication system for the Fair Lawn Police Department. Mayor Ganz, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, presented him with a Certificate of Merit.

Detective David Boone stated it was a great joy to come together and celebrate with ones that are being promoted. On behalf of the PBA, he presented Captain Rose with a plaque in recognition of this day.

MANAGER=S REPORT

Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated that the Manager=s Report was on the table. She added that they did receive their temporary C.O. for the addition of the West Wing. The Building Department and Health Department would be moving into that space on October 31. Both of these departments will be closed that day to facilitate the move.

Mayor Ganz recessed at 7:57p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Etler read his activity report for the month of October:

1. Attended Corner Stone laying on new building extension
2. Attended October fire board meeting
3. Visited O.E.M. with constituent for move information
4. Attended Senior Olympics
5. As an American Legion member, he helped with flag retirement with a flag burning ceremony at Memorial Park
6. Attended River Road Fair
7. Attended opening of the 3rd class of our civilian police academy
8. Had a sub-committee meeting with Borough engineer to discuss widening of Maple Avenue at River Road, traffic light at Chandler Drive, traffic blinker light at Morlot Avenue and 17th Street
9. Took a constituent to congressman Rothman=s office for problems with the V.A.
10. Attended a Blue Mass in Newark for Mary Ann Collura.
11. Welcomed the state VFW at their monthly meeting at the VFW in Fair Lawn in the name of the Mayor and Council.
12. Attended ribbon cutting in Library.
13. Visited fire company #3 Open House
14. Attended monthly planning Board meeting
15. Attended monthly History Committee Meeting.
16. Gave proclamation to Lyncrest School Assembly for their good work on AKindness and Respect Month@ in the name fo the Mayor and Council
17. Had a sub-committee meeting on the new Art Center
18. Attended the Oct. Litter patrol Clean up run by Ron Letterman
19. Married a couple in city Hall
20. Will attend a briefing session for Joint Insurance Fund in City Hall

Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that he attended the Blue Mass for Maryann Collura, the Art Center meeting and the annual Halloween Parade.

He complimented Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Frey and his employees who had done an excellent job handling 400 children. He attended Bris Avroham where they helped the needy with various communities, the ribbon cutting in Brookdale Park, and they have picked a day to do another four hour tour of the parks and playgrounds.

Mayor Ganz stated that Councilmember Amato did not have a report.

Councilmember Caan attended the Citizen Police Academy, the Blue Mass in memory of Maryann Collura, the open house at Fire Company #3, the annual Halloween Parade where 400 kids showed up in costume, Bris Avroham playground funds, which is used for their daycare center, afternoon programs and other supervised programs open to the general public. Congressman Rothman gave a speech at the Senior Center about Social Security and drug coverage. He went to the brand new playground that was just installed. He announced the Veteran and Volunteer program is coming out with a new catalog in the next couple of days. He attended the U.S. Business Association where a speaker from the US Business of Veteran Affairs was very interested in the Veteran and Volunteer program.

Mayor Ganz stated Senator Coniglio=s office informed him that the Department of Transportation had given

the Borough a \$50,000 grant for traffic calming devices on the alphabetical streets. They will be formally given notice of this on the subcommittee later this week. For full information on this topic, check Channel 77 and the website.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etler and a second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, it was unanimously agreed to read the following ordinance by title and open the time for public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 1964-2003

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AS AMENDED

Mayor Ganz stated that this makes adjustments to various positions. The principal one being the Municipal Managers salary change from the minimum of \$30,000 and a maximum of \$113,000. It is the intention of the current manager and council that the salary near the minimum be chosen. Attorney Lustgarten stated that the three other titles assist on other jobs.

There being no comments by the public, upon motion by Deputy Mayor Weinstein and a second by Deputy Mayor Etler, it was unanimously agreed to close the time for public hearing.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etler and a second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, Resolution No. 303-2003 adopting Ordinance No. 1964-2003 was adopted with Councilmember Amato dissenting.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etler and a second by Councilmember Caan, it was unanimously agreed to read the following ordinance by title and open the time for public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 1965-2003

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF VARIOUS GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF GENERAL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,620,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,539,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Mayor Ganz stated that ordinance is for a number of capital programs. Attorney Lustgarten stated that there are about twenty separate items included in this ordinance.

There being no comments by the public, upon motion by Deputy Mayor Weinstein and a second by Councilmember Caan, it was unanimously agreed to close the time for public hearing.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Weinstein and a second by Councilmember Caan, Resolution No. 304-2003 adopting Ordinance No. 1965-2003 was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #30-2003

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etler and a second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, Consent Agenda #30-2003

containing the following items was unanimously adopted.

- a. Resol. #305-2003 - Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- b. Resol. #306-2003 - Approval of Raffle: Knights of Pythias off-premise 50/50
- c. Resol. #307-2003 - Approval of Minutes:
Work Session 6/17/03
Special Meeting 6/17/03
Closed Session 6/17/03
Regular Meeting 6/24/03
Work Session 6/24/03
- d. Resol. #308-2003 - Confirming Fire Board Actions
- e. Resol. #309-2003 - Change Order: Roadway Improvements 2002
- f. Resol. #310-2003 - Change Order: Roadway Improvements 2003
- g. Resol. #311-2003 - Naugle House Request for Funds
- h. Resol. #312-2003 - Appointment to the Fair Lawn Borough Gardens Committee

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.

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

Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated that she had received the plaques for the new addition and would like to set a date to dedicate the addition. Mayor Ganz stated that she should circulate several dates to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etler and a second by Councilmember Caan, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk