

SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2001

Mayor Ganz called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: Mayor Ganz, Deputy Mayor Adler, Councilmembers Amato (late), Dobrow and Etlar.

Also present: Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski, CFO Eccelston and Attorney Lustgarten(late).

Capital Budget

Mayor Ganz advised that he found out at the PTO meeting that the Borough's present speed monitor unit does not work in the rain or in the cold.

Ambulance - Gail Cebular, President and Gloria Schoenfeld were present.

Pagers - President Cebular explained that the price for the pagers included a charger. They are the same pagers as the Fire Department carries although they are on a different frequency.

Diesel Exhaust Filtration System - Councilmember Amato explained that the system attaches to the vehicles so that when they leave the building no exhaust escapes into the garage. The hose disengages from the vehicle when it exits the garage. The exhaust is dirty and unhealthy. President Cebular added that a certain amount of exhaust escapes when the vehicle backs into the garage. She believes that it is an OSHA recommendation. They requested this system last year and were turned down.

Oxygen containment filling station - The ambulance supplies the Police Department with the oxygen they carry in the first aid kits. They fill bottles on an emergency basis for people who may run out. It costs \$12 to \$15 to fill a bottle if they send it out. By doing it themselves it will cost about \$1 a tank. Ms. Schoenfeld explained how they currently fill the bottles.

CFO Eccelston advised that the oxygen containment filling station is on the Manager's recommendations but the exhaust system is not.

Attorney Lustgarten arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Councilmember Amato asked what the exposure was if they do not have the exhaust system. President Cebular advised that OSHA has not inspected them. If they were, the Borough would probably be subject to a fine. The diesel exhaust leaves a film that gets on the medical supplies. Deputy Mayor Adler noted that the garage is very small. If the filtration system is not now an OSHA requirement, it should be and probably will be soon. She felt that the Council should approve the expenditure.

OEM - Mayor Ganz wondered why the cost of pagers differed so much. He thought that the confined space entry equipment might have to go into this year's budget despite not being on the Manger's recommendations. Deputy Mayor Adler wondered if any of the equipment is purchased together though different departments request it. CFO Eccelston advised that they do spec out the uniforms and equipment all at once if they are similar.

The projection for next year includes \$150,000 purchase for a replacement of a rescue unit. Mayor Ganz wondered if that can be deferred.

Since OEM Director Metzler was not present, they could not discuss these items.

Finance - CFO Eccelston noted that the Council previously discussed his request that was \$1200 for the purchase of a computer. He advised that he will continue to use the laptop when he is not in the office. Councilmember Amato wondered what he would be purchasing for that amount of money. CFO Eccelston advised that it will be strictly a desk top unit. He did not think he will spend the whole \$1200 since he will not be purchasing a monitor or printer.

Operating Budget - CFO Eccelston distributed information relating to the operating budget for next week's meeting. Changes requested by the Manager have increased the budget. He updated the surplus amounts for both the operating budget and water utility.

Fast Track Items - Two items have been added including a four-wheel drive vehicle for the Police Department and Superintendent Maslo would like to rekey the building which means all new locks. He submitted an estimate of \$10,000. It would make them ADA compliant. They have unsuccessfully requested this item in the past. If the Council can decide the fast track items, he can probably

introduce a bond ordinance in March. If Memorial Pool is going to be repaved before the season starts, it needs to be done soon. Mayor Ganz pointed out that the Council has already approved all of the paving. A tax increase is clearly inevitable this year so it is good to show people where the money is going.

Attorney Lustgarten did not think the Council had decided the sidewalk issue although he saw funds included in the capital budget. If the Borough is going to commit to spend money on this item, the liability issue should be discussed. Mayor Ganz thought that including some funds was appropriate even if it is to start to do repairs on an ad hoc basis without any survey.

Deputy Mayor Etler wanted to know why the Police Department requested a four-wheel drive vehicle. Mayor Ganz thought it would be used when it is needed. It would not be assigned to anyone. The Chief would assign it to the on duty sergeant or the post five officer. Councilmember Amato noted that this is a specific purpose vehicle. He questioned the need for it. Deputy Mayor Adler thought there should be at least one police vehicle that can go through certain types of weather. If it is an emergency and they have to get through bad weather, it makes sense to have one vehicle at the Department's disposal.

Mayor Ganz stressed that the funds for the sidewalks are not intended for a survey but strictly ad hoc repairs.

The consensus was to approve the items on the fast track list.

CFO Eccelston explained the process for the bond ordinance. He will send the bond counsel a list of the items. The bond counsel assigns the useful life to each and then averages it. He also explained the process for a bond issue.

Operating Budget - CFO Eccelston advised that the overtime is the same amount as last year at the new hourly rates. He will bring a salary sheet broken down by department for the next meeting. He will also give them the cost of the snow storms so far.

CFO Eccelston advised that at the next meeting there will be a resolution for a dedication by rider for police overtime. The State is going to reimburse the Borough for the overtime costs for the construction of the Route 208/4 project. This resolution will allow him to put it into a separate fund so that it will not affect the operating budget.

Mayor Ganz suggested that the Manager's budget as presented be introduced at the next meeting. CFO Eccelston advised that he could not physically do that but he could do it by the February 27 meeting. He pointed out that the Council has to approve the capital budget plan at the same time. Councilmember Amato noted that the Council has not even discussed the operating budget yet. Mayor Ganz pointed out that they would have to amend it before they adopted it.

The consensus was to introduce the Manager's budget on February 27, 2001.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Dobrow the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC/CMC/AE
Municipal Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2001
HELD AT THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mayor Ganz opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski 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, 2000. 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 Adler and Etler, Councilmembers Amato and Dobrow.

Also present: Borough Manager Sacks, Borough Attorney Lustgarten, Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski and Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski.

Mayor Ganz asked for a brief moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Beatrice Leiderman.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Dobrow, it was unanimous agreed to read the following ordinance by title.

Ordinance No.1840-2001

"AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT, ACCEPTANCE AND DEPOSIT OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THEREFORE"

Borough Attorney Lustgarten explained the purpose of this ordinance. Manager Sacks stated it would be for paving, curbing and sewers.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Dobrow, Resolution No. 63-2001 introducing Ordinance No. 1840-2001 was passed.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Deputy Mayor Etlar, it was unanimous agreed to read the following ordinance by title.

Ordinance No. 1841-2001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, 2000, BY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 232 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE VIII "TRAFFIC", SUBSECTION 232-50 "BUS STOPS"

Borough Attorney Lustgarten explained that this ordinance was to establish a bus stop on Century Road with a sunset period of 18 months.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Amato, Resolution No. 64-2001 introducing Ordinance No. 1841-2001 was passed.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #4-2001

Upon motion by Councilmember Dobrow and a second by Councilmember Dobrow, Consent Agenda #4-2001 containing the following items was unanimously adopted.

a. Resol. #65-2001 Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting 12/12/00

Work Session 12/12/00

Closed Session 12/12/00

Work Session 12/19/00

Special Meeting 12/19/00

Closed Session 12/19/00

Special Meeting 12/29/00

Reorganization Meeting 1/2/01

Work Session 1/2/01

b. Resol. #66-2001 Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

c. Resol. #67-2001 Approval of Raffles & Bingo:

HB Milnes PTA non-draw raffles

Warren Point PTA on-premise 50/50

d. Resol. #68-2001 Confirmation of Fire Board Actions

e. Resol. #69-2001 Appointment to Panel of Alternate Public Advocates

f. Resol. #70-2001 Extension of HVAC Repair and Maintenance Contract

g. Resol. #71-2001 REAP Grant Application Health Officer Services

h. Resol. #72-2001 REAP Grant Application Welfare Services

i. Resol. #73-2001 Award of Bid: Emergency Repair and Maintenance Water & Storm and Sanitary Sewer

- j. Resol. #74-2001 Award of Bid: Barrier Free Ramps and Curbs 2001
- k. Resol. #75-2001 JIF Bylaw Amendment

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

Upon motion by Councilmember Dobrow and a second by Councilmember Amato, it was unanimously agreed to open the time for public comments.

Vladimir Siroky, of I&J Fisnar, Inc., 2-07 Banta Place, explained that their business rents an office space on Banta Place with a small parking lot. The street has a two hour parking restriction. He asked that the restriction be relaxed. Mayor Ganz asked if there were any other parking locations available. Mr. Siroky stated they were trying to locate some. They had contacted a business across the street but were told they could not use the parking lot because of insurance reasons. Deputy Mayor Adler stated the two hour parking restriction was put into place because of commuters. Mayor Ganz added the restriction was to prevent buses from parking along Banta Place. Mr. Siroky asked about the issuance of stickers. Mayor Ganz stated the Council should look at the site. He asked Mr. Siroky to sketch the area where they are located and the parking lots in the neighborhood.

Igor Fisnar, of I&J Fisnar, Inc., 2-07 Banta Place, stated he started his business sixteen years ago which has continued to grow. They did not have this problem five years ago. Mayor Ganz asked if they wanted to lease spaces. Borough Attorney Lustgarten suggested Mr. Fisnar explore the possibility with his insurance company of indemnifying this company. Mr. Fisnar stated he will check with his insurance company. Borough Attorney Lustgarten stated if the other neighbor had an issue with the liability that might resolve the problem. Mayor Ganz reiterated asking him to provide a sketch so that the Council could look at it and revisit the issue.

Alan Caan and Stuart Herrmann, of the Rotary Club presented a check to the Mayor and Council in the amount of \$2,000.00 to help subsidize the cost of immunizations for the fifth graders in Fair Lawn.

Barry Winston, 19-11 Greenwood Drive, spoke of Bea Leiderman giving her a fond farewell knowing that she is paying attention.

Borough Attorney Lustgarten spoke about Bea Leiderman also. He said she lived in his district. Bea was the most unbeatable candidate from that district. After the merger of the Democratic parties she became a full trooper of the Democratic Party. He stated that wherever she was he missed her.

Mayor Ganz stated Bea Leiderman has been on the County Committee from 1958 through present. He too will miss her.

Barry Winston continued with a request to use the Senior Citizen's Building for a Democratic Party meeting. Manager Sacks stated it was done at Borough Hall no matter what the party affiliation was. She asked if he had ruled Borough Hall out. Mr. Winston said he had not and gave her the information regarding the date and time.

Stuart Herrmann, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, inquired about the parking on River Road. He wondered when an answer would be given. Mayor Ganz stated the Council has received the proposal on River Road and has found it not as precise as it should be. The Council will proceed on its own within sixty days.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and seconded by Councilmember Amato it was unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk