

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2001

Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Invocation by Cantor Meir D'Vir

Cantor D'Vir led the invocation.

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 "News Beacon" 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 Record, and The North Jersey Herald and News,. The Annual Notice identified the meeting location and the time of the Council Meetings and Work Sessions.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Adler, Amato, Dobrow, Etlar and Ganz.

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

Nominations for Mayor

Upon motion by Councilmember Etlar and a second by Councilmember Adler, Councilmember Ganz was nominated as Mayor. There were no other nominations made. Councilmember Ganz was unanimously elected Mayor.

Nominations for Deputy Mayor

Upon motion by Mayor-elect Ganz and a second by Councilmember Dobrow, Councilmember Adler was nominated as Deputy Mayor. No other nominations were made. Councilmember Adler was unanimously elected Deputy Mayor.

Swearing in of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Borough Attorney Lustgarten swore in Mayor Ganz and Deputy Mayor Adler congratulating both of them.

Remarks of the Mayor

Mayor Ganz assumed the chair.

Good evening, and thank you for joining us tonight. This evening marks the third time that I have taken the oath of Mayor of the Borough of Fair Lawn, and the occasion warrants some brief remarks on the "State of the Borough", a time to look at our report cards for the previous twenty four months, and to briefly look to the future.

With my colleagues, Deputy Mayor Sheri Adler, and Councilmembers Vic Amato, Flossie Dobrow, and Marty Etlar, we have had a busy year and have a list of accomplishments that ought to make every resident of the Borough of Fair Lawn proud.

Over the past year, in particular, the Borough Council has addressed serious quality of life issues that are of borough-wide concern. Our solutions have been innovative, the cost to borough taxpayers modest, and the results well the results speak for themselves: they are spectacular.

Let's first look at Memorial Park, where we have had a swimming facility for a half century. For a dozen years, various Councils have grappled with what to do with Memorial. There was even one proposal, a couple of years ago, to create a water theme park for over \$6?million. The problem with Memorial, in a nutshell, is that it was an old and tired facility. The concession stand, the changing rooms, the lifeguard station, and even the beach itself was a testament to a different time when Fair Lawn was a different community.

Hurricane Floyd, in late 1999, brought us to the point where we had to come up with a solution, because the flooding of the Passaic River caused serious structural damage to the buildings and the Army Corps of Engineers would have required buildings seven feet above the flood plain (at a cost of over \$1.5 million) to rebuild. The construction-grade sand on the beach was largely washed away, and muck left in its place. Your Council took prompt, affirmative action. At my initiative, the Manager examined the possible uses of temporary, mobile buildings, and when the cost figures came in, it was possible to put up new restrooms, new bathhouses, new lifeguard and administrative offices, and a new, air-conditioned lunchroom and concession stand all for under

\$300,000. We also replaced the sand with a high quality sea foam beach sand that does not stay suspended in water for very long ? and as a result, we have clean water where you can see to the bottom even at four feet depth. We also have stepped up our geese patrol, and with the purchase of a sand sifter, the beach is cleaner than ever. One result of this: attendance was up substantially, and so were revenues. We think that the addition of water slides, outdoor billiards, outdoor ping pong (table tennis) and even a bocce court. The overall cost of this was about \$1.1 million ? but that was before we turned loose the Manager, Barbara Sacks, and Tom Metzler (our Office of Emergency Management director) on our insurers and the Federal Government, both of which had significant responsibilities for reimbursing municipalities for their hurricane losses. The result was a gain to the Borough, and in the end, the calculations aren't fully reconciled, but the whole facility was done for the Borough at a cost of less than \$250,000.

The Borough Council also revised the Ordinances of the Borough for the first time in more than twenty years. This was a long term project initiated, actually, even before I was elected to the Council, but my colleagues and I finished the job, enacted the ordinances ? and significantly, these rules, laws and regulations can be read in a book at the library, or searched online on the Borough's web site.

Some of you will recall that when I first suggested a web site controlled by the Borough, it was opposed by some on the Council. In a little less than two years of operation, we have had more than 53,000 hits on our web site ? which, by the way, has received state wide awards for being among the best municipal web sites in New Jersey. Today, you can use our web site to read minutes from past council meetings, to see what is on the Planning Board or the Zoning Board agenda, or even to search municipal ordinances by key words.

When you look to our Planning and Zoning Boards, you will see another innovation that Fair Lawn has added to our administrative code. We now have a Public Advocate for the Planning Board, and a separate one for the Zoning Board. We have done this in a bipartisan manner, with competent counsel from both sides of the aisle serving as our Public Advocates, and board attorneys.

The Public Advocate speaks for the public, to protect their interest, and to make a record. On complicated commercial matters, it assists the Board of Adjustment or the Planning Board in evaluating an application, and in fighting to do what is right for the town, without interference from outside authorities.

This coming year, former Councilmember Ron Mondello will become the Public Advocate for the Zoning Board. On my last year on the Zoning Board, Ron took my place as Chair when the politics changed. He was an excellent Chairman, and during the past year, served as an outstanding Alternate Public Advocate. We promoted him, and we are proud of him, and the position he represents ? a first, I might add, for municipalities of our size. (There's a public advocate in New York City ? it's the former position of Speaker of the City Council ? but that city is a little larger than ours, which is ranked 19th in the State of New Jersey).

Here are some of the other accomplishments that this Council can be proud of. In no particular order,

* We continued funding of the Mid Bergen Mental Health Center, (formerly Fair Lawn Mental Health Center) at last year's level, to help meet the needs of many Borough residents, particularly among immigrant families, but also at all levels of income.

* We are under contract to install an ATM convenience machine right here in Borough Hall. It will work for employees, as well as members of the public, since Borough Hall is available twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

* As of November, a cooperative parking plan for River Road is in the drafting stages. We have gotten the parking lot on George Street adjacent to the Bank of New York lot into the plan, already. There is some more to do, and this year is the year to do it.

* The Council has initiated overnight free parking in some of the municipal lots to try and ease an over crowding situation. We continue to look at other alternatives for commuters who need more space near the station.

* A grant for bicycle paths at the Dobrow Sports Complex was received, and the path was installed for the use of all borough residents.

* A Broadway Committee was appointed, and its report received. Some solutions recommended by the committee will be considered later this year. We have stopped the philosophy of studying issues to death; we study them and then take action.

* National Fire Reporting System software was installed June 7, 2000.

* Handicap Parking at Radburn School was assured when the Borough did curb cuts as a courtesy to the Board of Education (extends parking at School).

* Cabling of the Council Chambers for televised coverage is nearly a reality. We were set to go in September when the Labor Day flood at Borough Hall wiped out Creative Cable. Audio portion authorized when Creative Cable is ready and able. We will use a grant to have "signed" programs for the non-hearing, and of course we will shut down broadcasting during "silly season" to prevent any political advantage. Stay tuned; it should happen soon.

* LOSAP ? the retirement plan for the volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps members ? was approved by the Council for the ballot, and approved by the voters in November. Fair Lawn joins a number of other progressive communities in honoring members of the emergency services who help us on a daily basis.

* To make the Council more responsive to the people, the Council this past year signed up for my initiative "Take the government to the people", and held meetings at five schools around town. We found it successful, and will go to eight schools between February and October this year.

* We also changed our rules to allow for public comment at work sessions, opening up a thirty minute slot for comment on any item that is on the Work Session agenda, thus assuring open government, and open communication.

* For Borough Residents who use the library and have a problem dropping off books, the Council has pledged a solution with a book-drop that will be installed later this year. It avoids unnecessary and unsafe double-parking, and also makes trips to the library where there are drop-offs only a lot easier.

* We also want to make appearing before the Zoning and Planning Board easier for commercial applicants ? and easier for objectors (usually homeowners) to understand the expert testimony that applicants have put in. We amended our ordinance ? and we're the first in the state to do this, at my suggestion ? to allow the respective boards to require expert testimony to be provided in written form, two weeks before the meeting. It gets posted on the web site, is available in the Library for review, and also is available at the meeting. The expert still has to show up and submit to questions about his written testimony ? but the objectors have a chance to read it and ask serious, thoughtful questions. It will also cut the time of an application down substantially by eliminating oral presentations of testimony on this manner when the board suggests it.

It has been a busy year in 2000, and will be a busier one this year. I am pleased to say that the state of the borough is good. I am equally pleased to have been part of the Council that helped to make it that way.

Remarks of Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Adler stated this year has been a very important personal journey for her because she had never served on a board where she had so much to learn and where her viewpoint and vision had to be different. She has told people that after serving on a Council for one year she cannot go into another city without looking at it differently. She thinks about what the Zoning and Planning Boards have done in the past to come up with the configurations of these cities. She no longer looks at them as a place to be but a place that someone has made livable. She has become very aware of the importance that the Borough Council has on the quality of life on the level of development and the state of the Country because of what they each do in their own little places.

Deputy Mayor Adler stated she came to the Council with a vision of what she wanted to do with the business community. She thanked the community and the Council for giving her the support that was needed to go ahead and begin the Economic Development Committee.

The committee has had several meetings and has produced a pull-out supplement in The Shopper. They will continue to meet and to develop the business community in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce, the River Road Improvement Corporation and with anyone else who wishes to see a thriving commercial community in Fair Lawn.

Deputy Mayor Adler concluded that Mayor Ganz had mentioned most of the very important things the Council has done. It is her honor to have been a part of that. She looks forward to the year ahead and building on what they have begun. She also stated she looks forward to meeting and greeting more people from Fair Lawn. It has been her great pleasure to have been the Deputy Mayor and is very grateful to have another year to serve in that position.

Remarks of Council

Councilmember Etlar stated that today marks one year since he has joined with the Council to serve the citizens of Fair Lawn. It was and still is a rewarding experience. The help of the Borough Manager, the Borough Clerk and the Borough Attorney was invaluable in his continuing education. Most of all Mayor David Ganz has shown great leadership in the many things this Council has accomplished. He hoped his new term will be as successful as his last term. He wished everyone a prosperous New Year with the hope that they can all return to this hall next year and repeat these very same words.

Councilmember Amato stated he was pleased to be part of this Council and again he wanted to thank the community for electing him to this position. He and his colleagues have had their differences but he has the greatest respect for them all. He hoped that Mayor Ganz will run again because he is a real asset not only to the Council but just by being part of the community. Councilmember Amato felt he tried to do his best in being fair in every vote that has been taken and the decisions that have been made. He was concerned about the fiscal responsibility that this position holds and will continue to look at every line item in the Capital Budget and Expense Budget.

Councilmember Dobrow stated thank you and good evening to everyone.

Mayor's Appointments

Borough Attorney Lustgarten read the Mayor's Appointments.

- a. Library Trustees - Francine Sorock, Jerome Wiener
- b. Environmental Commission Chairperson - Elaine Winshell
- c. Board of Education Liaison - Mayor Ganz, Deputy Mayor Adler
- d. Planning Board designee - Alan Caan
- e. Class II Planning Board Member - Thomas Metzler

Council Appointments

Upon motion by Councilmember Etlar and a second by Deputy Mayor Adler it was unanimously agreed to read Resolution Nos. 1-2001 through 27-2001 in summary with the full resolutions included in the Minutes and the vote on the Resolutions en masse.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Dobrow Resolution Nos. 1-2001 through 27-2001 in summary were unanimously adopted in their entirety.

- a. Resol. No. 1-2001 Borough Attorney
- b. Resol. No. 2-2001 Borough Auditor
- c. Resol. No. 3-2001 Tax Appraisers
- d. Resol. No. 4-2001 Labor Attorney
- e. Resol. No. 5-2001 Bond Counsel
- f. Resol. No. 6-2001 Planning Board
- g. Resol. No. 7-2001 Zoning Board
- h. Resol. No. 8-2001 Fire Officers
- i. Resol. No. 9-2001 Liaison to Fire Board
- j. Resol. No. 10-2001 Environmental Commission
- k. Resol. No. 11-2001 Senior Citizen Advisory Board
- l. Resol. No. 12-2001 Rent Leveling Board
- m. Resol. No. 13-2001 Holiday Celebrations
- n. Resol. No. 14-2001 Youth Advisory Board
- o. Resol. No. 15-2001 Property Maintenance/Facelift Committee
- p. Resol. No. 16-2001 Cable Television Board
- q. Resol. No. 17-2001 Insurance Commissioners Self Insurance
- r. Resol. No. 18-2001 Constables
- s. Resol. No. 19-2001 Advisory Committee on the Americans with Disabilities Act
- t. Resol. No. 20-2001 Garden Club
- u. Resol. No. 21-2001 Defender County Tax Board of Appeals
- v. Resol. No. 22-2001 Liaison to Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention
- w. Resol. No. 23-2001 Broadway Advisory Committee
- x. Resol. No. 24-2001 Advisors to the Senior Citizen Center
- y. Resol. No. 25-2001 Broker of Record Medical & Dental
- z. Resol. No. 26-2001 Public Advocates
- aa. Resol. No. 27-2001 Pool of Experts/Alternate Public Advocates

Manager's Appointments:

Borough Manager Sacks announced she was appointing Lois Lipton as Prosecutor, Josh Levine as Public Defender and Steven Schechter as Rent Leveling Attorney.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1836-2001

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

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Dobrow, Resolution No. 28-2001 introducing Ordinance No. 1836-2001 was considered. Borough Attorney Lustgarten explained that this ordinance sets the minimum and maximum salaries for the Borough Manager and it establishes the salary for the Webmaster.

Hearing no further discussion, Resolution No. 28-2001 introducing Ordinance No. 1836-2001 was unanimously passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1837-2001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, 2000, BY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 232 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE VIII TRAFFIC, SUBSECTION 232-51 NO LEFT TURN

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Dobrow, Resolution No. 29-2001 introducing Ordinance No. 1837-2001 was considered. Borough Attorney Lustgarten explained the ordinance. Mayor Ganz wondered if the heading should be changed to included "no right turn". He asked Borough Attorney Lustgarten to check this out before the next meeting.

Hearing no further discussion, Resolution No. 29-2001 introducing Ordinance No. 1837-2001 was unanimously passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1838-2001

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN 2000, MORE SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE II, ENTITLED, "THE COUNCIL", IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND AUTHORIZING DEPUTY MAYOR TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Dobrow, Resolution No. 30-2001 introducing Ordinance No. 1838-2001 was unanimously passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1839-2001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1553-94 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT AND A NON-EXCLUSIVE RENEWAL FRANCHISE TO CABLEVISION OF NEW JERSEY, A JOINT VENTURE, TO UPGRADE, OWN, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY" TO CREATE A COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE CABLE TELEVISION BOARD

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Etler, Resolution No. 31-2001 introducing Ordinance No. 1839-2001 was unanimously passed.

Resolutions by Consent # 1-2001

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Etlar, Resolutions by Consent #1-2001, which contained the following items was unanimously adopted.

- a. Resol. No. 32-2001 Cash Management Plan
- b. Resol. No. 33-2001 Official Newspapers
- c. Resol. No. 34-2001 Tax/Assessment Interest
- d. Resol. No. 35-2001 Temporary Budget
- e. Resol. No. 36-2001 Temporary Budget - Water
- f. Resol. No. 37-2001 Annual Meeting Dates and Times
- g. Resol. No. 38-2001 Defending Tax Appeals
- h. Resol. No. 39-2001 Annual Sale of Delinquent Taxes

Miscellaneous Public Comments

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Etlar, the time for public comments was unanimously opened.

Joel Pogolowitz, 13-14 Ivy Lane, explained that he lived in Section 5 and had a problem with the garbage pick up. Last week because of the snow storm his garbage was not picked up and will not be picked up until this coming Saturday. He called the Recycling Department who informed him there were no provisions in the contract for when it snows. It seemed to him that the contractor should be able to shift the schedules to pick up the garbage. Mayor Ganz agreed stating he had received several e-mails about this problem. Manager Sacks stated the contract does not provide for them to come back to pick up the sections missed and that the language will be changed in the next contract. Mr. Pogolowitz stated the contractor was picking garbage up as late as 8 p.m. Manager Sacks stated they have holiday help and will be getting their regular staff back soon. Deputy Mayor Adler stated the other problem was if they have missed a pick up the residents will have more than two cans. Manager Sacks stated the company knows that when they miss a pick up to expect more cans. Mr. Pogolowitz stated he was happy with the snow plowing that was done.

Ron Mondello, 16-26 Alden Terrace, stated he wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for their vote of confidence in appointing him Public Advocate. He personally thanked the Mayor and Council for the time they have spent on the Council as he spent just a short time as a Councilmember and knows what it entails.

Benediction by Reverend Marc S. McGrath

Adjournment to Work Session

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Amato, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

WORK SESSION OF JANUARY 2, 2001

Mayor Ganz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Also present: Manager Sacks, Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski, Attorney Lustgarten and CFO Eccelston.

Garbage Collection Due to Snow and Holidays - Mayor Ganz wanted to know what would happen if there were another snow storm at the end of this week and the scavenger is unable to pick up the garbage again Friday or Saturday. Manager Sacks advised that they are trying to clear out some containers to hold some of the garbage. DPW Superintendent Maslo explained that the current

contract does not require the scavenger to make up days missed because of inclement weather. Manager Sacks advised that she intends to change the specifications for the next contract so this problem does not occur.

The consensus was to authorize the Manager to get the garbage picked up and if it costs the Borough money so be it.

Ambulance Corps. Property (Blk 3516, Lot 6-9) - Manager Sacks advised that the Ambulance Corps. has discovered that they do not own four lots behind their building (6, 7, 8 and 9). According to the Tax Collector and Assessor the Borough owns the property. She wanted to know if they want to transfer the property to the Ambulance Corps. Attorney Lustgarten added that the Borough acquired them in the 1950's through foreclosure. The Tax Assessor suggested a title search with which Attorney Lustgarten concurred. He also thought they might have to auction the property. Mayor Ganz thought the Borough could lease the property to them. He asked that Engineering prepare a schematic for the Council.

The consensus was to authorize Attorney Lustgarten to do the title work and the Engineer to show pictures.

Capital Budget

Recreation and Parks Department - Superintendent Frey was present. Mayor Ganz asked for the status on the skating rink at Memorial Park. Superintendent Frey advised that he had planned to start skating in January the same as last year. The rink is full of snow so it will have to be plowed and salted to get it down to the macadam. They will start plowing tomorrow. If the weather stays cold, they can probably skate this weekend.

Mayor Ganz stated that it is an amenity that costs practically nothing and it should be available during the school breaks. He suggested that it be calendared for next year.

Councilmember Amato asked for an additional column on the sheets that CFO Eccelston gives them to show what the capital budget was last year. He was interested in how much more each department wants. Mayor Ganz did not think that information would be valuable although the Chief Financial Officer can provide it. CFO Eccelston advised that the five-year plan is already in the budget. He can do it but not before February 10. He has to close out the books, get the budget done by January 20 and do the financial statement.

REC 11.09 Tennis Court Rehabilitation - This is a long term project. He planned to do two courts at Warren Point and one at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in 2001 and Berdan Grove in 2002.

Mayor Ganz wanted to look at the vehicles on a borough-wide basis instead of by department. He asked for a list of trucks, mileage, age and maintenance records. Manager Sacks will provide the list.

REC 11.07 Field Rehab - Manager Sacks Recommended moving that project to next year. It is a joint project with the Board of Education. It does not look like doing it this year will be possible.

REC 11.16 Ballfield backstops - The framing of some backstops is twenty years old. He would like to do Center REC 1 and 2 this year. He is planning on a replacement program over five years.

Mayor Ganz pointed out that drainage problems continue at all the fields. Superintendent Frey advised they fill them in. They are planning to put in a mat to raise it a few inches and add soil. Engineer Garrison added that it will help stabilize the soil that should help the drainage. He would be happy to look at the problem with Superintendent Frey. The key is to stabilize the grade.

Mayor Ganz raised the issue of joining the Parks Department with the Department of Public Works. Superintendent Frey pointed out that such a merger had been considered several years ago and had been found not to be a good idea. He thought it would just add another layer of bureaucracy. He mentioned several things that the Parks Department is responsible for besides the parks including clearing sidewalks and school paths.

Mayor Ganz then asked why they did not plow the Borough lot at the Bank of New York in this last storm. Superintendent Frey explained that the Bank has a contractor. When his staff saw them doing the lot, they moved onto another area. Mayor Ganz stressed that it is the Borough's obligation to clear it and it is Superintendent Frey's obligation to see that it is done.

Department of Public Works - Superintendent Maslo was present. He explained that they will be building a new garage this spring for the Recycling Department and the mechanics. They will move most of the trucks inside the building so it will add to the life of the vehicles.

Mayor Ganz thought that having a schedule that makes economic sense to show them what vehicles are needed each year perhaps for the next 10 years would be helpful. Clearly, trucks need to be purchased on a regular basis.

Mayor Ganz commended Superintendent Maslo and his staff for the superior job they did on plowing and sanding during the storm.

Superintendent Maslo presented pictures of the vehicles he would like to replace. Councilmember Etler thought the trucks appeared to be neglected. They looked like they were misused and not maintained. Superintendent Maslo disagreed pointing out that all of the vehicles are old but they do maintain them. He advised that the vehicles requested for Recycling can plow.

Recycling -

RECY 19.05 Roll off containers - They do not plan to purchase any this year but anticipate purchasing three or four next year at a cost of \$6,000 each. Mayor Ganz wondered if they could purchase used containers instead of new. Superintendent Maslo advised that he has not even looked into it yet although he thought \$6,000 was not much for a piece of equipment that lasts ten years.

RECY 19.09 Mayor Ganz asked if the Recycling Coordinator would prefer to purchase a computer this year instead of next year. Manager Sacks will find out.

Electrical -

ELEC 20.01 - The lift truck requested for the Electrical Department has already been welded once and is a utility vehicle that every department uses.

ELEC 20.08 Van - This request was turned down last year.

Maintenance Garage -

MG 12.07 - Text II Diagnostic System is a computer system that plugs into all vehicles and tells what is wrong with the vehicle. Without this piece of equipment the mechanic cannot diagnose the problem.

MG 12.08 - Shop Equipment for the new building. Engineer Garrison explained that some of the items could have been included in the actual construction of the building. They decided not to do that because it would have cost more to get the items from the contractor. Buying the equipment diRECTly is cheaper.

Roads -

RDS 13.01 - Mayor Ganz wondered if salvaging the parts from the mason dump was possible. Superintendent Maslo advised that the vehicle will be auctioned.

RDS 13.05 - Skid Steer Loader is a versatile piece of equipment. It is compact and will fit in small places.

RDS 13.06 - This is the second year he has asked to replace the front end wheel loader. They cannot get parts for this vehicle that does not leave the yard. It will be auctioned.

RDS 13.08 - Street Signs - The municipality is mandated to change certain street signs. Each sign costs between \$55 and \$65.

RDS 13.11 - Hot Box - This is new technology. It is impossible to tell that there is a patch in the road. Councilmember Etler wondered how much it will cost to run.

RDS 13.13 - One salt spreader is completely rusted. It would have cost \$5500 to repair. It is 20 years old.

Buildings and Grounds -

BLDG 15.01 - They have applied for a Community Development grant to upgrade the kitchen in the Senior Center. CFO Eccelston explained that if the Borough gets the grant the project stays in the capital budget but they would fund it through the grant instead of being bonded.

BLDG 15.05 - They must replace the steel boilers with cast iron which has a 30-year life.

BLDG 15.10 - The roof at the Westmoreland Building has been leaking for over a year.

BLDG 15.14 - Replace tables, ceiling and flooring in conference room They would like to have one table that everyone could sit around without the wasted space in the middle. The ceiling and floor tiles would be replaced.

The consensus was to do this project expeditiously.

BLDG 15.15 Parking Meter Upgrade - The lot has ten meters that average \$1200 a year. Mayor Ganz felt the upgrade was a convenience for the residents.

Shade Tree

SHTR 16.08 Wood Chipper - They have only one good chipper. It would not be cost effective to repair the old chipper since the engine is gone. Superintendent Maslo will find out how much it will cost to repair.

SHTR 16.09 Installation of Fire Detection and Sprinkler System - Superintendent Maslo advised that none of the buildings have sprinkler systems. They are building the new garage with a sprinkler system. He thought it was time to start putting in the sprinklers.

SHTR 16.10 Safety equipment - In response to Councilmember Etlar's question, Superintendent Maslo advised that they want to purchase, jackets, vests, cones and barricades.

SHTR 16.11 Purchase new light tower/generator trailer - This is a safety issue when there are water main breaks or trees down. Manager Sacks added that the tower gives as much light as day light. They would share it with Heavy Rescue and the Police Department.

Sewer -

SEWD 17.01 Improvement to sanitary sewer lines - This line item would provide funds to do work that the Sewer Division cannot do on repair broken sewer lines. Due to the age of the sewer system and the pipes in the Borough this money is used every year.

SEWD 17.03 Pump station rehabilitation - These funds are used to replace parts and equipment worn out because of the corrosive nature of the system.

SEWD 17.04 - Generator - Mayor Ganz asked about a used generator which could be less costly and more effective. Superintendent Maslo advised that this piece of equipment is going into service to protect the water and sewer systems. In 1984 four emergency generators were purchased. The Saddle River Road pumping station puts out one and half million gallons of raw sewage every day. In case of a power failure and a generator failure one and half million gallons would be pumped into homes within twenty minutes. Engineer Garrison assured the Council that the pump station meets DEP standards. He has several discussions with the DEP who have strongly Recommended a back up generator to comply with their regulations. Passaic Valley Water provides 60 percent of the town. The generator can do that as well as the sewer station. The generator will be stored at the Saddle River Road station. Mayor Ganz noted that he has no interest in getting a back up generator unless there is a preventive maintenance program for the generators. Superintendent Maslo stated that they can take the portable generator to any of the four generators and still supplying power to the station. Engineer Garrison advised that it would cost between \$45,000 and \$50,000 for a permanent generator. If the Council does not approve this request, he will be requesting \$45,000 to put in a generator at the Passaic Valley pump station. Councilmember Etlar thought they should investigate a dual system although Superintendent disagreed. The whole idea of the portable generator is that it can be move around. Superintendent Maslo will give the Council costs and feasibility.

SEWD 17.05 Safety equipment - This line item is to purchase testing equipment, cones, vests and jackets.

SEWD 17.06 Sewer garage rehabilitation - \$18,000 is included for a new roof that has to be done. They need a new heating system. Deputy Mayor Adler asked for the figures broken down into categories.

Water Utility

WATD 18.19 New Case backhoe loader - This would replace the 1974 Ford that is not working.

Engineering

ENG 7.01 Roadway and parking lot improvements - Engineer Garrison explained that \$200,000 is for the roadway improvement program that is a continuing program. The balance of the request is for the parking lots in the Borough particularly Memorial Park,

Dobrow Complex and the Bergen Avenue lots.

ENG 7.03 Geographic information system (GIS)- Last year the Council approved the needs assessment. Engineer Garrison is soliciting proposals for that now. He has included \$65,000 to begin to digitize the tax maps. He would also do an aerial photo of the Borough. Eventually they will tie all the data bases together. When he has the the professional, he can come to the Council to give a presentation.

Budget Meeting Dates - It was agreed to schedule a budget meeting following the Regular Meeting on January 9.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Etlar the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Municipal Clerk