

SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2001

Mayor Ganz called the meeting to order at 6:00 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: Manager Sacks, Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski, Attorney Lustgarten and CFO Eccelston.

Underage Drinking Ordinance - Mayor Ganz announced that the Youth Advisory Committee met this afternoon to discuss the legislative change given to the Council by Officer Bastinck. Mrs. Panella agreed to take it to the PTO Council and the report to the Mayor.

Capital Budget

Tax Assessment - Assessor McCullum was present. He has requested a fire proof cabinet and two work stations.

Tax Collection - Tax Collector Barclay and Assistant Tax Collector Alice Lee were present. They have asked to go from a DOS based computer system to a Windows system from Edmunds Associates. Manager Sacks advised that the computers in that department cannot be upgraded.

Councilmember Amato arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Manager Sacks advised that this is the last year that Edmunds will allow DOS based customers. The new system is more user friendly and is a better way to serve the customer.

Councilmember Amato wanted to be sure that the Chief Financial Officer or the Manager do not have to interface with the Tax Collector. CFO Eccelston explained that he did not need the detail since all he does is post the monthly totals.

Library - Library Director Tim Murphy and Penny Kaplan were present. Director Murphy advised that the cost for the book drop is \$4,950. Councilmember Amato questioned the location of the book drop. He expressed concern about the safety of the location. Director Murphy advised that it is a workable if imperfect solution. They looked at other locations, but they were not safe. He presented a picture of the book drop.

Deputy Mayor Adler asked if marking off the location were possible so they could get a better visual picture of how much space the book drop will require. Manager Sacks advised that the Traffic Officer did that already. He is the expert. She did not think any of them had the expertise. She asked him to do it and he has given an opinion but if they want to second guess him they can do that. He paced it off. She was not sure how much more he can do. He said here is the size of it. Here is what is going to happen with the cars. Here is where people are parking. This is the reality and they will not have a problem. They asked someone with expertise to look at the problem. Now they are saying never mind what he said.

Ms. Kaplan noted that the placement is a very difficult decision or they would have done this years ago. Deputy Mayor Adler wondered if it could be placed at the Bergen Avenue end of the lot. Manager Sacks felt that would not be a good location because traffic enters and leaves the lot. Councilmember Etlar thought it was a good idea and they should implement it. He asked that the Traffic Officer present a plan and they could discuss it. Mayor Ganz noted that the location is not going to be resolved at the budget discussions.

Mayor Ganz wondered if they had considered a plaque system to partially offset the cost of purchasing table and chairs. Director Murphy advised that the Board could discuss that at their reorganization meeting. The paver program was the first long term fund-raising project they had undertaken. They would like to set up some type of endowment program. He promised that the Library Board would look at Mayor Ganz's suggestion.

Director Murphy advised that the carpeting is nine years old. They need a certain grade of carpet so they can lay it over the existing carpet so they can avoid asbestos issues.

Councilmember Etlar thought the chairs for the reference room were too expensive. Manager Sacks pointed out that they need good quality chairs because of the heavy volume of use. They are on the State contract. A discussion followed about bidding vs. purchasing off the State contract. Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski was asked to advise the Council what it costs to bid.

Fire Department - Fire Chief Gaul was present. Mayor Ganz thought the Fire Department should be projecting ahead in the same manner as the other Departments. CFO Eccelston explained that it is difficult because the chief changes each year. He thought that having a committee that looked at the capital costs might be helpful. He offered to help the Fire Department.

The consensus was to have five year projections for each item with Councilmember Etlar dissenting.

They asked to replace two Chiefs' cars with Ford Explorers. He expected to get eight to ten years from each vehicle.

The Council agreed last year to replace thirty pagers a year. He asked that they replace thirty pagers this year. Last year's batch of thirty did not get purchased because of difficulties with the vendor. The radio committee is looking at other vendors.

Mayor Ganz asked if they could integrate the Computer Aided Dispatch System with the Police Department. Manager Sacks pointed out that it will have to be that is why it is not included in her recommendations for approval this year. The Fire Department is not ready. They have not met with the Police Department. Anything they buy now would not be integrated. Councilmember Amato disagreed. The Fire Chief and the Deputy Chief have to meet with the Police Department, but he did not see why that could not purchase the system. Manager Sacks pointed out the Fire Department does not know what to buy to avoid duplication.

Councilmember Amato noted that there are levels of systems they can purchase from simple to very complex. He would like to see them at least get a simple system. It would help in their response to fires. It looks like the Council is going to approve an important piece of equipment for the Police Department. The same company can sell them software to work with it for the Fire Department.

Councilmember Etlar wanted to know how much it will cost to operate the system. He asked who will enter the data and how much will that cost. Mayor Ganz advised that it will be operated by the Police Department the same way they operate it for the Police Department. Councilmember Amato added that with this system they will know where the cross streets are, the location of the hydrants and the best route to get there.

Mayor Ganz pointed out that this is the fourth time he has heard questions asked without any answers. He urged the Chief to interact with the Police Chief and get back to the Council with the answers to the questions. Chief Gaul stated that the Committee was working with the Police Department but they stopped because they were getting no where. Mayor Ganz asked Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski to send a memo to everyone present listing what is needed including what the system can do, what information can be downloaded and the cost to input data. Chief Gaul should follow up with the Council monthly. He believes that this system will save lives. Councilmember Amato added that many other towns already have this type of system. He is interested in something as a starting point so they will have some basic information that will help firefighters respond to incidents. The most efficient way to do it is to purchase it from D.M.Data.

Fire Prevention - Fire Marshal Bender was present. Manager Sacks recommended the hand-held computers and a computer. CFO Eccelston added that he distributed a request for office furniture for \$3,000. The Fire Department and Fire Prevention had been sharing but they are now in two locations.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Amato the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2001

Mayor Ganz opened the meeting at 8:00 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 "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: Mayor Ganz, Deputy Mayor Adler, Councilmembers Amato, Dobrow and Etlar.

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

Bojanowski.

NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Dobrow, Councilmember Etler was nominated as Deputy Mayor for Community Affairs. No other nominations were made. Councilmember Etler was unanimously elected Deputy Mayor for Community Affairs.

SWEARING IN OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Borough Attorney Lustgarten swore in Deputy Mayor Etler congratulating him.

REMARKS OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Deputy Mayor Etler stated he will discharge his duties to the best of his ability.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager Sacks stated there were no changes or additions to the report on the table.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #3-2001

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Amato, Consent Agenda #3-2001 containing the following items was unanimously adopted.

a. Resol. #53-2001 Approval of Minutes

Work Session 12/5/00

Special Meeting 12/5/00

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b. Resol. #54-2001 Liaison to Cable Television Board

c. Resol. #55-2001 Approval of Raffles & Bingo:

Temple Beth Sholom Bingo

Persuasion Parents Assoc. off-prem mdse

d. Resol. #56-2001 Professional Services Riggs Associates, PA

e. Resol. #57-2001 Award of Bid: Uniforms

f. Resol. #58-2001 Extending Storm & Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and TV Inspection Contract

g. Resol. #59-2001 Sale of Borough Owned Property Block 3517 Lot 21

h. Resol. #60-2001 Appointment to the Environmental Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2001 Extending Congratulations and Commendation to Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC/CMC/AAE

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and seconded by Deputy Mayor Etler, Resolution No. 61-2001 was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-2001 Urging New Jersey Transit to create an indented bus stop on Century Road

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Deputy Mayor Etler, Resolution No. 62-2001 was unanimously passed.

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.

Violet DeVries Etler, 15-12 Elmary Place, commented how proud she was of her husband, Martin Etler who became Deputy Mayor for Community Affairs. She said her husband does his job well. The entire Council is doing a very good job and are known all through the County. Deputy Mayor Etler said his wife was so good.

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

ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and seconded by Deputy Mayor Etlar it was unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

WORK SESSION OF JANUARY 23, 2001

Mayor Ganz reconvened the meeting 8:15 p.m.

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

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

Raindate for Fire Fireworks - Manager Sacks asked for an alternate rain date instead of July 8. She recommended July 2.

The consensus was that the raindate would be July 2.

Manager Sacks advised that if it is still rainy, they can hold it on Labor Day, September 3. The Council concurred.

Manager Sacks advised that the concert will cost about \$4300. It will not be one of the free concerts which a fund for free concerts generally subsidizes. Since it is included in the tickets for the fireworks, the Borough will have to pay for it. They need a thirty-two-piece orchestra for the 1812 overture to play with the fireworks. Deputy Mayor Adler noted that at the door ticket sales will end earlier. Manager Sacks added that for safety reasons they will move the band shell. Attorney Lustgarten suggested that it would be nice to video tape and then play it on Channel 66. Inviting the leaders of the VFW to be near the podium and honoring them as well might be appropriate.

Manager Sacks advised that she will ask Commerce Bank if they want to sponsor the concert.

The consensus was to authorize Manager Sacks to seek sponsors but if they are not available, the Borough will absorb the cost of the concert. Ticket prices for the fireworks will remain the same as last year. Last year the price of the tickets for the fire works was Pre-sale: Children/Senior Citizens 3.00; Adults 5.00 and Family 12.00 and at the gate: Children 3.00 Senior Citizen 4.00 and Adult 6.00.

Closed Session Resolution - Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Amato the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 8:30 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 attorney/client privilege; and

WHEREAS, these matters are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussion; and

WHEREAS, public disclosure of the results of these discussions shall be within 90 to 120 days except for legal strategy;

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 - Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Amato the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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