

REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2000

Mayor Ganz opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski read the following statement of compliance:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the meeting of the Borough of Fair Lawn was published in the "The Record" issue of December 17, 1999. 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 and The Shopper. 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: Manager Sacks, Attorney Lustgarten, Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sacks stated there were no changes to her report.

PROCLAMATIONS: National Children's Memorial Day

Municipal Clerk read the proclamation.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING

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

Ordinance No.1828-2000

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

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

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Amato, Resolution No. 344-2000 adopting Ordinance No. 1828-2000 was considered.

Councilmember Amato stated that he was opposed to the ordinance. In the County salary analysis, the Fair Lawn Department Heads were at the top. He objected to longevity and thought that it should be taken into account when the salary increases were considered. He has argued this issue repeatedly to no avail. Mayor Ganz thanked Councilmember Amato for preparing a very useful analysis showing the compensation in many other communities. Longevity is something that has been historically bargained for with the unions. This ordinance gives labor peace for the next four years. Councilmember Dobrow concurred with Councilmember Amato.

Hearing no further comments, Resolution No. 344-2000 adopting Ordinance No. 1828-2000 was passed with Councilmember Amato dissenting and Councilmember Dobrow abstaining.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #20-2000

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Etlar, Resolutions by Consent #20-2000 which contained the following items was unanimously passed.

a. Resol. #345-2000 Approval of Minutes

Work Session 9/19/00

Special Meeting 9/19/00

Closed Session 9/19/00

Regular Meeting 9/26/00

Closed Session 9/26/00

Work Session 10/3/00

Special Meeting 10/3/00

Closed Session 10/3/00
Regular Meeting 10/10/00
Work Session 10/10/00
Closed Session 10/10/00

b. Resol. #346-2000 Approval of Raffles & Bingo:

Temple Avoda off-premise 50/50

Temple Beth Sholom off-premise mdse

Fair Lawn Lions Club off-premise 50/50

c. Resol. #347-2000 Professional Services Claims Management Contract

d. Resol. #348-2000 Rescind Current Contract and Enter into New Contract with Millbrook

e. Resol. #349-2000 Award of Bid: Various Borough Vehicles

f. Resol. #350-2000 Change Order: Columbia Terrace Park Bike Path

g. Resol. #351-2000 Participation in REDI Grant

h. Resol. #352-2000 Appointments to the Fair Lawn Historical Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 353-2000 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Dobrow, Resolution No. 353-2000 was discussed.

Manager Sacks explained that this resolution will allow the Borough to recover the cost for the police for the Route 208/4 project. They have started some demolition in Paramus. It looks like they will not get started for several weeks. They are trying to work around the shopping season.

Hearing no further comments, Resolution No. 353-2000 authorizing the execution of a contract with the Department of Transportation was unanimously passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Ganz read the following letter:

"Dear Mr. Mayor, We have been studying our community of Fair Lawn. We have talked about the rules that our town has. We had some ideas about rules and ways to make Fair Lawn even better.

1. No smoking in any public buildings and restaurants.
2. A volunteer group of citizens to help ill, disabled or elderly shovel walks, bail water and rake leaves.
3. Free transportation for citizens to hospitals.
4. Create a 'Community Anthem' and sing it on 'Fair Lawn Day'.
5. Hold a 'Get to Know Your Neighbor Day'.
6. Put more streetlights and cameras on streets to keep us safe.
7. Make rules about helmets for riding on scooters.

Thank you for your time. We would love to have you visit our class to discuss our ideas.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Malester's 3rd Grade

Mayor Ganz announced he will write Mrs. Malester a letter tomorrow. He visited last year and spoke to the third grade class. He proposed discussing these ideas further at the next work session.

Mayor Ganz read a letter he received regarding the potentially dangerous situation at Memorial School caused by the lack of a crossing guard. He has received many of these letters. This item will be discussed at the next work session. Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski was asked to notify Mr. Hoffman and the other individuals that sent letters that the Council will be discussing this situation at that time.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Ed Feldman, 7-09 Park Avenue stated that at the October 24 meeting he had asked if the Borough were purchasing two SUV's. The Mayor said they were not. Mayor Ganz replied that the Borough had not purchased them.

Mr. Feldman continued that according to the ordinance adopted and printed in the Record the Borough has purchased two of them. He felt that they would cost about \$50,000. He wondered where the money was coming from to pay for the ordinance that they just passed giving employees raises. He thought the Mayor and Council should be a little more careful with the expenditures.

Mr. Feldman stated that in 1993 a major fire displaced people from their apartments. At that time the Welfare Director came out in the middle of the night to help place people. He did not think the County would do the same if the circumstances occurred again. He wondered what would happen to a person who was homeless over a weekend or in the middle of the night. He felt the Council should have considered these things before doing away with the position. He suggested that they join with the county for the Health Officer and that would save \$100,000.

Mr. Feldman noted that he did not think that saying that he was a dishonest person was appropriate for the Manager Sacks. She apologized to that other resident. He felt he deserved an apology too.

Mr. Feldman concluded by wondering if the food drives would continue once the Human Services were gone. Councilmember Etlar assured him that those services will continue. The County will provide the services to those who need it.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Amato, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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