REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2020

Mayor Peluso called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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 January 10, 2020. Notices were also sent to the Herald News and posted on the bulletin board located on the first floor of the Municipal Building; copies were mailed to The Community News and posted on the Borough of Fair Lawn website. The annual notice identified the meeting location and the time of Council Meetings and Work Sessions.

PRESENT: Mayor Peluso, Deputy Mayors Reinitz and Rottenstrich, Councilmembers Cutrone and Krause.

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Van Kruiningen, Municipal Clerk Bojanowski, Deputy Municipal Clerk Olivola and Attorney Verrone.

PRESENTATION OF POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST WINNER BY THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

George Bate and Mark Spindel presented the awards for the Poster and Essay Contest Winners by the Property Maintenance Committee.

The winners of the Poster contest – 1st Place Avina Hern of Westmorland, 2nd Place winner Paul Batahd and 3rd Place Winner was Kathryn Lin.

The winners of the Essay Contest – 1st place winner Enaga Ajesh, 2nd Place winner Max Trega and 3rd Place winner Faselios Avramini.

Mark Spindel thanked the Mayor and Council for having them as well as the BOE parents and teachers as they are a testament of the Fair Lawn Schools being as good as they are.

PROCLAMATIONS: AMERICAN HEART MONTH – GO RED FOR WOMEN
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mayor Peluso read the proclamation for American Heart Month – Go Red for Women.

The Mayor and Council presented a proclamation to Ilene Kahn President of the League of Women Voters for the 100th Anniversary.
Ilene Kahn thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition and is proud of the work the League of Woman Voters is doing.

The Mayor and Council presented a proclamation to Daniella Jordan Mason-Mays, Chair of the Senior Advisory Committee who accepted the proclamation for Black History Month.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Cutrone announced Upcoming Events; Access for All Dance for adults with special needs is February 7th at the Community Center and a Sprouts Event will be held on Sunday, March 8th at 3:00 at the Community Center.

She thanked the Fire Departments for inviting them to attend their Annual Installation Dinner. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the successes of 2019 and wished all of the new Chiefs and firefighters a safe and equally successful 2020. She thanked them all for their service to the community and thanked their spouses for giving up their other half to keep the town safe.

She stated that an initiative she had taken on as a Councilwoman would be to get All Sports to add more programs for preschool aged children and thanked Fair Lawn All Sports for adding a new Kick Ball League for them.

She thanked the League of Women Voters for bringing forth the proclamation to recognize the important work they do. This gives the Mayor and Council the opportunity to pay tribute to the women who fought and died so that all women could have the right to vote, and gave her the ability to become a Councilmember. Being that it is the 100th year anniversary of the Suffrage Movement she took the opportunity to call attention to the momentous event. She recognized some of the leaders in the Suffrage Movement that are not well known such as, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony because the real work has done at the ground level and those people are often the unsung heroes. Unlike how most of us learned about the Women’s Suffrage Movement it was not a top-down strategy, it actually had multiple starting points and is what the NY Times called a patchwork of progress through hundreds of state and local campaigns. Showing of course how important local government can truly be. She acknowledged the work of Dr. Mabel Lee who was a Chinese immigrant who was an advocate for women’s suffrage and continued to fight for women’s right to vote even though as a Chinese immigrant she could not vote and did not benefit from it until 1943.
Lastly, she reminded residents that there are many ways to get involved in the community. There are numerous boards and committees through the Borough. There are many volunteer groups that are always looking for help. She said being a part of these groups will help to ensure that Fair Lawn continues to be the thriving and welcoming community it is.

Councilmember Krause congratulated the winners of the Property Maintenance Poster and Essay Contest. He said it was encouraging to see the different approaches and topics about the environment, as it is a very important issue. It’s heartening to hear that children are focusing on it, and saw many adults concerns about the environment during his campaign. He said he is serving as the Council liaison to the Environmental Committee and attended their recent meeting where they set forth a number of different goals for 2020, including working to ban single use plastic bags.

He spoke about the 100th year anniversary for the League of Women Voters. He said as the ratification of the 19th amendment nears, it’s hard to imagine 100 years ago there was a world where women could not vote. It’s important to look back and learn the history and what it took to get that right. He said without the work of the League of Women Voters, who keep women informed, they are particularly valuable in local elections and he appreciates it. He looked forward to what they will continue to do in the future.

He attended the Fire Chief’s installation dinner and congratulated all of the newly elected Chiefs, officers and Firefighters. Last fall he attended the Citizen’s Fire Academy. It was a tremendous experience as he received a brief overview of the training that they go through and the different gear that they have to wear. He had a great appreciation for the work that goes into it.

Deputy Mayor Rottenstrich congratulated all the newly elected Chiefs and officers sworn in at their Installation Dinner. She thanked all of the heroic firefighters for the hard work they do all year long. She congratulated all of the poster and essay contest winners.

As Co-Chair of the Complete Count Committee they are focused on getting 100 percent response in Fair Lawn for the 2020 Census. She announced they will be holding a poster and essay contest. The winners will be invited to the next Council Meeting and the posters will be hung all over Fair Lawn. They will be holding a Census Ambassador Training at the Library on February 23rd sponsored by the League of Women Voters. They will have volunteers at the Senior Center to help any senior who needs assistance in filling out the census form at the end of March. April 1st is Census Day and they will have volunteers at the Fair Lawn Public Library to help anyone fill out the Census form.
She announced that on May 16th Fair Lawn will have the community wide litter clean up. On May 17th is Green Day and they will be asking different civic groups to adopt green spaces to clean up on May 16th. The Rotary has already adopted Berdan Grove.

She stated that Holocaust Remembrance Day is a day of commemorating the deaths of 6 million Jews and 11 million others by the Nazi's and their collaborators. The day is honored by telling the stories of those who survived, and those who did not. She shared her Father-in-Law's story of how he escaped and was a holocaust survivor and although his parents and sister did not survive he managed to make a life for himself. She saw a common thread with this day of remembrance, the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters and Black History Month. That common thread is resolve. Those who survived the Holocaust resolved to live their lives, raise their families and to make sure their stories are told. The Women who formed the League of Women Voters in 1920, 6 months before the 19th Amendment was ratified after 72 years of struggle, resolved to continue their work by helping women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. Their work continues today and plays a critical role in insuring that our democracy continues and that there is equal access to the vote. Black history in America is a history of resolve, from the struggle to abolish slavery with the passage of the 13th Amendment in 1865, to the passage to the Civil Rights Act in 1964, to Stacey Abrams historic campaign for Governor of Georgia in 2018 and formed Fair Fight 2020, which seeks to protect the right to vote and to fight voters suppression. All of this history and resolve reminded her of a poem by Mio Angelo which she read.

Deputy Mayor Reinitz was happy and proud to report thus far that they are still on the path to the third budget in three years with a 0% tax increase. He thanked Manager Van Kruiningen and CFO Karen Palermo for their hard work coming up with a budget that meets their priorities and the residents needs while not imposing a greater tax burden. The continued increase in the Borough’s ratable numbers and the ability to attract businesses to town, shows how much the community is thriving.

He spoke about the banning of single use plastic bags. He thanked the Green Team for their leadership and their researching the bag bans in the neighboring towns in order to bring them a working ordinance. He looked forward to getting this done in the near future.

He attended the Fire Department Installation dinner and he congratulated the newly elected Chiefs and officers on their installation. He thanked all the
volunteers and their families for their sacrifices. He thanked Fair Lawn T.V. for their hard work and all their volunteering.

He said the Property Maintenance Committee is focusing on the address ordinance and that they are being properly complied with by the residents so that the first responders are able to see addresses on buildings. He thanked the Committee for always pushing to making Fair Lawn as beautiful as it can be and uphold the high standards that they all have. He thanked the Knights of Pythia's and Columbia Bank for being such great partners in the community and sponsoring the essay and poster contest awards, and encouraging the kids in the community to continue to dream big and continue to help solve problems that the Borough experiences.

He congratulated the League of Women Voters. He wanted to recognize them for their constant hard work to educate the residents during election time and throughout the year. He congratulated Larissa Mendez Downes for being honored by the Women of Progress, for being the change maker of the year. Its residents like Ms. Downes, who go out of their way and donate their time to advocate for what they believe in. He said the Fair Lawn community is built on the volunteer spirit of the residents. He thanked the League of Women Voters. They are very fortunate to have the very active group in Fair Lawn and appreciated their hard work.

He thanked Daniella Jordan Mays for being such a great leader in the community, especially with the Senior Advisory Committee. He was with Daniella when Congressman Gottheimer came to Fair Lawn to talk about legislation he is proposing that would allow seniors to sell their homes and not be taxed. The money they save can be put into a 401K and used later on. He was happy to support him and the legislation.

Lastly, he mentioned the swearing in of the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps new leaderships and thanked all of them for taking on the hard work and for all they do for Fair Lawn.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2521-2020**
**(RESOLUTION NO. 65-2020)**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AS AMENDED – MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
There being no discussion, Resolution No. 65-2020 introducing Ordinance No. 2521-2020 was unanimously passed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2522-2020**  
**(RESOLUTION NO. 66-2020)**  

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AS AMENDED — POLICE DETECTIVE STIPEND**

There being no discussion, Resolution No. 66-2019 introducing Ordinance No. 2522-2020 was unanimously passed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2523-2020**  
**(RESOLUTION NO. 67-2020)**  

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

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 67-2020 introducing Ordinance No. 2523-2020 was unanimously passed.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2524-2020**  
**(RESOLUTION NO. 68-2020)**  

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENTS AND BUDGET AND FISCAL PROCEDURES, ARTICLE XVIII, NONDEPARTMENTAL OFFICES AND BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, SECTION 2-108.1, “SUSTAINABLE FAIR LAWN GREEN TEAM,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, 2000**

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 68-2020 introducing Ordinance No. 2524-2020 was unanimously passed.
ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING:

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Reinitz and a second by Councilmember Cutrone it was unanimously agreed to read the following ordinance by title and open the time for public comments.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2519-2020**  
**(RESOLUTION NO. 69-2020)**

**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 COUNTY OF BERGEN, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING**

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

Upon motion by Councilmember Cutrone and a second by Deputy Mayor Reinitz, Resolution No. 69-2020 adopting Ordinance No. 2519-2020 unanimously passed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Krause and a second by Deputy Mayor Reinitz it was unanimously agreed to read the following ordinance by title and open the time for public comments.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2520-2020**  
**(RESOLUTION NO. 70-2020)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF A TEN FOOT DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON BLOCK 2617, LOT 12 IN THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN**

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

Upon motion by Councilmember Krause and a second by Deputy Mayor Rottenstrich, Resolution No. 70-2019 adopting Ordinance No. 2520–2019 was unanimously passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**
Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Rottenstrich and a second by Councilmember Cutrone, the time for public comments on Agenda items only was opened.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT # 4-2019

Upon motion by Councilmember Krause and a second by Deputy Mayor Rottenstrich, Consent Agenda 4-2019 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

a. Resol. #71-2020 - Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting 12/17/2019
b. Resol. #72-2020 - Approval of Computer Maintenance Service – Edmunds Associates
c. Resol. #73-2020 - Transfer of Funds
d. Resol. #74-2020 - Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Application
e. Resol. #75-2020 - Approving Extension of Agreement for Project #2301 – Various Water Analysis – Agra Environmental Services, Inc.
f. Resol. #76-2020 - Authorizing the Donation of a Pool Table to the Borough of Elmwood Park Senior Center
g. Resol. #77-2020 - Approving Additional Fees for Revisions of the Plans for the Municipal Building Restrooms – Ives Architecture Studio, LLC
h. Resol. #78-2020 - Authorizing Renewal of Membership in the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a Three Year Term
i. Resol. #79-2020 - Authorizing Participation in NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance)
j. Resol. #80-2020 - Authorizing Contract with ATC Corp Utilizing the NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) Contracts for Tennis Court Refurbishments and Accessories
k. Resol. #81-2020 - Approving Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
l. Resol. #82-2020 - Authorizing Extension of Agreement with Aptive Environmental
m. Resol. #83-2020 - Appointment to the Senior Advisory Committee
n. Resol. #84-2020 - Appointment to the Community Relations Advisory Committee
o. Resol. #85-2020 - Approving Roof Replacement Cadmus Pump Station – Change Order #1
p. Resol. #86-2020 - Supporting the Board of Education's Submission of a Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation "Safe Routes to School Program"

q. Resol. #87-2020 - Dedication by Rider – Fair Lawn for All Ages
r. Resol. #88-2020 - Cancellation of Grant Received and Grant Appropriations

RESOLUTION NO. 89-2020 -

Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Marc D. Ramundo, LLC as Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for 2020

Upon motion by Councilmember Krause and a second by Councilmember Cutrone, Resolution No. 89-2020 was passed with Deputy Mayor Reinitz abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Councilmember Krause and second by Deputy Mayor Rottenstrich, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski
Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Mayor Kurt Peluso

Deputy Mayor Josh Reinitz

Councilmember Cristina Cutrone

Deputy Mayor Gail Rottenstrich

Councilmember Kris Krause