



BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2022

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

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting, giving the time, date and information for accessing this public meeting, was sent to 'The Record' on December 30, 2021, was posted on the bulletin board located on the 1st floor of the Municipal Building, was filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, and was posted on the Borough's website.

PRESENT: Mayor Peluso, Deputy Mayor Cutrone, Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs Krause and Councilmembers Reinitz and Rottenstrich.

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Van Kruijning, Acting Municipal Clerk Magarelli and Attorney Verrone.

FLAG SALUTE

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Peluso presented a proclamation to Fire Company #3 for assisting in the 11-alarm fire at Majestic Industries in Passaic, New Jersey.

Mayor Peluso read the Black History Month proclamation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Rottenstrich

She thanked the firefighters for their service and for coming to the aid of our neighbors in Passaic.

She thanked the members of the Ambulance Corp for coming to the Planning Board hearing on January 10th where they made their concerns known about the Senior Housing project on Pollitt Drive. She encourages all our residents who are interested in the project to come and ask questions and voice their concerns.

Next Monday will be the final delivery of meals provide by the Bergen County Food Security Task Force. She thanked Lisa MacClements for organizing student

volunteers from Fair Lawn High School to come and deliver meals to our seniors and families in need. She also mentioned that whoever is involved in this program and other similar programs are eligible to apply for scholarships funded by the Taub Family Foundation. She thanked everyone involved in helping to make this program a success in Fair Lawn. Also, she and Deputy Mayor Cutrone are working with the Bergen County Food Security Task Force to secure funding for refrigeration to provide our families in need with fresh healthy food through our food pantry program. They have also been working on grants for sustainability projects.

Green Team met with Lyncrest Environmental Club to work on the creation of a youth garden to educate children on regenerative gardening. Another program they are also doing is educating our residents on about the importance of planting native plants and trees. This program will be part of this year's Arboretum Day, which is tentatively set for May 22nd.

She is very pleased about raising the Black History Month flag at Borough Hall and stressed the importance of Black History Month.

Councilmember Reinitz

He thanked DPW and the Water Department for their tireless work over the past few weeks with the water main breaks.

He thanked the Fire Department for their selfless heroic work in Passaic and for going above and beyond to protect our area.

Tomorrow there will be signups for the Adult Kickball league that is being started by the Recreation Department. Please contact Fair Lawn All-sports if you interested in participating.

Veteran tribute banner submission deadline is this coming Friday. Please submit pictures of your Veteran that you would like to be displayed on a banner. If you have any questions, information is on the website or email veterans@fairlawn.org.

Lastly, starting next Tuesday, they will be starting their budget meetings and he encourages the residents to participate. The more participation they have the better decisions they will make.

Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs Krause

He echoed comments to the Fire Department for their work in Passaic and for going above and beyond to protect our area. He knows how much Passaic appreciated their assistance.

He echoed the comments on the work of the DPW and the Water Department on the water main breaks.

Environmental commission is continuing their work on the proposed changes of the model ordinance for electrical vehicle charging stations. They have also setup several other projects such as the noise ordinance, seeing the ERI getting updated and a potential bike route.

Arts Council is working hard on this year's Art in the Park. They have a number of events throughout the year and he is looking forward to them.

He thanked the Community Relations Advisory Committee for holding the Blood Drive on Martin Luther King Day.

He spoke about how Martin Luther King was a great writer and that he has read some of his works. He has a huge appreciation for his ability to engage in ideas, even if they came from a perspective he didn't necessarily agree with, he would look into the criticism of his ideas and use that to try to strengthen his beliefs. He was a fantastic writer and a great mind.

He wished the seniors at the high school good luck in wrestling tonight.

Deputy Mayor Cutrone

She thanked the firefighters who helped put out the chemical fire in Passaic and she is incredibly proud of their selflessness, not only for serving the Fair Lawn residents but for going well beyond that.

Fair Lawn for All Ages sponsored the first Holiday Lights competition event and was able to donate \$820.00 to our Veteran's Affairs Trust fund. They are also sponsoring the Student Outreach Program at the Middle School for Valentine's Day, the lunch at the Senior Center on March 3rd and hosting a Senior Resource Fair on May 23rd. She would like to remind our older adults that if they need help shoveling, they can call 201-777-6135 or email fiforallages2020@gmail.com and someone will get back to you.

Community Relations Advisory Committee is working with our Arts Council to host our first Holi Celebration on March 20th, from 2-4 pm, at Memorial park. Holi is a vibrant and popular Ancient Indian Festival also known as the Festival of Love, Festival of Color and the Festival of Spring. If you plan to attend, you should come wearing white and you can purchase the color packets or they may have them donated. There will be music, food, lots of color and a lot of fun.

She echoed Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs Krause's thanks to our Community Relations Advisory Committee for holding the Blood Drive on Martin

Luther King Day. They collected 28 pints of blood which corresponds to saving 84 lives. We have a massive blood shortage and she encourages anyone who can to donate.

February is Black History Month and the Borough will be raising a flag in honor of that and she hopes it will inspire our residents to learn more about the many contributions that Black Americans have made here in our country and in our town. She encourages everyone to follow the Community Relations social media pages because they will be posting some information about Black History Month during the month of February and our library has wonderful section dedicated to that as well.

Mayor Peluso

He thanked the Fair Lawn Police Department who are currently in Mahwah at Campgaw tubing with residents to build better community relations.

He stated that the COVID numbers are down for active cases. Let's keep working together to get drive these numbers down.

He had the pleasure of hosting the Cub Scouts Pack 45 here in this room. We have a number of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts that are coming in the next few weeks to learn about civics and local government. He looks forward to hosting them and hearing all the questions.

He thanked Ronald Belbol for all his work at the senior center and wished him good luck in retirement.

He echoed Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs Krause's thanks to our Community Relations Advisory Committee for holding the Blood Drive on Martin Luther King

He also echoed Councilmember Reinitz about the Budget meeting.

He thanked the Fair Lawn TV volunteers for broadcasting Council Meetings and other events in town.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

ORD. #2608-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 232, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE VIII, TRAFFIC, MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 232-46, "STOP INTERSECTIONS AND MULTI-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs Krause, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cutrone, Ordinance 2608-2022 was introduced on first reading and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

ORD. #2609-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 33, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLE III, ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS, MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 33-5, "REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN

Upon motion by Councilmember Reinitz, seconded by Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs Krause, Ordinance 2609-2022 was introduced on first reading and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

ORD. #2610-2022

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUIREMENT TO HOLD A SPECIAL EVENT WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN

Upon motion by Councilmember Rottenstrich, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cutrone, Ordinance 2610-2022 was introduced on first reading and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA 4-2022 ITEMS ONLY

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs Krause and a second by Councilmember Rottenstrich, the time for public comments on Consent Agenda items only was opened.

There being no comments from the public, upon motion by Councilmember Reinitz a second by Deputy Mayor Cutrone, the time for public comments was unanimously closed.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT 4-2022

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Cutrone and a second by Councilmember Reinitz, Consent Agenda #4-2022 containing the following items was unanimously passed.

January 25, 2022 Consent Agenda 4-2022

- 67-2022 Pedestrian Safety Board Appointments
- 68-2022 Renewal of Launderette and Dry Cleaners Licenses 2022
- 69-2022 Rescind 28-2022 and Appoint members of Arts Council

- 70-2022 Rescind 39-2022 and Appoint members of Community Relations Advisory Council
- 71-2022 Renewal of Bowling Alley License 2022
- 72-2022 Renewal of Massage License 2022 - BRC Spa
- 73-2022 Resolution Authorizing the issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Public Laws of 1977
- 74-2022 Resolution Authorizing the issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Public Laws of 1977
- 75-2022 Resolution Rejecting Bid Received from Univar Solutions USA, Inc. on January 12, 2022 for Purchase of Chlorine and Authorizing the Borough Manager to Reissue the Bid Specifications for the Purchase
- 76-2022 Resolution Awarding Contract to Dorsey & Semrau, LLC for the Provision of Conflict Legal Counsel Services
- 77-2022 Authorizing Police Department Accreditation Service Agreement with the Rodgers Group, LLC
- 78-2022 Resolution Authorizing Tax Refund to Disabled Veteran
- 79-2022 Resolution Authorizing Tax Refund to Disabled Veteran
- 80-2022 Resolution Authorizing Tax Refund to Disabled Veteran
- 81-2022 Authorizing Execution Of Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract to Utilize 2021 Bergen County Open Space Matching Grant Funding from the Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the Memorial Park Outdoor Multi-Sport Court
- 82-2022 Approving the 2022 LOSAP Certification List
- 83-2022 Approving Fireboard Actions - January 12, 2022
- 84-2022 Approving Meeting Minutes of December 2021
- 85-2022 Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund
- 86-2022 Resolution authorizing the Borough to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Village of Ridgewood for Childhood Immunizations and Physician
- 87-2022 Resolution authorizing application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for a grant for the Fair Lawn Economic Development Corporation's Main Street Program

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Reinitz mentioned that the budget meeting dates needed to be discussed because the Mayor will be away on February 15th. They asked Manager Van Kruijning if they can change the date to March 1st. Manager Van Kruijning said he would confirm with the CFO and the Borough Auditor on that date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Joe Weisfeld, 16-27 Eberlin Drive stated that the Self Storage Facility is negatively impacting his neighborhood. He asks that the Mayor and Council be sure that they meet the General Code 125-24 B-5 and Ordinance 2517-2019 before they are able to operate their business. Mayor Peluso explained how they have been on top of this construction and have been making sure the approved proposal is being adhered to.

Craig Miller, Ramapo Terrace asked for an update on lowering the speed limit around Fair Lawn. Mayor Peluso explained that the Borough has signed off on that and they are waiting to hear from the County. He will follow up with them. He also asked the status of the old Pathmark site. Mayor Peluso said that he did speak with them and they will be starting back up again soon.

There being no more comments from the public, upon motion by Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs Krause a second by Councilmember Rottenstrich the time for public comments was unanimously closed.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember Cutrone and second by Councilmember Reinitz, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas J. Magarelli
Acting Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Mayor Kurt Peluso