



**BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

WORK SESSION

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2022

Mayor Peluso called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 March 2, 2022, 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.

REVIEW OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

ORDINANCE ON DRIVE THRU ESTABLISHMENTS

Ron Reinertsen, Borough Planner from CME Associates, stated they reviewed the correspondence from Burgess Associates regarding a few aspects of the limits. They tweaked the ordinance to address some of concerns that were raised. Currently it is a B1A overlay district, which has slightly different conditional use standards.

He gave an overview of the three different sections and the requirements of each: Conditional Use Standards that require a D3 variance if they aren't met; General Standards that would require a C variance and Design Standards, which would need design waivers.

In response to questions from the Council, Mr. Reinertsen stated that a map of the area will be attached for people to review. The Municipal Clerk will issue the license, which has to be renewed yearly, after approval by the Council. The license can be revoked after a hearing on violations issued. The Zoning Officer can enforce the ordinance, but anyone who sees a violation can report it to the Police.

Upon motion by Councilmember Reinitz and a second by Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs Krause, it was agreed to add the ordinance to the agenda of the 8:00 pm Council Meeting for first reading, with Deputy Mayor Cutrone and Councilmember Rottenstrich dissenting.

ORDINANCE ON FEATHER SIGNS

Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs Krause asked to table this until next month after it has been reviewed by the Planner and the EDC.

ORDINANCE ON BANNING ROOSTER / LICENSING FOWL

Councilmember Rottenstrich suggested the following changes to the draft ordinance that was circulated at the last Work Session: requiring all fowl to be registered within 30 days after the ordinance takes effect, reducing the licensing fee to \$15 per coop and limiting the number of chickens to ten. She also suggested removing the section regarding a special license for more than 10 fowl and instead require that excess fowl be rehomed within 90 days of passage. Mayor Peluso suggested making the deadline the end of the year. Councilmember Rottenstrich also suggested the price for the special privilege license for each rooster be \$15 and that the time roosters be required to stay indoors be changed from 10:00 pm to 8:00 am to 9:00 pm to 9:00 am.

Councilmember Reinitz suggested adding language defining grandfathered roosters as roosters who are registered no more than 30 days after the effective date of the ordinance. Mayor Peluso felt it should be a limit of ten chickens, separate from a maximum of two grandfathered roosters per household. Councilmember Reinitz suggested extending the required distance of the coop from property lines from four feet to ten feet.

Upon motion by Councilmember Reinitz and a second by Councilmember Rottenstrich, it was agreed to introduce the ordinance by title at tonight's Council Meeting, with Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs Krause dissenting.

GOVERNING BODY TOUR & PRESENTATION OF CADMUS PLACE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Manager Van Kruijning stated he would like to schedule a tour of the Cadmus Place Water Facility for a presentation by Superintendent of Public Works, Chris Hoitsma and Water Distribution Supervisor John Williams.

There was a unanimous consensus to meet on Monday, July 18th at 4:00 pm at the Cadmus Place.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FAIR LAWN BOARD OF EDUCATION – INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS AT SASSO FIELD

Manager Van Kruijning referenced his email dated July 6, 2022, which discussed a service agreement with the Board of Education for the shared costs of the installation of field lighting at Sasso Field. The work will take place in late November.

There was a unanimous consensus to add a resolution approving a shared service agreement with the Board of Education for the above-reference project.

BOROUGH COMMITTEE POLICIES

Deputy Mayor Cutrone felt that there should be social media guidelines and by-laws for every Borough committee so a committee member does not speak on behalf of the Borough. Attorney Verrone stated she could do a by-laws template, with individual by-laws based on the ordinance that established the specific committee. She will prepare a sample for the August Work Session.

FAIR LAWN STREET FAIRS

Toni DeLisi, Administrative Manager for the Chamber, was present.

Ms. DeLisi stated that StreetFairs.org was no longer interested in running their street fairs, as the Borough's fees for Police and trucks used for security, etc. have increased from \$1,200 in 2019 to \$3,200 in 2022. In addition, the organizer has lost many vendors and staff since Covid. The Chamber receives a small percentage from the organizer.

Councilmember Reinitz felt the vendor concentrated his efforts on the towns that had a more robust street fair. He suggested establishing a committee so the Chamber could work with the EDC, SIDS, Fair Lawn organizations and committees on the events, which might draw in new vendors.

Councilmember Rottenstrich also felt the vendor had lost interest. She noted there was no publicity for the last street fair and suggested they look at a different vendor. Deputy Mayor Cutrone agreed. The Rutherford Street Fair had a much wider variety of vendors.

Mayor Peluso noted that Oradell holds their street fairs near a park, with businesses selling their food and kid-friendly activities. Councilmember Rottenstrich suggested making it a town event, so the fees did not fall on one organization. Manager Van Kruiningen suggested having the street fairs at Memorial Park, which will decrease expenses significantly. Deputy Mayor of Community Affairs Krause had the same thought. Councilmember Reinitz saw a need to get more involvement from Fair Lawn businesses.

GEESE ON 2nd STREET

Mayor Peluso reported that he visited with twenty residents from 2nd Street who have been dealing with geese on their block. Manager Van Kruiningen installed a fence near the river to keep them away, but someone left a loaf of bread which encouraged them to come back for food. The County passed a resolution this week against exterminating geese within County parks. He would like to look into culling the eggs, which involves oiling the eggs to prevent hatching and other humane measures to rid the area of geese.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deena Jarashow, 4-39 2nd Street thanked the Mayor for his efforts. She did not think it was a resident of 2nd Street that fed the bread to the geese, since the open area is used by many people to walk their dogs.

The geese are a real nuisance to them and they often walk in the street as cars are coming causing safety issues. They also make a mess with their droppings. They have impacted the residents' quality of life.

Nitzan Ben David, 16-04 Hunter Place asked how she could obtain a copy of the ordinances that were discussed tonight. Councilmember Reinitz stated they were draft copies. They will be introduced tonight and there will be a public hearing in August.

Ms. Ben David noted that they are requiring roosters to be kept inside from 9:00 pm to 9:00 am, but people have to leave early to be at work. She felt the quiet hours should be 10:00 pm to 7:00 am, at least on weekdays.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember Reinitz and a second by Deputy Mayor Cutrone, the Work Session was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

The within minutes were duly approved by the Borough Council at their meeting of September 20, 2022, under Resolution 285-2022

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas J. Magarelli, RMC
Municipal Clerk

The undersigned has read and approved the foregoing minutes.



Mayor Kurt Peluso