

FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
JULY 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucarelli at 7:00 p.m. The Flag Salute was followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation. The Mayor asked that Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe and her family be kept in thought; her father recently passed away. The Sunshine Law Statement was read.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff. Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez. Others present: Administrator Casagrande, Attorney Cannon and Chief McGovern.

Mayor Lucarelli advised the public that the matter of Sidewalk Priorities listed on the agenda will not be discussed due to the absence of Engineer Gardella and Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez. Sidewalk Priorities will be relisted on the agenda for the first meeting in September.

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor read a proclamation for Overdose Awareness Day which is August 31st.

WORKSHOP SESSION

Mayor Lucarelli asked Administrator Casagrande to provide an update regarding NJ American Water's River Road Main Project. Administrator Casagrande advised that she, Engineer Gardella, Assistant Engineer Poruchynsky and Chief McGovern attended a meeting in Rumson last week to discuss the water main project. Also in attendance were NJ American Water representatives, Monmouth County representatives and the contractor plus police from various municipalities. The project will take place on River Road from Harrison Avenue, Red Bank to Bingham Road, Rumson. There will be two crews working (one starting from the Red Bank side and the other starting from the Rumson side). The proposed start date is August 16th which is subject to change. Once the work has started, it will take three weeks to get to the Rumson and Fair Haven Streetscape. Besides replacing the main, they have to work on services; Fair Haven is in good shape as far as service upgrade because they have been doing work in town since 2019. They are going to tie in fire hydrants to taps and on the side streets. It will take a total of 6 months; a majority of the main work must complete by December 1st (the County will not allow them to work beyond that date). Most of the main is in the southeast lane, close to the curb. Pipe will be stored, for Fair Haven, at our DPW yard and on the Sunoco property (after the Fireman's Fair). We will get the message out to our residents. A mailer from NJ American Water will go out to all residents and we will use our social media platforms to provide weekly updates. Chief McGovern is working with them as far as scheduling and hours where work will take place (day and night); he prefers the work in the business area be done at night for safety reasons. Attorney Cannon and Chief McGovern read the ordinance as far as traffic ordinances and code and we are in good shape.

Chief McGovern said it is best to have the work performed at night (7 pm until 5 am) so the businesses will not be affected. Between Hance Road to Lake Avenue, the work will be done during the day and the police will detour traffic. Councilwoman Neff asked when the residents and businesses will be advised; we need a more definite time from NJAW (they are waiting on pipe which is hard to come by). Christine Ballard, CME, is the Engineer for NJ American Water and she is very good and knowledgeable. Administrator Casagrande said she has Betty Ann designing a project update format which can be used and updated, as needed, as well as a separate Constant Contact to be sent out. We can send texts out, if needed, to those who have signed up for the service. Councilwoman McCabe asked how the project ensures there are no issues with equipment; Chief McGovern said it is managed by the contractor who is responsible for communicating with the resident.

Administrator Casagrande explained what happened on Harrison Avenue; the contractor was trying to finish the area of the resident's driveway when a fast thunderstorm rolled in. The contractor tried knocking on the homeowner's door to advise that they had to leave the project due to weather, but no one answered and there was no car in the driveway. They used caution tape and left. Administrator Casagrande and Chief McGovern were not made aware of the situation until very late that night so the situation could not be addressed. Councilwoman Neff requested that the Borough put out the tentative date of August 16th to the public so there is enough notice, and we can always update the message if there is a change; it is important to give everyone enough notice to plan appropriately. Administrator Casagrande said it is hard for the contractor to determine how far in advance they will be in a certain area on a block; it is a fluid situation and not easy to determine how quickly they will address where the work is done. The Police Department will put out the electronic road sign advertising the upcoming work. River Road will be paved sometime next year. The curbs and sidewalks will go in prior to the paving. Mayor Lucarelli said Fair Haven will have a new water main from Rumson to Red Bank which is a good thing.

Attorney Cannon sent the draft amendment to our traffic ordinance that was in the packet; this is being considered, this evening, for introduction at our August 16th meeting. Chief McGovern said the Borough traffic codes were reviewed six months ago. The Chief reviewed the ordinance for the governing body as to what areas would be affected and how they would be affected, i.e. no parking, parking on one side of the street in certain areas, etc. Councilman McCue asked Chief McGovern if

there would be an update to any crosswalks on Cedar and/or Linden? We are not sure yet; we need to place the stop signs at the appropriate intersections first. Councilwoman McCabe asked the Chief about Lewis Point Road turning left on to Hance toward River Road where it is unsafe with cars parked on both sides of the road as well as trucks being parked there (it is a one lane road). She asked if Hance Road from Lewis Point Road to River Road can be made no parking. Chief McGovern will take a look at it.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 7:25 p.m. Susan O’Brien asked about the water main project on River Road and if at some point, residents will not have water? Not true; they run new mains, pressurize and sanitize the new mains and then cut the new services in. It will be done in sections. Chief McGovern said residents, may temporarily lose water when the switch is made (maybe 2-3 hours). Mrs. O’Brien said when the Borough was doing their project with sidewalks along River Road, she had to climb “through a ditch” for two weeks to get into her driveway and that should not have happened. She asked how we can be sure that this project will not have those issues.

Tracy Cole, Grange Avenue, spoke on behalf of the Harrison Avenue residents who reached out to her about the improvement project on their road. She said families are affected differently especially after the pandemic. The work being done has been traumatic. She felt a letter should have come from the Borough since it is a Borough project so people could prepare. The contractor should give day to day updates to the residents. Mrs. Cole said it is important to notify residents and businesses in a timely manner (businesses especially since they must plan ahead for their customers). There was no reason for a trench between the homeowner’s property and the right-of-way during the storm; if a storm does occur, the contractor should put in a temporary steel plate to make the area safe.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Koch made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 12, 2021, second by Councilwoman Neff

Councilman McCue asked for a correction to the vote on Ordinance No. 2021-08; he voted no.

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff
Negative: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

Councilwoman Koch made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of July 12, 2021, second by Councilwoman Neff

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff
Negative: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

OLD BUSINESS
HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2021-10, Establish Procedures and Standards – Deployment of Small Wireless Facilities in ROW

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS REGARDING
DEPLOYMENT OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY
IN THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN**

On motion of Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue with Ayes by all present, Mayor Lucarelli opened the meeting for comments or questions at 7:32 p.m.

There being none, the Hearing was closed to the public at 7:32 p.m. on motion of Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue with Ayes by all present.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff
Negative: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

NEW BUSINESS

Council Committee Reports

Finance - Councilwoman Neff did not have a report.

Personnel - Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe was absent.

Planning & Zoning - Councilwoman Koch reported that the next Zoning Board Meeting will be in-person on Thursday, August 5th and the next Planning Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17th and it will be in-person, as well.

Parks and Recreation and Communications - Councilwoman Koch reported that matters of communication were reported on earlier; we will alert residents and business regarding construction projects and any traffic pattern changes. This Wednesday evening is the first dock concert when The Wag will perform beginning at 7:15 p.m. All were invited to come and enjoy the concert.

Police, Fire & OEM - Councilman McCue did not have a report for the Police Department. Tuesday August 3rd is National Night Out. As far as the Fire Department, the fair is ago with plans. There is a resolution on the agenda for the approval of a Fair Haven Fire Department membership. We are making history as Kirstin Felsmann is the first female in our Fire Department to be part of the fire company. Mayor Lucarelli said this is really exciting as Kirstin is the 3rd generation fireperson from the Felsmann Family. He has watched Kirstin grow up and she is a remarkable individual; we are sure the family is proud as well as the Fire Company.

Engineering and DPW – Councilman McCue advised there were no updates.

Borough Facilities - Councilman Rodriguez was absent. The Mayor advised that there will be a facilities meeting with the Historic Preservation Commission at Bicentennial Hall on July 27th at 7:00 p.m. Administrator Casagrande advised that the Borough submitted its CDBG application to the County on July 23rd.

CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 2021-184, Executive Session - Personnel

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body may wish to discuss the following matters:

Personnel

1. Planning/Zoning and Code Compliance Officer

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

2. Resolution No. 2021-185, Extend Grace Period for 3rd Quarter Tax Bills

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has informed the Mayor and Council that the Monmouth County Board of Taxation was delayed in forwarding necessary information for the preparation and mailing of final tax bills to the real estate taxpayers of the Borough of Fair Haven for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the present statute requires the imposition of a late charge if 3rd quarter 2021 taxes are not paid by the 10th of August; and

WHEREAS, it would be unfair and unreasonable to impose a penalty for a delinquent payment when the amount of the payment is unknown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector of the Borough of Fair Haven is hereby ordered and directed, according to Public Law 1994, Chapter 72, signed July 14, 1994, that if tax bills are not delivered or mailed at least 25 (twenty-five) calendar days prior to the standard due date, then the delinquency date for 3rd quarter 2021 taxes shall be established as the twenty-fifth (25) calendar day after the date the tax bill was delivered or mailed. The tax bills will contain the date on which interest shall start accruing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven are hereby extending the grace period for payment of 3rd quarter 2021 taxes to August 23, 2021.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

3. Resolution No. 2021-186, Chapter 159: Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any such items of revenue in the budget of the County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fair Haven has received a \$7,666.48 grant from State of New Jersey for the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund and wishes to amend its 2021 budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, that it hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2021 in the amount of \$7,666.48 which item is now available as revenue from The State of New Jersey - Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$7,666.48 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of General Appropriations – Operations Excluded from CAPS:

The State of New Jersey
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forward to the Director of Local Government Services.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

4. Resolution No. 2021-187, Approve Extension of ILSA for Municipal Court Services

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 authorizes joint activities among municipalities, and was enacted with the intent to facilitate and promote Interlocal Services Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Fair Haven and Rumson have agreed that the Interlocal Services Agreement for Municipal Court services will include Court Administrator duties as per agreement signed on April 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it is agreed by the Borough of Fair Haven and the Borough of Rumson that the Agreement may be extended for two (2) additional terms of three (3) years up to a total of nine (9) years; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Fair Haven and the Borough of Rumson to extend the agreement and the services listed above beginning on or about April 1, 2021 and to continue through March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Interlocal Services Agreement is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the Mayor and Borough Clerk/Administrator of the Borough of Fair Haven are hereby authorized to extend said Agreement an additional and final three (3) year term with an expiration of March 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be attached to the original Agreement and a copy be forwarded to the Borough of Rumson and the Monmouth County Administrative Office of the Courts.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

5. Resolution No. 2021-188, Approve Fire Department Membership Application/Regular Member - Kirstin Felsmann

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2020-125 approved Kirstin Felsmann, 664 River Road, Fair Haven, NJ, as an Affiliate Member of the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Felsmann recently submitted an application to become a regular member and was accepted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Kirstin Felsmann, is hereby accepted as a regular member of the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Company and appointed to the Fair Haven Fire Department.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

6. Resolution No. 2021-189, Authorize Amendment of ILSA with Rumson for Construction Code Services to include Fire Marshal Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fair Haven, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey has determined that it would be beneficial for the Borough of Fair Haven to enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Rumson; and

WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Fair Haven and Rumson have had other successful Interlocal Services Agreements for the sharing of the Construction Offices, Department of Public Works and Court for both Boroughs; and

WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Fair Haven and Rumson have always considered that the Interlocal Services Agreement for the Construction Office would include Fire Marshal related services, though originally omitted from said Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that this Resolution and a similar Resolution from the Borough of Rumson shall be an amendment to the original Agreement approved on March 12, 2019 and will formally now include the services of Fire Marshal, in order to address the omission of Fire Marshal services from the previous Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this amendment to the original contract shall not increase or decrease the cost for the shared services for the Construction Office or for Fire Marshal services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when the Agreement between the two municipalities comes up for renewal in 2022, the position of Fire Marshal shall be included in the contract for the next term; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Rumson Municipal Clerk.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff
Negative: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

7. Resolution No. 2021-190, Award Purchase of a 2021 Elgin Street Sweeper to W.E. Timmerman Company, Inc. through the Sourcewell National Cooperative Program

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. In accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the “Law” or “Chapter 139”) and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 the regulations promulgated there under, the following purchase without competitive bids from vendor(s) with a National Cooperative Contract is hereby approved:

VENDOR
W. E. TIMMERMAN CO. INC.
PO BOX 71
WHITEHOUSE, NJ 08888

NATIONAL CONTRACT # 122017-FSC-1

AMOUNT: \$325,000.00

DESCRIPTION
1 – ELGIN WHIRLWIND SERIES MV VACUUM STREET SWEEPER MOUNTED
ON A PETERBILT 200 CHASSIS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:44-2.2 “The vendor shall maintain all documentation related to products, transactions or services under this contract for a period of five years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request.”

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney is satisfied that the availability of funds has been provided and a copy of the resolution shall be made a part of the file concerning said purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Fair Haven has certified that adequate funds for such contract are available and are designated to the line-item appropriation of the official budget referenced below. A copy of said certification is attached hereto and part hereof and the funds to be expended herein are assigned to the line-item number referenced below. A copy of the within resolution and certification shall be certified by the Borough Clerk:

C-04-55-713-001

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to each of the following:

- a. Lynn Mattei, Purchasing Agent
- b. Colleen Lapp, Chief Financial Officer
- c. Richard Gardella, Director of Engineering and Public Works
- d. W.E. Timmerman Company, Inc.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff
Negative: None
Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

8. Resolution No. 2021-191, Approve Block Party for Gentry Drive (Third Street to Denise Court) on September 25th

WHEREAS, a request was received to hold a Block Party on Gentry Drive from Third Street to Denise Court on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm (no rain date); and

WHEREAS, Chief McGovern reviewed the application and submitted his approval on July 20, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that approval is hereby granted for a block party to be held on Gentry Drive from Third Street to Denise Court on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm (no rain date).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Permit No. BP 2021-06 will be issued for said event.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

9. Resolution No. 2021-192, Approve Temporary Sign Installation for Fair Haven Fire Department (The Outback)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Borough Code, **30-7.24 (f) Special Event Signs**, civic groups or service organizations may erect a temporary sign prior to a special event provided that permission is granted by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Haven Fire Company has submitted paperwork to the Borough requesting permission to install a temporary sign for their Annual Firemen’s Fair; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2021, Nicolas Poruchynsky, Zoning Officer approved the Zoning Application for the temporary sign.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the Fair Haven Fire Company is hereby authorized to erect a temporary sign “The Outback” on an accessory structure that exists on the property from August 16, 2021 until September 6, 2021.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

10. Resolution No. 2021-193, Payment of Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that the vouchers listed for payment on the July 26, 2021 Bill List are hereby approved and the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release payment to the various vendors.

2020 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$ 5,095.79
2021 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$ 6,766,048.19
GENERAL CAPITAL	\$ 15,308.60
OTHER TRUST	\$ 12,143.11
TOTAL	\$ 6,798,595.69

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

11. Resolution No. 2021-194, Authorize Execution for Deed of Open Space Easement: FH Fields Buffer Restoration

WHEREAS, by Open Space Grant Agreement, dated June 12, 2014, the Borough of Fair Haven (the “Borough”) obtained a \$30,000 grant from the County of Monmouth (the “County”) for the improvement of Fair Haven Fields, also known as and designated Block 77, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Space Grant Agreement between the Borough and the County, the Borough is required to execute and deliver a Deed of Open Space Easement to the County for recording upon the lands comprising Fair Haven Fields, forever conserving and designating said lands for conservation and recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the County has provided the Borough with its preferred form of Deed of Open Space Easement, which has been reviewed and revised by the Borough Attorney for the aforesaid purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby:

- (1) Approve the Deed of Open Space Easement attached hereto as Exhibit A; and
- (2) Authorize the Borough Administrator to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to the Deed of Open Space Easement attached hereto as Exhibit A; and
- (3) Direct that a certified copy of this Resolution, together with the executed and attested Deed of Open Space Easement, be forwarded to the County of Monmouth.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff
Negative: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

12. Resolution No. 2021-195, Appointments to the Shade Tree Commission

WHEREAS, there are two regular member seats that are vacant on the Borough’s Shade Tree Commission, that need to be filled; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Commission Chairman has requested that the Alternate #1 and Alternate #2 members fill said vacancies as follows:

Leah Beganie, Alternate #1 member to a five-year, unexpired term, that will expire on 12/31/2023
Andrea Reid, Alternate #2 member to a five-year, unexpired term, that will expire on 12/31/2022

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the above-mentioned appointments be made.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, McCabe, McCue and Neff
Negative: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez

Reports of Departments
June 2021

- Municipal Court
- Police Department

- Budget Status

Motion to accept as submitted moved by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue with Ayes by all present.

GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

Mayor Lucarelli opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions at 8:20 p.m. Marti Egger, Hance Road, said she understood Engineer Gardella found discrepancies in the base maps

and asked if someone could explain what the discrepancies were. Mayor Lucarelli said the base maps are in and they are correct and now Engineer Gardella is working on the plans for public presentation. Attorney Cannon gave a synopsis of what Engineer Gardella reported at the last meeting. Administrator Casagrande advised that the topic of sidewalk priority is for the entire Borough (Harrison/Oaklawn, Kemp Avenue, etc) not Hance Road per the discussion at the July 12th meeting. She also advised that Engineer Gardella has not looked at anything pertaining to Hance since the July 12th meeting as he has been busy with the Harrison Avenue and Willow Street Projects. Councilman McCue said the base maps are in and Engineer Gardella has to review and lay out a plan and some options for the cart width, sidewalks, bike/pedestrian plan, etc.; he will meet with the neighbors once he is prepared. Councilwoman McCabe said she met with some residents on Hance Road who have lived on the street for quite some time and are familiar with the history of the street.

Councilwoman McCabe asked if there were pocket park conversations prior to any plans regarding safety, hazards, etc. associated with a pocket park. She felt a walk through the neighborhood with a long-time resident would be important and eye opening. Councilwoman Koch met with Marti Egger and said that the residents are passionate about their neighborhood and she felt that the residents should be given the same respect that was given to the neighborhood residents in the area of the brush site. Administrator Casagrande said the plans for the pocket parks were already presented and are complete.

Councilwoman Neff agreed that we need to speak with the entire neighborhood to get everyone's perspective, pros and cons. Mrs. Egger said the residents would be happy to meet individually with the Council to avoid violation of OPMA as time is ticking away and the deadline is coming due for the Borough to move forward. Mayor Lucarelli said that the Borough understands the frustration with delays from the contractor and that there has not been a meeting with residents, but we need all of our information, so we know what is possible and probable. He said Hance Road is a mess with erosion (the road needs curbs and repaving). There are front yards that are eroding away into the storm system. The Mayor asked Mrs. Egger to explain how curbs and sidewalks deteriorate an area or road. She said it will widen the road and it will be made a throughway which will change the traffic and the feel of the area. Hance Road is a special area that Mayor and Council should try to preserve rather than override.

Henry Nemser, Gillespie Avenue, asked to speak to parking as it relates to safety near Dr. Poole's veterinarian office. In front of the apron are two parking spaces facing Red Bank which creates a blind spot if there are SUVs parked there. This makes it hard to see traffic for those that need to turn on to River Road from Gillespie Avenue. He requested the two spaces be taken away to open up site distance. Chief McGovern said a few cones were placed in the area; that would be a great project for the road paving project by the County. Traffic Safety will look at the area to see if both spaces should be removed, one space or if they both should stay.

Debbie Tumarkin, Gillespie Avenue, agreed with Henry Nemser about the dangerous situation in front of the veterinarian's office. The area is the same as Lewis Point Road and Hance as mentioned earlier. Also, vehicles violate the two-hour parking rule because they are parked there overnight. The entire Gillespie Avenue block feels that the end of the street at River Road has poor site distance. There needs to be something done before the road is paved. The Mayor said the Chief will look at it. Councilwoman Koch asked if people can be ticketed if violating the parking signs? Chief McGovern said they could, but the residents are asking to remove the two parking spaces totally. Mrs. Tumarkin also had a concern regarding the cycling store on the corner that has their equipment outside; the volume of the instructor's microphone is very high and loud especially with classes prior to 8 am. She and her husband spoke to them about their concern and asked that the volume be lowered. The response was no one has complained about it. Mrs. Tumarkin said that they do not mind the classes being outdoors, they just need to bring the volume down. The Mayor asked Administrator Casagrande to request the business bring their activity inside. On Gillespie, the NJ American Water pipe work was great, but the access points are missing seals in the sidewalks (the holes are large, and people can be injured). Chief McGovern said the meters have not been put in yet. Administrator Casagrande will reach out to NJAW to address the meter areas being open.

Susan O'Brien, River Road, said she received the flyer with the tax bill, and she needed clarification. She read from the Safety First section which addressed hedges or bushes being planted and their location. Does this mean all properties or corner properties only? Mrs. O'Brien stated it does not read appropriately and confirmed it only pertains to corner? Administrator Casagrande said yes, only corner properties. Mrs. O'Brien said she hoped it pertained to all properties because her neighbor has 50' hedges planted which makes it is hard to see when trying to get out of her driveway.

Ruth Blaser, River Road, made same comment that Susan O'Brien had about hedges. She requested Mayor and Council review the ordinances to update and simplify them i.e. brush schedule

should be the same every month. She said the governing body works for the residents and the schedule needs to be amended. There is no brush collection in November and December and yard work is done after these dates; timing is not good as the Borough is fighting Mother Nature. She said that she has been attending the Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings and they have problems making rulings based on what the Council adopts. The Board's cases drag on for a long time and applicants are incurring expenses. With regard to Schwenkers Pond, we bought it, who is taking care of it? She felt the speed limits on River Road should not be reduced; parents should teach their kids safety rules and we should hold bicyclists and pedestrians more accountable. Mayor Lucarelli advised Mrs. Blaser that the governing body is volunteers elected by the people so, "we don't work for you, we work for us"; we "the people" are one.

Tracy Cole, Grange Avenue, relayed an important attempt regarding Hance Road. She identified with Mrs. Egger's feeling that Mayor and Council are holding back on meeting with the residents. Council can come individually to meet with the residents. What the residents have to share has nothing to do with base maps, sketches and ideas. It is better to meet now before Engineer Gardella creates plans; he needs to know what the residents want to share. It works better when we all listen to each other.

Mrs. Blaser asked who was doing our street sweeping before deciding to purchase one of our own. We had a shared services with Rumson, but it was not working out. The County handles River and Ridge Roads.

Bea Sena, Lake Avenue, asked about the Facilities Committee and who the folks are on the committee. She could not find the resolution in the minutes. She was told the committee is the Mayor, Councilmembers Rodriguez and McCue, Bob Gasperini, Sonia Trombino, Andy Trocchia, Dan Busch, Ann Marie Berger, Andy Ashwahl and Tina Iglesias. Mrs. Sena asked when the Committee was started? About five years ago and was expanded last year to include more talent for the DPW and Police facilities projects. There is a meeting tomorrow with the Historic Preservation Commission and she asked if it was for them to offer recommendations? No, it is to discuss ADA accessibility at Bicentennial Hall and make Council Chambers out of it; the current Council Chambers does not suffice for all meetings as far as space, audio, visual and technology. We are trying to plan for the future while respecting that the building is on the National Registry. Recommendations came before the Council, and we approved the grant application. The plans are not finished and are just conceptual until we find out if we received a Monmouth County Community Development Block grant.

Councilwoman McCabe addressed Chief McGovern about a town in NJ where the police gave money to children as incentive to be safe while riding their bikes. Chief McGovern said that we have bike safety programs and bike rodeos planned. The bike rodeo is held in conjunction with the schools. It was not held last year due to COVID-19. Councilwoman Neff said we should encourage all bike riders to wear helmets and stop texting while riding.

Mrs. Blaser said the Acme Shopping Center has three eateries and there is trash along River Road and some of the cans are overflowing. She asked who is responsible for clean up? The property manager is responsible for the stores and parking lot and as far as off site, it is the person who littered.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:20 p.m.

Council went into executive session at 8:25 p.m. and this meeting was reconvened at 8:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilwoman McCabe, second by Councilman McCue with Ayes by all present.

Time of Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk