

**FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucarelli at 7:03 p.m. The Flag Salute was followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation. Councilman Peters asked that everyone remember those in Parkland Florida. He said that his two nephews attended the actual school where the shooting occurred and were lucky to get out and are fine, but there are a lot of families who are suffering. He asked that everyone keep those families in their hearts.

The Mayor read the Sunshine Law Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Koch, Marchese, Peters Rodriguez and Sorensen. Absent: Councilman Jaeger. Others present: Administrator Casagrande and Mitchell Jacobs, Esq., Borough Attorney's Office.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Lucarelli presented a proclamation to Robert "Don" Frank's family for his dedication to the Borough as a Police Officer and volunteering with the Fire Department and First Aid Squad. His wife, son and granddaughter accepted the proclamation. The Fair Haven Police Department, Fire Department and First Aid were in attendance as well. The Mayor also presented the Frank Family with a proclamation from the NJ Senate and Assembly.

**WORKSHOP SESSION**

Mayor Lucarelli asked if anyone was present from E&B Enterprise NJ, Inc. for the 92 Lake Avenue street opening denial appeal. Mr. Shaheen was present. There is currently a moratorium on Lake Avenue until July 2019. The Mayor gave a synopsis of this matter with regard to opening the road and the work entailed before demolishing a building. There is process through NJ Natural Gas Company for a stub cut which requires many "higher up" approvals since an employee was gravely injured when a gas main erupted. In reviewing the Borough's Street Opening Ordinance, the ordinance must be amended before acting on this matter; no decision will be made this evening. After much discussion with Engineer Gardella and Mitch Jacobs, Esq., there is a need to amend the ordinance for requests like this and those that could come up in the future. The engineers will work out the size of the opening so that restoration will be smooth and will last for many years to come. Councilwoman Sorensen noted that there was a photo showing a crack in the road and asked if they were documenting it or was it the plan to have the crack fixed; Mr. Shaheen said they were willing to address the crack. Mayor Lucarelli said that there needs to be a unified process for this project and those in the future. The Borough cannot make a decision or grant relief this evening, but we will work on an amendment of the ordinance (a draft will be workshopped, then introduced and adopted); it may not be finalized until the end of March/beginning of April. Attorney Jacobs said that the winter moratorium ends on March 31<sup>st</sup> so it may be a non-issue at that time. Administrator Casagrande said that the Borough is working on our streets and street opening process.

The second matter is a street opening request from NJ American Water for a service line at 129A Hance Road. Motion to approve moved by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen with Ayes by all present.

At the last meeting, the Rumson-Fair Haven High School Tower Players had a request to use Memorial Park where Cameron Spector appeared before the governing body with Jen Costa, Class Advisor, and they were asked to meet with the Memorial Park Committee. Cameron Spector advised the meeting was held last week and Ms. Costa attended and was given the history and purpose of the park and asked to find another location. He requested that Fair Haven Road, in the section of the park, be closed down for a few hours. Administrator Casagrande said that DJ Breckenridge, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that an agreement was reached to set up a table in front of one of the businesses. Chief McGovern offered to have a SLEO I Officer at the event to help cross the attendees from the Borough lot to the event. There was also discussion of having something in front of River Road Books. Cameron Spector said he will post something on the Fair Haven, NJ Facebook page and the Fire Department offered to post the event on their sign as well.

Brian Rice, Captain of Jersey Devil Sportfishing came before Council requesting permission to hold his annual fishing camp for kids. He advised that he appeared before the Recreation Committee (his wife recused herself). He would need permission to use the Borough dock a couple of times per week for five weeks. The fishing camp is for kids 10 years old and up. It will be the fourth season if it is approved at tonight's meeting. The camp is Monday through Friday (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday will be kayaks and paddle boards). Many of the kids.

who joined the program three years ago will be “Counselors in Training” this year. The program starts the last two weeks in July through the first three weeks in August. The attendees will plant sea grass, learn to fish from a dock and a boat, there is homework and they will learn the Fisherman’s Creed. The dock is open to the public when this is going on. The paperwork was submitted to Recreation with a Certificate of Insurance.

With regard to draft traffic safety ordinance amendments, they were included in Council packets for this evening’s discussion. Changes to the ordinance are bold, underlined and italicized. Councilman Peters advised that we need to be careful with stop signs and national standards. He forwarded information to Councilman Rodriguez and Chief McGovern for their review. With regard to four-way stops, they can cause unintended affect such as people avoiding that area by using other roadways and finding ways around the four-way stop. Councilman Rodriguez asked the Chief about the stop signs that are missing; there is an ordinance and the signs will be replaced by DPW (they were given the information). They are waiting on mark outs. Both traffic ordinances (stop signs and multi-stop area) will be listed for introduction on the March 12<sup>th</sup> agenda.

A draft “No Knock” ordinance was provided in the Council packet. It was asked if there were any comments. Most felt it was reasonable. Mayor Lucarelli advised the public that the Borough is looking to amend the current code addressing soliciting, canvassing, etc. which would allow residents to register, if they wish, so that a solicitor/vendor cannot solicit at their home. There will be a registration process with the Clerk and the information will be passed on to the police department and licensee. This ordinance will be introduced at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Councilman Marchese asked about an application that needs to be created for this process; one will be created.

Administrator Casagrande said that the Recreation Committee recommended we institute the Bench Dedication Program; this was spearheaded by Councilwoman Sorensen and DJ Breckenridge. There will be 6 benches at Fair Haven Fields and three near McCarter Pond. We do not want to accept money unless we have spaces ready to go. It will be done in phases. Councilwoman Sorensen said that there will be benches for the pocket parks, BIC Hall or as bench replacement. Locations were found by Councilwoman Sorensen, Councilwoman Koch and DJ Breckenridge and a wish list was created. The donation will offset the cost of the benches. Many towns have long waiting lists. Dedications can be for a birth, death or someone who moved into or out of town.

Administrator Casagrande updated the governing body on the 2018 budget process. She is working with department heads and the CFO with the hopes of having a first draft of the budget by March 1<sup>st</sup> in order to meet with the Finance Committee on March 5<sup>th</sup> to review. The draft will be presented to the governing body at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and introduced on March 26<sup>th</sup> with hearing and adoption on April 23<sup>rd</sup> (this falls within the State’s regulations). We have a BAN due in early March. On another note, the Borough received a \$350,000 NJDOT grant to improve Battin Road which is the largest amount we have ever received. This is great news.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 7:39 p.m. Ruth Blaser, River Road, asked that more detail be added to the agenda with regard to resolutions. Mayor Lucarelli said her comment is duly noted. There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:40 p.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Sorensen made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 12, 2018, second by Councilman Rodriguez

Affirmative: Councilmembers Marchese, Peters, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Koch

Absent: Councilman Jaeger

Councilwoman Sorensen made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of February 12, 2018, second by Councilman Rodriguez

Affirmative: Councilmembers Marchese, Peters, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Koch

Absent: Councilman Jaeger

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business brought before the governing body.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

1. Ordinance No. 2018-02, Amend Chapter 30-7.8, Accessory Buildings and Structures (Front Porch)

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN  
IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH SUPPLEMENTING THE FAIR HAVEN  
BOROUGH CODE, CHAPTER 30, LAND USE DEVELOPMENT  
REGULATIONS, SECTION 30-7, GENERAL ZONING PROVISIONS,  
SUBSECTION 8, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

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

**I.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend from Chapter 30, Section 7.8, Accessory Buildings and Structures.

**NOTE:** The section of Chapter 30 that is to be supplemented by Ordinance is Section 7.8. All additions are shown in ***bold italics with underlines***. The deletions are shown as ~~***strikeovers in bold italics***~~. Sections of Chapter 30, Section 7.8 that will remain unchanged are shown in normal type.

**II.**

**30-7.8 Accessory Buildings and Structures.**

Unless otherwise specified in this chapter on the zone district schedule, accessory buildings and structures shall conform to the following regulations as to their locations on the lot:

a. *Location of Accessory Buildings.*

1. An accessory building attached to a principal building shall comply in all respects with the zoning requirements for the principal building.

2. Detached accessory buildings shall not be located in a front yard.

3. Detached accessory buildings shall comply with the zone district standards of the zoning Schedule of Area, Yard and Building Requirements with the following exceptions:

(a) A one (1) story detached garage may be located as provided under subsection 30-7.26, Garages.

(b) Not more than one (1) shed with a height of ten (10) feet or less and a floor area of one hundred (100) square feet or less may be located not less than five (5) feet from any side or rear lot line.

b. No detached accessory building, in any residential zone, shall be less than five (5) feet from a principal building.

c. No accessory building shall be constructed before the principal building.

d. Accessory buildings must be located on the same lot as the principal use to which they are accessory.

e. Where the front or side yard is on a river, a private, in-ground swimming pool (including cabanas, aprons, decks, walks, etc.) or boathouses may be built in such front or side yard provided that in the R-30 and R-20 Districts, a side yard and front yard setback of twenty-five (25) feet is maintained. In all other districts, side yard and front yard setbacks of ten (10) feet shall be maintained, however accessory structures such as cabanas and boathouses shall maintain a setback of fifty (50) feet or the average setback of structures on the abutting riverfront property, whichever is greater. However, in no event shall the required setback be more than

seventy-five (75) feet.

f. The ground floor area of all accessory buildings may not exceed the following percentages of the ground floor of the principal building:

1. R-40, R-30, R-20 Zones, thirty (30%) percent;
2. R-15, R-10A, R-10B, R-10, R-7.5, R-5 Zones, forty (40%) percent;
3. B-1, B-2 Zones, fifty (50%) percent.

g. In a single-family zone district or on a lot with a single-family dwelling, an entry driveway or walkway may cross any yard area but not more than twenty-five (25%) percent of the front yard area shall be used as a driveway or for off-street parking.

h. A porch, deck, patio, or similar structure designed to adjoin or as part of the principal building shall in all cases conform to the yard requirements for the principal building except where the structure has no roof and is constructed not more than six (6) inches above grade, it shall adhere to the yard requirements for an accessory structure. A porch, without a roof or structure above it, of less than one hundred (100) square feet in total size, inclusive of steps, is permitted in the front yard without regard to setback standards, **provided that the porch contains a NJ UCC compliant stairway having not more than two risers, with an intermediate tread not exceeding 12" in depth.**

- i. Fences and walls are regulated pursuant to subsection 30-7.25 of this chapter.
- j. Signs are regulated pursuant to subsection 30-7.24 of this chapter.

Offered for introduction by Councilman Marchese, second by Councilwoman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, Marchese, Peters, Rodriguez and Sorensen  
Negative: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Councilman Jaeger

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution No. 2018-58, Authorize Execution of Special Counsel Contract - Richard Venino

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fair Haven has a need to retain professional services pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified that the value of some of the said services may exceed \$17,500 for the year 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, contract proposals for said professional services have been received by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, said professionals have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certifies that said professional has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit said professional from making any reportable contributions throughout the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, funds for these purposes will be appropriated in the 2018 Municipal Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said professionals have been duly appointed by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Richard Venino, Esq. as Special Counsel.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that contract for said service and the Business

Disclosure Entity Certification and Determination of Value are on file with the Borough Clerk and available for public inspection; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Richard Venino, Esq.
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Borough Administrator

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be published in the Asbury Park Press as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Rodriguez

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, Marchese, Peters, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Jaeger

2. Resolution No. 2018-59, Executive Session – Possible Litigation and Contract Negotiations

**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:

**Possible Litigation**

1. Yacht Works

**Contract Negotiations**

1. ILSA with Rumson-Fair Haven Reg. High School & Fair Haven
2. PBA Contract

**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 Sorensen, second by Councilman Rodriguez

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, Marchese, Peters, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Jaeger

3. Resolution No. 2018-60, Amend Safe Streets to Schools Resolution to include additional language

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2012-140 which established and adopted a Complete Streets Policy was adopted by the Mayor and Council on July 12, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, complete streets have the potential for improving physical and mental health either directly or indirectly in the following ways:

1. Incorporating physical activity into our daily lives by increasing pedestrian activity and bicycle use;
2. Reducing rates of several chronic diseases related to increase in physical activity from walking and bicycling. Key impacted diseases include diabetes, heart disease depression and some cancers;
3. Reducing rates of injury and death from decreased traffic crashes and improved road safety for all users;

4. Reducing rates of asthma and other respiratory issues due to improved air quality through emissions reductions and vegetative air filtration;
5. Multiplying health and wellness benefits resulting from improved access to necessary amenities for vulnerable populations;
6. Reducing the risk of illness related to water-borne pathogens resulting from improved stormwater infiltration;
7. Increasing the sense of social connectivity and sense of community belonging;
8. Improving aesthetics through decorative and functional vegetation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that this list of benefits will be included in Fair Haven's Complete Streets Policy.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Rodriguez

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, Marchese, Peters, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Jaeger

4. Resolution No. 2018-61, Reaffirm Support for Fair Haven's Green Team

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fair Haven's Green Team composed of Environmental Commission members serve as the Borough's agents for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Process are as follows:

Patrick Mullen

Ralph Wyndrum

Greg Wright

Brian Rice

Gary Patterson

Jessie Murray

Patrick Keeler

Tracy Cole

Laline Neff

Councilman Jonathan Peters

**WHEREAS**, these individuals are interested in advancing the efforts of Fair Haven in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification program and have been working as a Green Team; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Team has been creating and cataloging significant sustainability actions so that the Borough of Fair Haven may pursue Sustainable Jersey certification at the Bronze Level in 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that:

- The Green Team of Fair Haven is active in the community and advancing sustainable practices and actions included in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program;
- The Green Team has been and shall continue to be composed of individuals who have demonstrated interest in advancing the efforts of Fair Haven to pursue certification through the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program;
- The role of the Green Team has been and shall continue to be the lead and coordinate the sustainability activities of the community.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Rodriguez

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, Marchese, Peters, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Jaeger

5. Resolution No. 2018-62, Appoint Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class I, Robert Keenan

**WHEREAS**, a request was made by Police Chief Joseph McGovern to appoint a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class I, effective immediately; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph McGovern, Fair Haven Police Chief, has recommended Robert J.

Keenan be appointed as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class I.

**WHEREAS**, the rate of pay for this position is \$14.00 per hour.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Robert J. Keenan be appointed to the position of Special Class I Officer.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Rodriguez

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, Marchese, Peters, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Jaeger

6. Resolution No. 2018-63, Authorize Execution of Borough Architect Contract – Eliot Goldstein

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fair Haven has a need to retain professional services pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified that the value of some of the said services may exceed \$17,500 for the year 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, contract proposals for said professional services have been received by the Borough and interviews have been held; and

**WHEREAS**, said professionals have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certifies that said professional has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit said professional from making any reportable contributions throughout the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, funds for these purposes will be appropriated in the 2018 Municipal Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said professional has been duly appointed by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a contract, with the advice and consent of the Borough Attorney with the following professional:

- Eliot Goldstein, Goldstein Partnership

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that contracts for said services and the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Determination of Value are on file with the Borough Clerk and available for public inspection; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Eliot Goldstein of Goldstein Partnership
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Borough Administrator
4. Director of Engineering and DPW
5. Police Chief

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that copy of this resolution shall be published in the Asbury Park Press as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Rodriguez

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, Marchese, Peters, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Jaeger

7. Resolution No. 2018-64, Payment of Vouchers

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that the vouchers listed for payment on the February 26, 2018 agenda are hereby approved and the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release payment to the various vendors.

2017 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$ 14,652.60
2018 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$ 307,049.93
OTHER TRUST	\$ 2,641.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 324,343.63</b>

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Rodriguez

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, Marchese, Peters, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Jaeger

**Reports of Departments**

**January 2018**

-Municipal Court

Motion to accept the report as submitted moved by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Marchese with Ayes by all present.

**GOOD OF THE BOROUGH**

Mayor Lucarelli opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions at 7:42 p.m. Jessica and Kal Patel, Fair Haven Road, came forward to read a statement with regard to the shooting at Stone Douglas, a Parkland, Florida high school, and gun violence (copy of statement is on file with the Borough Clerk). Mrs. Patel addressed Councilman Peters stating she was sorry that his nephews were involved in the incident. Councilman Peters said his family was lucky that they did not suffer what other families suffered on that day.

Erin Howard, Lake Avenue, thanked the governing body for the moment of silence and told Councilman Peters she was sorry for his nephews. She read a statement regarding gun violence and that there is no need for assault rifles. She asked the governing body for their support and help to have changes made through the legislature. Her statement was provided to Administrator Casagrande. Councilman Peters said there will be a rally in Red Bank on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

Georgene Murray, Cedar Avenue, read a statement she wrote regarding gun violence. There are many open areas at the schools, especially the playgrounds where children have recess and Knollwood Students cross the street. Councilman Peters said that three members of his family were affected by gun violence (his brother in 1986, himself in 1993 and his nephews a week and a half ago) and that it happens quickly. There are many drills for this type of situation and she was advised that the Fair Haven Police Department and the School Board are being proactive. Councilwoman Koch suggested that these statements be brought to the Board of Education meeting on Wednesday evening. As a teacher at Knollwood, she advised that the school practices and has drills all of the time; some of the drills are run by the Fair Haven Police Department (active shooter drills included). The plans cannot be shared with the public for safety reasons.

Chief McGovern advised that all of the concerns expressed this evening are his concerns also. He advised that the department holds drills all of the time and there are plans in place. The Chief and Sean McNeill, Superintendent of Schools, have a meeting tomorrow to discuss the same concerns expressed this evening. Unfortunately, there is a chance a shooting can happen when the children leave the school for lunch or walk home after school or through town at night. We do our best to keep the town and its residents safe.

Peggy Sheehan, Katherine Street, said that she moved to Fair Haven from Hoboken and it is a very special place. She thanked the governing body and told them that she and her husband, Dan, are grateful to those that took the leadership position as a governing body. She asked the Mayor and Council to think about how they can make everyone in Fair Haven safe. There is youth spearheading the gun legislation movement and putting pressure on party leaders. She asked that pressure be put on local, state and federal leaders. Council has the courage and



connections and should reach out to them. Today is the time for change!

Marla Parker, Park Lane, did not have a written statement, but had ideas on how to make the schools safer. She said she would be willing to meet with the Police Chief, moms, Superintendent of Schools, the governing body and whoever else can make decisions on safeguarding our schools. Parents should be heard. Mayor Lucarelli said when it comes to the school, the governing body is separate and cannot dictate what they can do. He will be at the Board of Education meeting on Wednesday and that is where the parents should petition. The Mayor said he has been at numerous active shooter drills and we have a very prepared police department. There is a need for open discussions. The actors of past school shootings (Columbine, Sandy Hook, Parkland) have many things in common and something has set them off; they are angry and there is a trigger. It is important to know your neighbors; study and understand what the triggers may be. Mrs. Parker said that there should be more to the “if you see something, say something”; reports need to be followed up on and investigated. Chief McGovern said anything brought to his attention or the attention of the school is investigated to the fullest and communicated between the school and the police department.

Councilman Peters encouraged everyone to have a well thought out plan. The school and police department have a plan and it does not need to be disclosed for the safety of the schools. Mayor Lucarelli said that the Borough will look into what can be disclosed to dissuade the public’s concerns. The Fair Haven Police Department is a federally accredited department which means that we have met the standards as far as professionalism of our police force and how we operate. We have more police officers who answer a call (3 to 1 ratio) as opposed to a larger town where there are less officers answering a call (1 to 1 ratio).

Jennifer Bennett, Hance Road, said she had similar concerns as everyone else. She spoke with representatives at the school, as well, and her concern is the parks and all of the kids at the playground across from Knollwood School. She asked if there is a program that the State can help fund for safety. Chief McGovern said the school board can ask for more security. She said that she is also addressing the governing body because Sickles School uses McCarter Park which is Borough property. The Chief said that the use of the park is used during school hours so it is the responsibility of the school staff. The school has mandates that need to be followed and the police department has its policies that go beyond the school mandate. Fortunately, we are a small Borough and we know everyone and check into everything. The Mayor said we are following all of the best practices that are out there. It is a constant process and team effort between the police department, schools, parents and governing body to keep our children safe. Mrs. Bennett said it is a huge expense to have an officer in the schools and she understands that, but feels that a grant should be applied for. Chief McGovern said that his department checks all social media posts seen and those brought to the department’s attention and school’s attention.

Councilman Rodriguez said that he had a conversation with the Chief and he advised that this matter it is the first thing he thinks about when he wakes up. Councilman Rodriguez said that he also spoke with Council President Peters about the topic. There will be a march in Asbury Park and Red Bank on March 24<sup>th</sup>; there will only be a presence, no talking. He agreed with looking into funding to see what can be done so he can work with the Chief and governing body on this matter. He felt a statement or resolution voicing the Borough’s stance to the State and our community is a great step.

Louis Moore, Hance Road, Red Bank Regional High School Superintendent, advised that NJ School Boards have adopted resolutions to this subject. The reason why he loves Fair Haven is because everyone comes together as public and elected officials. The NJ School Board Association put out the resolution model and he will share it with Sean McNeill tomorrow. Mayor Lucarelli said that NJ has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. We need to get the resolution and distribute it among Council for possible adoption at a March meeting. We need to get our statements and feelings to the federal legislators keeping in mind the Second Amendment as well.

Brian Rice, Maple Avenue, said that he is ex-Navy, Special Forces, and knows quite a bit about this subject. He reiterated “if you see something, say something” no matter who it is. The Chief has to listen and investigate and he does. It is a different time from when he grew up and his family owned 12 acres in town. Now he has children that are learning to hunt and fish. He grew up in Fair Haven with Bob Frank. Don Frank, who was honored this evening, was one of his idols and he grew up with his son, Bob. Mr. Rice said that he handled assault rifles in the military and agrees that the public does not need access to assault rifles. Don’t be scared to speak up.

Ruth Blaser, River Road, said she has been “decluttering” her home and has been going through old papers. With regard to our budget and financial review, we are a high maintenance town and asked what would happen if we did not receive the \$350,000 grant. She suggested the Borough get a Forensic Accountant/Auditor to go through the budget with a fine-tooth comb. We have a lot more employees handling matters than we had years ago. There are quite a few in the Engineering Department that we pay a lot of money. To eliminate our monthly engineering bills, the governing body hired an in-house engineer which led to hiring an Assistant Engineer and then a secretary. She recommended that a Forensic Auditor review the Borough’s financial mess. Councilman Peter said that Mrs. Blaser might want to pick up a copy of his book, “Preventing Fraud and Mismanagement in Government: Systems and Structures” which was released last year. His co-author is one of the top Forensic Accountants. The Borough tries its best to manage the Borough’s money correctly and he disputed her comments.

Administrator Casagrande said the Mayor and Council will not pat themselves on the back. Everything that is done is an open public record and we do not need a Forensic Accountant. She said the governing body truly supports the police department; 25% of our budget is for the police department and they are worth every penny. The Mayor and Council never announced they would be consolidating with any other police department. Mrs. Blaser said police consolidation was discussed years ago and the police department came in uniform to intimidate.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:24 p.m.

The public was advised the governing body would be going into executive session and formal action would be taken after. Council went into executive session at 8:27 p.m. and this meeting was reconvened at 9:06 p.m.

#### **RESOLUTION**

8. Resolution No. 2018-65, Affirming the Borough’s Commitment to Waterfront Access

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fair Haven has rich cultural identity tied to waterfront access, as well as, a documented history of an ongoing commitment to maintaining and increasing public access to the Navesink River; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of increasing access to the Navesink River has been included in the Borough’s Master Plan, based on historical input and support from Borough residents; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past five (5) years, the Borough of Fair Haven has received and/or secured over one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in state and local grant funding to support increased access to the Navesink River; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past ten years, the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven has committed and/or authorized over \$750,000 in local taxpayer dollars to support increased access to the Navesink River; and

**WHEREAS**, the property known as 78 DeNormandie Avenue was acquired to be an integral part of the Borough’s access to the Navesink River; and

**WHEREAS**, the riparian grant at the terminus of DeNormandie Avenue, which was purchased by the Borough in 1962, is immediately adjacent to the waterway in front of the Borough’s 78 DeNormandie Avenue property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fair Haven has filed an administrative appeal to a NJDEP Waterfront Development Permit that authorized encroachment into the Borough’s 1962 riparian grant, as well as further encroachment into the waterway in front of 78 DeNormandie Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fair Haven has taken a leadership role in reestablishing the Navesink River Municipal Commission and through that body is also highly focused on preserving the integrity of the river for present and future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that we publicly reaffirm the Borough’s ongoing commitment to maintaining and increasing public access to the Navesink River.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all practical and legal actions shall be taken to protect the Borough's historical and future waterfront property rights and to guarantee that safe and secure public access to the Navesink River is maintained and increased.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Peters, second by Councilman Marchese

Affirmative: Councilmembers Koch, Marchese, Peters, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Jaeger

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Rodriguez with Ayes by all present.

Time of Adjournment: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR  
Borough Clerk