

FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUGUST 20, 2018

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 Sunshine Law Statement was read.

ROLL CALL

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

WORKSHOP SESSION

Councilwoman Sorensen made a motion to approve the R-FH Booster Club request to post lawn signs, "A Senior Dog Lives Here" from September 2018 until June 2019, second by Councilwoman Koch with Ayes by all present.

Councilman Peters made a motion to approve the Fair Haven Fire Police request to install banners advertising the Car Show from September 2nd until October 14th, second by Councilwoman Sorensen with Ayes by all present.

Councilman Peters made a motion to approve a request from the Foundation of Fair Haven to display Oktoberfest lawn signs from August 27th until September 16th, second by Councilman Marchese with Ayes by all present.

Councilman Peters made a motion to approve a request from the Fair Haven Business Association to display their August Sidewalk Sale lawn signs, second by Councilwoman Sorensen with Ayes by all present.

Administrator Casagrande said a police subcommittee needs to be formed to assist with the interviews for Patrolman. Motion to appoint Mayor Lucarelli, Councilmembers Koch and Peters and Administrator Casagrande, moved by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilwoman Koch with Ayes by all present.

In Chief McGovern's absence, Administrator Casagrande gave an overview of the state's mandatory drug testing policy for police departments. The State of New Jersey passed legislation that police departments be drug tested annually. The policy is adopted as part of the rules and regulations under our accreditation certification.

Chief McGovern arrived at the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

The Chief advised that the Attorney General has mandated that 10% of police department officers be tested. This process will be started in mid-October; the cost is \$100 per person which means 4 officers per year will be tested. Substance testing is already part of our policy.

With regard to the resumes received for the Patrolman position, there were 78 received which were narrowed down to 11 candidates; interviews will begin this week. The police subcommittee appointed will interview the final three candidates. Chief McGovern will advise of a date and time; he would like to move forward with an appointment in September.

Councilman Jaeger gave a Navesink River Municipalities Committee/DEP update. He is the Borough's liaison to this committee and Brian Rice was also appointed as a Borough representative. There is pollution in the waterways. The west end of the Navesink River was closed where shell fishing takes place because of pollution issues. There were visual inspections, site inspections, flyovers and fecal smelling dogs to locate the sources. Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority is a partner with the Borough. Fair Haven recently had an occasion where there was fecal odor coming from Fourth Creek. The Sewer Authority telescoped the pipes and identified the problem (a cracked line) which has been addressed. We have had a 74% reduction in pollution which is great. Councilwoman Sorensen said that there are informative meetings and rallies and encouraged the public to attend these rallies and meetings.

With regard to 2018 Capital review, Administrator Casagrande sent a packet of information to the governing body last week for their review. The governing body should determine what will be approved as small ticket capital. The First Aid Squad radio purchases were approved at the last meeting and there are capital requests for DPW and the Police Department on tonight's agenda. Councilman Peters said that the meeting with the Borough's Financial Advisor or Bond Counsel has not taken place yet. As far as road projects and drainage, the Third Street Bid award is on this evening's agenda. The next project would be Improvements to Battin Road; we received an NJDOT grant award. There is a balance of micro projects pending. Engineer Gardella provided a roads and costs analysis (not relevant for this discussion, but for the 2018 Bond Ordinance to be acted on at a future meeting). The Borough has been advised that the County will be paving the

entire length of River Road in 2019. The County Administrator said they would be paving the road not addressing sidewalks and curbs. There will be concrete work done by the Borough on River Road from Smith Street to Red Bank. Councilman Jaeger asked when the Borough would be notified as to when the work will begin; it will depend on the bids received and the contractor's schedule. There was review of the \$215,000 capital ordinance adopted in May which includes Bicentennial Hall, DeNormandie Avenue Park, Hunting Lane, etc. The purchase authorization resolution on this evening agenda for DPW and the Police was reviewed. DPW is looking for an International truck purchase to replace a 2006 International, there are also waterfront projects and road drainage projects.

There is a Finance Committee (Administrator Casagrande, Councilmembers Peters and Jaeger and CFO Lapp) meeting being held on August 21st with the Borough's Financial Advisor to discuss capital funding and debt service. A 2018 Bond Ordinance will be introduced at a September meeting. The items listed for approval tonight are small ticket items; the large ticket items will be discussed in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 7:22 p.m. Susan O'Brien, River Road, asked about Battin Road Improvements and what it would entail i.e. sidewalks, curbs and paving as well as widening the road. Administrator Casagrande said that Engineer Gardella has not finished his design. There is no scope of work as of this date. A concept plan was submitted to the NJDOT when we applied for the grant. Once a plan has been created, it will have to be approved by Mayor and Council and the NJDOT. Mayor Lucarelli said there is a lot of drainage to be addressed on Battin Road. The road is not going to be widened and the character of the street will not be changed.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Sorensen made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of July 16, 2018, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Councilwoman Sorensen made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 30, 2018, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Councilwoman Sorensen made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of July 30, 2018, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the governing body.

**NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution No. 2018-162, Approve Block Party for Jackson Street: October 6th (rain date: October 13th).

WHEREAS, a request was received to hold a Block Party on Jackson Street (between Hance Road and Smith Street) on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 3 pm to 10 pm with a rain date of Saturday, October 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief McGovern reviewed the application and submitted his approval on July 30, 2018; 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 Jackson Street on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 3 pm to 10 pm with a rain date of Saturday, October 13, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Permit No. BP 2018-06 will be issued for said event.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Jaeger, second by Councilman Rodriguez

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

2. Resolution No. 2018-163, Extend Interlocal Service Agreement with Rumson Borough for Municipal Court

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 services listed above beginning on or about April 1, 2018 and to continue through March 31, 2021; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to extend said Agreement an additional three (3) years through March 31, 2021.

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

Offered for adoption by Councilman Jaeger, second by Councilman Rodriguez

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

3. Resolution No. 2018-164, Award Bid for Improvements to Third Street

WHEREAS, sealed bids were opened on July 12, 2018 in the Borough Hall Council Chambers for Improvements to Third Street; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT BID</u>
1.	Diamond Construction	Brick, NJ	\$621,082.50
2.	Earle Asphalt	Farmingdale, NJ	\$641,213.13

WHEREAS, Richard Gardella, PE, PP, CME, Borough Engineer and Salvatore Alfieri reviewed the bids and hereby recommend that a contract award be made to Diamond Construction, 35 Beaverson Boulevard, Brick, NJ in the amount of \$621,082.50; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Fair Haven has certified that funds for the low bid are available in Capital Fund Appropriations, as attached; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that it hereby recommends award of a contract for Improvements to Third Street to Diamond Construction, 35 Beaverson Boulevard, Brick, NJ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount appropriated in the above paragraph (\$74,220.48) of this resolution and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in the above paragraph. This paragraph is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute NJDOT Form SA-22 and an agreement with Diamond Construction.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Jaeger, second by Councilman Rodriguez

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

4. Resolution No. 2018-165, Authorize Borough Engineer to submit an NJDOT Grant Application - Trails

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Fair Haven formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Engineer and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit electronic grant applications to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Fair Haven identified as follows:

Improvements to Borough Trails

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Fair Haven and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement

Offered for adoption by Councilman Jaeger, second by Councilman Rodriguez

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

5. Resolution No. 2018-166, Approve Purchase Authorizations for Public Works and Police Department

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2018-13 was adopted on May 29, 2018 and provides for the acquisition of various equipment, infrastructure improvements and improvements to public buildings and grounds; and

WHEREAS, Capital Item requests have been made as follows:

<u>Department of Public Works</u>	
• 2019 Ford F-350 Pick Up Truck	\$ 40,000.00
• 2019 Midsize Pick Up Truck	<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>
	\$ 75,000.00
<u>Police Department</u>	
• Two (2) AEDs	\$ 2,000.00
• Twelve (12) Traffic Control Barricades	\$ 3,600.00
• Four (4) Ballistic Shields	\$ 4,400.00
• One (1) Radar Unit	\$ 1,500.00
• One (1) Traffic Speed Sign/Traffic Counter	\$ 3,900.00
	\$15,400.00
Combined Total	\$ 90,400.00

WHEREAS, the above equipment will be purchased for the various departments as per their individual needs and requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the above capital item expenditures are hereby approved.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Jaeger, second by Councilman Rodriguez

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Resolution No. 2018-167, Approve Block Party for Maple Avenue: September 8th (rain date: September 9th)

WHEREAS, a request was received to hold a Block Party on Maple Avenue on Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 4 pm to 10 pm with a rain date of Sunday, September 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief McGovern reviewed the application and submitted his approval on August 8, 2018; 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 Maple Avenue on Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 4 pm to 10 pm with a rain date of Sunday, September 9, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Permit No. BP 2018-07 will be issued for said event.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Jaeger, second by Councilman Rodriguez

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. Resolution No. 2018-168, Appoint Beau Bernnardo as a Full-Time DPW Laborer

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2018-50 appointed Beau Bennardo as a full-time Public Works employee with a six-month probationary period; and

WHEREAS, the probationary period was completed on August 13, 2018, a performance evaluation was conducted by Richard Gardella, Director of Engineering and Public Works and Mr. Gardella has made a recommendation for Beau Bennardo to become a regular, full time, Public Works Laborer, retroactive to August 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the position/salary step for Beau Bennardo will be at the Grade 1 rate of \$39,078, in accordance with the 2017-2021 Teamsters Local 177 Memorandum of Agreement, effective January 1, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Beau Bennardo be appointed as a regular, full-time laborer for the Department of Public Works, in accordance with the salary schedule outlined above, retroactive to August 13, 2018.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Jaeger, second by Councilman Rodriguez

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8. Resolution No. 2018-169, Approve Fire Department/Social Membership - Francis Sharkey

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Francis J. Sharkey, 26 Hendrickson Place, Fair Haven, NJ having been duly accepted as a social member of the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Co., is hereby appointed to the Fair Haven Fire Department.

Offered for adoption by Councilman , second by Councilman

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

Negative: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9. Resolution No. 2018-170, Executive Session: Personnel, Pending Litigation and Acquisition of Property

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. Sick Time Policy

Pending Litigation

1. Yacht Works

Acquisition of Property

1. River Road

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 Councilman Jaeger, second by Councilman Rodriguez

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

10. Resolution No 2018-171, Payment of Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that the vouchers listed for payment on the August 20, 2018 agenda are hereby approved and the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release payment to the various vendors.

2017 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$ 4,959.19
2018 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$ 3,603,561.20
GENERAL CAPITAL	\$ 15,427.00
OTHER TRUST	\$ 21,124.91
DOG TRUST	\$ 4.80

TOTAL \$ 3,645,077.10

Offered for adoption by Councilman Jaeger, second by Councilman Rodriguez

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

11. Resolution No. 2018-172, Authorize Borough Personnel for Oktoberfest

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the Borough Administrator is authorized to allocate Borough resources, including Borough Personnel and budgeted funds, to successfully carry out the Oktoberfest event on September 15, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Police personnel will receive the Special Duty Rate of \$50.00 per hour as per Ordinance 2017-10.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Jaeger, second by Councilman Rodriguez

Affirmative: Councilmembers Jaeger, Marchese, Peters and Rodriguez
Negative: None

Abstain: Councilmembers Koch and Sorensen
Absent: None

12. Resolution No. 2018-173, Waive Borough's ABC Codes 3-19.1 and 9-1.22 for Oktoberfest-September 15, 2018

WHEREAS, the Foundation of Fair Haven will be holding an Oktoberfest Event on Saturday, September 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Borough Code 3-19.1 "prohibits open consumption of any alcoholic beverages on public property within the Borough unless authorized by the Governing Body, or on private property without consent of the owner of the property or the person, over the age of twenty-one (21) years, in possession or control of the property" and Borough Code 9-1.22 "prohibits alcoholic beverages while in a public park, open space, sanctuary, or recreation area and all persons shall conduct themselves in a proper and orderly manner and, in particular, no person shall bring alcoholic beverages, drink same at any time nor shall any person be under the influence of intoxicating liquor"; and

WHEREAS, the Oktoberfest Event will take place at Fair Haven Fields and will include the provision of alcoholic beverage requiring that the above-mentioned codes be waived for alcohol purchased through the Foundation of Fair Haven as no outside alcohol will be permitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Borough Codes 3-19.1 and 9-1.22 be waived on September 15, 2018 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. for Oktoberfest and codes be waived for alcohol purchased through the Foundation of Fair Haven as no outside alcohol will be permitted.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Jaeger, second by Councilman Rodriguez

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

13. Resolution No. 2018-174, Approve Block Party for Fairwaters Lane – September 8th (rain date: September 9th)

WHEREAS, a request was received to hold a Block Party on Fairwaters Lane beginning at Fair Haven Road on Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 5 pm to 11 pm with a raindate of Sunday, September 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief McGovern reviewed the application and submitted his approval on August 16, 2018; 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 Fairwaters Lane on Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 5 pm to 11 pm with a raindate of Sunday, September 9, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Permit No. BP 2018-08 will be issued for said event

Offered for adoption by Councilman Jaeger, second by Councilman Rodriguez

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

Reports of Departments
July 2018

-Municipal Clerk
-Dog License
-Planning Board and Zoning Board
-Tax Collector
-Police Department

Motion to accept the reports as submitted moved by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilwoman Koch with Ayes by all present.

GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

Mayor Lucarelli opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions at 7:27 p.m. Jim Moody, Gillespie Avenue, addressed Mayor and Council about 20 Gillespie Avenue stating that he has appeared at prior meetings regarding this property. He reviewed the history and outstanding issues with the property such as trees, driveways, etc. The developer appeared before the governing body in June and a resolution was passed to call the performance bond that they posted. Mr. Moody said that last week he was informed by a realtor that the lots were sold. He asked who was responsible for completing the driveways and why they are negotiating contracts to sell the homes. He said he spoke with Attorney Alfieri to find out why the performance bond has not been called and was advised that they are not at that point yet. Mayor and Council were asked why it is taking so long to rectify and why there has not been a letter sent. Mayor Lucarelli disagreed with some of the assertions made stating that the Borough did call the bond and a letter was sent to the property owner. The governing body was advised the letter was not sent and both Attorney Alfieri and Engineer Gardella are on vacation this week. Mr. Moody was advised that the letter will be sent upon their return. He said that he and the neighbors have been waiting since June and asked why it is 60 days later and the letter was not sent; he asked the Borough to move on this especially since the governing body made it clear that they wanted the bond acted on right away. He asked the what the course is once the letter is sent. Attorney Jacobs said that the surety company will put pressure on the developer or they may hire their own contractor to complete the outstanding items. Administrator Casagrande said that she received Mrs. Moody's letter by e-mail today and she responded back that Engineer Gardella is getting the driveways drawn/designed. Councilman Jaeger said that the Council gave a firm and strong directive to call the bond and said that he wants the bond called. Both Mayor Lucarelli and Councilman Marchese agreed stating that they want the letter to go out immediately and if doesn't go out this week, Engineer Gardella will have to come to the next meeting and explain himself.

Henry Nemser, Gillespie Avenue, reiterated Mr. Moody's comments and said that he is concerned with drainage in the area. Councilmembers Peters and Marchese have gone to the project location and noticed the issue; the drainage should be addressed. Mr. Nemser asked if the Borough Engineer could come out and look at the area to see if there is a maintenance issue. He said there appears to be 6" to 12" taps and he was not sure what they are, but they are in poor condition (trapped with dirt). The drainage issue seems to be coming from the new road (Captains Point Way).

Marjorie Abson, Dartmouth Avenue, said that she contacted the County regarding the roadway at the Ridge Road and Oxford Avenue intersection. There is a "gully" there that is going to cause an issue with children riding their bikes and falling or a car is going to sustain significant damage. She said that she has brought the condition to everyone's attention and nothing has been done to rectify it. Councilman Peters said that a culvert was put in place to address the erosion and safety issues; he will look at it for a solution. Administrator Casagrande said that Engineer Gardella reviewed it and it was not an unacceptable range.

Donna Steiner Colonial Court, said that it was reported the sewerage issue was 74% improved and asked why it is not 100% improved. Councilman Jaeger said that he spoke of a crack in the sewer line that was leaking fecal matter which found its way to the river. Mayor Lucarelli explained that there are three types of fecal matter issues; cracked lines, wildlife and dogs not being curbed. Dog waste bags are being thrown into the storm sewer and causing issues. Mrs. Steiner stated that the street lights in the Colonial Court cul-de-sac are overwhelming and asked how some can be eliminated. She was advised that it was approved by the Planning Board and the governing body does not have the plan or a copy of the approval, but they were sure there is a reason for the plan. Mrs. Steiner asked if the neighborhood would have to submit a petition to reduce the lighting. Mayor Lucarelli asked Attorney Jacobs if the Planning Board approval can be reversed if there is a developer's agreement. Administrator Casagrande said that she would look into it with the Borough Engineer as the lights have not been installed yet; it was a proposed plan.

Ruth Blaser, River Road, stated that the brush pick-up schedule is not working because there are piles out on the roadway now. She requested the Borough go back to the "old days" where DPW would drive around and pick up the brush piles as they appeared. She wants the violations documented. Administrator Casagrande reported that Joe Mulé has issued brush warnings to those in violation. Mrs. Blaser was advised that there are nine (9) DPW employees now (one of them is the mechanic) compared to a 16-man department years ago which is the reason for the schedule.

Alan Lopena, Park Lane, objected to the Third Street and Fair Haven Road sidewalk plan. He and his wife grew up in New York City and were looking to get away from all of the concrete which is why they moved here. He said there are more environmental approaches these days with electric cars, banning the use of straws and kids riding bikes. He said no one is walking to school and the sidewalk plan is going to change the character of the neighborhood. Mayor Lucarelli advised that the Borough received a grant from the State of New Jersey and we provided a survey to the

public, had information on the Borough's website, held public meetings discussing the plan and had meetings with the NJDOT. The Improvements to Third Street plan was not suddenly created; it was a long process. This plan is part of what experts say a municipality, of our size, should have. Surveys were sent to residents and sidewalks were marked as a high priority. The results of the survey were published on the Borough's website. It was reiterated that this was being done with an NJDOT grant with a long process allowing for public comments before, during and at the end. Fair Haven has the fifth highest real estate market in the state.

Theresa Lopena. Park Lane, said that once the sidewalks are installed the residents will be made to maintain them. She said there are elderly people in the neighborhood that will need help and asked if the Borough is going to help or provide assistance to these residents. Councilman Rodriguez said that he has two daughters that participate in the 'Be A Good Neighbor' program and help shovel homes where there is an elderly and/or disabled person. Mrs. Lopena said the kids involved in the program do not come out until 1:00 p.m. which is too late for some people and does not work. Councilman Rodriguez said in 2015, there was a Master Plan Survey and the #1 thing responded to and requested was pedestrian safety. There was further discussion regarding the sidewalks. Mrs. Blaser said she lives on River Road and has issues with clearing her sidewalks in the winter.

Mayor Lucarelli said that he helps his neighbors, in the winter, on Katherine Street and understands the concern, however, this is part of the package that drives Fair Haven to be one of the top five places in New Jersey to live. We are successful and expanding.

Mrs. O'Brien asked, "is the Borough is adhering to everything in the transportation plan?"; yes, this is a staged plan. It can take many years before a road is looked at and will be addressed as road projects come up. The plan is supposed to last for 50 years or until engineering standards change and it is up to the governing body as to what and what will not be addressed.

Mrs. Steiner asked why there is no leaf or brush pick up during the month of August. Administrator Casagrande said that there has not been leaf or brush pick up in August for as long as she has been Administrator (2011). DPW is very busy with school opening and other projects; it allows them time to catch up on other pending projects and making sure everything is good to go before school starts.

Councilman Rodriguez mentioned the passing of Marco Bonomi who was a 52-year resident of Fair Haven, served in the Armed Forces and was active with Boy Scouts, the Board of Education and Community Appeals. He passed away just after our last meeting and will be missed.

Mrs. O'Brien asked when the striping of crosswalks will occur on River Road; the crosswalks will be addressed this Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Blaser asked how much control the Borough has over the Acme Shopping Plaza parking lot. The parking stalls need to be address as well as the layout of the lot.

Mr. Lopena asked if the catch basin on Park Lane is connected to anything and if it was created by design or was a pipe connection forgotten. Mayor Lucarelli said there are dry wells being installed and the pipes will be extended into the sewers.

Councilwoman Sorensen invited everyone to Oktoberfest which will be held at Fair Haven Fields on Saturday, September 15th. The funds go toward Fair Haven Day and other items.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:05 p.m.

Council went into executive session at 8:10 p.m. and this meeting was reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk