

**FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 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. It was asked that the people of California and Pittsburgh be kept in everyone's thoughts. The Sunshine Law Statement was read.

**ROLL CALL**

On Roll Call the following were present: Mayor Lucarelli, Councilmembers Marchese, Rodriguez and Sorensen. Absent: Councilmembers Jaeger, Koch and Peters. Others present: Administrator Casagrande and Bruce Padula, Esq., Borough Attorney's office.

**WORKSHOP SESSION**

Mayor Lucarelli advised that there was a request from Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School asking for permission to have a student art display at various business locations. Administrator Casagrande said there is a concern about the Fair Haven Hardware location; she sent an e-mail to the requestor and spoke with the Mayor about this earlier. The section at Fair Haven Hardware where they would like to display the art (parking lot) is a very busy area with deliveries, traffic coming in and leaving and this might distract drivers. The art can be displayed on the Fair Haven Road side of the building or they can display it at the back of Borough Hall. The businesses are each located in a private building, so they would not need Borough approval. Motion to allow the art to be hung at the back of Borough Hall moved by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Marchese with Ayes by all present.

With regard to the 2019 Bulk Schedule, Administrator Casagrande would like to finalize and approve the schedule at the November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. A bullet point hand out was provided to the governing body. There was discussion about the Borough DPW handling bulk pick up instead of there being bulk drop off the first Saturday of the month. Zones 1 and 2 would have their bulk picked up the first Monday of the month and Zones 3 and 4 would have their bulk picked up the second Monday of the month which will make it easier for the residents to put their bulk items out over the weekend prior to their pick up. Any appliance will need to be scheduled and paid for (\$15 per appliance) at Borough Hall. There will not be a fee for other bulk items. She explained what items can and cannot be put out. The ordinance will need to be amended for the rules and have the fees removed. The Director of DPW will determine the maximum number of items that can be put out. Administrator Casagrande said that she and the DPW Director determined that the three months where there will not be pick up will be August, November and December. She gave the history of leaf collection from November and December 2017 which was quite a bit. There was discussion about not having pick up two months in a row. Councilwoman Sorensen asked why there will only be bulk pick up nine months out of the year and said she would like to have a pick-up in August. The DPW usually does "catch up" of tasks and prepares for the upcoming school year in August plus there are vacations taken at that time, as well. The consensus of Council was to have bulk pick up January through October with no pick-ups in November and December. This matter will be listed for further discussion on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Annual Best Practices Inventory is due by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Casagrande said that the State of New Jersey sends out a Best Practices Inventory with a survey of questions about what is done in the Borough. This year's inventory was much more extensive. The Inventory was answered/prepared, and the Borough received a score of 90% which is great. Part of the requirement is to have the Mayor and Council review the worksheet(s) and we have to report back/certify to the State our answers. Most of the questions were finance and clerk related and Colleen and Allyson did a great job in their responses. Motion to accept the 2018 Best Practices Inventory moved by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Rodriguez with Ayes by all present.

Councilwoman Sorensen advised that the Fair Haven Business Association submitted a request for lawn signs and a banner advertising Small Business Saturday (11/24) and the Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting event (12/7). There will be approximately 30 signs through town and they will be posted 10 days prior to each event. The banner will be installed at the entrance to Fair Haven on River Road coming from Red Bank (same as last year). Motion to approve moved by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Marchese with Ayes by all present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 7:12 p.m. Susan O'Brien, River Road, asked why the door for Bicentennial Hall was so expensive. Administrator Casagrande said that emergency and panic bars needed to be installed on the doors per code. Mrs. O'Brien asked if the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the month for bulk pick up are going to work; it

is a lot of town to cover. Administrator Casagrande said that it is believed that it will and Rich Gardella, Director of Engineering and Public Works, is comfortable with the schedule. There should not be a high volume of items except in the spring and summer months.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:14 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Sorensen made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 22, 2018, second by Councilman Marchese.

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

Councilwoman Sorensen made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of October 22, 2018, second by Councilman Marchese.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business brought before the governing body.

**NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT AGENDA  
RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution No. 2018-200, Appointment of Planning Board, Alternate #1 Member-Fredrick Rolff

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy on the Borough's Planning Board that needs to be filled; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has found a volunteer willing to fill the unexpired term for Alternate #1 and serve on the Planning Board as follows:

Fredrick Rolff, Alternate #1 with a term to expire on December 31, 2019

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen

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

2. Resolution No. 2018-201, Approve Performance Bond Refund for 99 Maple Avenue-Jeff Tilly

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution No. 2014-72 which accepted Performance Guarantees for 99 Maple Avenue (Block 43, Lot 28) and adopted Resolution No. 2015-35 to reduce the performance bond posted by 30%; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jeff Tilly has requested a refund of his remaining Performance Guarantees in the amount of \$7,010.86 be transferred to the Borough's Sidewalk Fund Account for curbs and sidewalks to be installed along Maple Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough Engineer, Richard Gardella, has reviewed Mr. Tilly's request and recommended refund of the remaining performance guarantees and transferring the funds to the Borough's Sidewalk Walk Fund Account for Maple Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer will transfer the amount of \$7,010.86 from Mr. Tilly's escrow account into the Borough's Sidewalk Fund account for curbs and sidewalks to be installed along Maple Avenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough

of Fair Haven that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to do the following:  
Transfer funds from Mr. Tilly’s escrow account into the Borough’s Sidewalk Fund account in the amount of \$7,010.86.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Borough Engineer, Rich Gardella recommends waiving the two-year Maintenance Bond requirement.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen

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

3. Resolution No. 2018-202, Approve 2018 Municipal Budget Transfers

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, appropriation transfers are allowable during the last two months of a fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary that said transfers be done through various accounts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey that the following transfers are made in the 2018 budget appropriations:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
8-01-20-100-101	Administration Salaries	\$ 4,000.00
8-01-20-165-101	Engineering Salaries	\$ 2,500.00
8-01-23-220-227	Health Benefits - Medical	\$25,000.00
8-01-26-290-101	Streets and Road Salaries	\$10,990.00
8-01-26-290-258	Streets and Roads Salt & Sand	\$ 4,000.00
8-01-26-290-102	Streets and Roads Overtime	\$10,000.00
8-01-26-310-277	Buildings and Grounds - Ponds	\$ 6,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 62,490.00</b>

  

<u>TO</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
8-01-20-155-211	Legal Services - Contractual	\$25,000.00
8-01-21-180-211	Planning Board Contractual Svs	\$ 4,500.00
8-01-26-315-235	Vehicle Maint-New Equip/Repair	\$ 9,000.00
8-01-26-315-263	Vehicle Maint- Supplies/Parts	\$ 5,000.00
8-01-31-440-206	Telephone: Cellular Phones	\$ 3,500.00
8-01-43-486-299	ILSA – Technology	\$ 3,000.00
8-01-43-497-202	ILSA - Construction	\$12,490.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$62,490.00</b>

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen

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

4. Resolution No. 2018-203, Executive Session: Acquisition of Property, Pending Litigation & 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:

**Pending Litigation**

1. Yacht Works

**Acquisition of Property**

1. River Road

**Contract Negotiations**

1. 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 Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen

Affirmative: Councilmembers Marchese, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Jaeger, Koch and Peters

5. Resolution No. 2018-204, Appoint Special Law Enforcement Officer - Class I, Sabrina A. Valentin

**WHEREAS**, a request was made by Police Chief Joseph McGovern to appoint a Special Law Enforcement Officers Class I, effective November 12, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph McGovern, Fair Haven Police Chief, has recommended that Sabrina A. Valentin 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** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Sabrina A. Valentin be appointed to the position of Special Class I Officer.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen

Affirmative: Councilmembers Marchese, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Jaeger, Koch and Peters

6. Resolution No. 2018-205, Appoint Part-Time Police Records Clerk – Michael P. Campanella

**WHEREAS**, a request was made by Police Chief Joseph McGovern to appoint a part-time, Police Records Clerks effective November 12, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph McGovern, Fair Haven Police Chief, has recommended Michael P. Campanella be appointed to this position.

**WHEREAS**, the rate of pay for this position is \$15.50 per hour.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appointment for part-time Police Records Clerk is hereby confirmed:

Michael P. Campanella

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen

Affirmative: Councilmembers Marchese, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Jaeger, Koch and Peters

7. Resolution No. 2018-206, Accept Performance Guarantees from A.V. Murphy Builders – 27 William Street

**WHEREAS**, A.V. Murphy Builders, Inc. has obtained minor subdivision approval from the Fair Haven Planning Board pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Planning Board on July 10, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board Engineer prepared a bond estimate for this minor subdivision by way of letter dated October 31, 2018 which is annexed hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, A.V. Murphy Builders, Inc., has posted performance guarantees in conformance with the bond estimate including additional fees as follows:

Check No. 2028 in the amount of \$16,200.00 (120% cash deposit)

Check No. 2028 in the amount of \$ 675.00 (5% of the engineering inspection fees)

Check No. 2029 in the amount of \$ 300.00 (Tax Map Revision Fee)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, that the aforementioned performance guarantees are accepted by the Borough in order to secure performance by the property owner of a minor subdivision to effectuate the terms and conditions of the subdivision approval.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen

Affirmative: Councilmembers Marchese, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Jaeger, Koch and Peters

8. Resolution No 2018-207, Approve Change Order – Micro Projects (Road and Sidewalk Program)

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2017-65 awarded a contract for the 2017 Road and Sidewalk Program to Fiore Paving, Oceanport, NJ 07757 in and amount not to exceed \$403,652.50; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2018-119 gave approval for Change Order No. 1 to increase the contract amount by \$50,792.85; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Engineering and Public Works requested a second change order for additional items increasing the final contract amount an additional \$29,911.64.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Change Order #2 to the 2017 Road and Sidewalk Program contract authorizes an increase to the contract between the Borough of Fair Haven and Fiore Paving for a total contract amount of \$484,356.99.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen

Affirmative: Councilmembers Marchese, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Jaeger, Koch and Peters

9. Resolution No. 2018-208, Appointment of Borough Mechanic – Bryce Leonard

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2018-122 was adopted on May 14, 2018 reassigning Bryce Leonard to the Borough Mechanic's position for a six-month probationary period; and

**WHEREAS**, Director of Public Works reviewed Mr. Leonard's job performance as Borough Mechanic since the probationary period will expire on November 14, 2018 and recommends that remain the Borough Mechanic for the Borough of Fair Haven; and

**WHEREAS**, the salary for Borough Mechanic remains at Step 3 of the Mechanic's Salary Guide (\$49,663.00), in accordance with the Agreement between the Borough of Fair Haven and Teamsters, Local 177; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the recommendation of the Director of Public Works is hereby approved.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen

Affirmative: Councilmembers Marchese, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Jaeger, Koch and Peters

10. Resolution No 2018-209, Reaffirm Dave Becker as DPW Laborer

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2018-121 adopted on May 14, 2018 reassigned David Becker to a DPW Laborer position for a six-month probationary period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works reviewed David Becker's job performance as Laborer as the probationary period will expire on November 14, 2018 and recommends reaffirmation that Mr. Becker remain in a Laborer position for the Borough of Fair Haven; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Becker's 2018 salary will remain at \$72,476.00, in accordance with the Agreement between the Borough of Fair Haven and Teamsters, Local 177; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the recommendation of the Director of Public Works is hereby approved

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen

Affirmative: Councilmembers Marchese, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Jaeger, Koch and Peters

11. Resolution No. 2018-210, Payment of Vouchers

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that the vouchers listed for payment on the November 8, 2018 agenda are hereby approved and the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release payment to the various vendors.

2017 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$ 4,395.83
2018 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$4,948,881.10
GENERAL CAPITAL	\$ 307,076.08
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$ 13,535.90
OTHER TRUST	\$ 3,595.29
DOG TRUST	\$ 1.20

**TOTAL \$5,277,485.40**

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen

Affirmative: Councilmembers Marchese, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Jaeger, Koch and Peters

Mayor Lucarelli read the following ordinance in its entirety to the public.

12. Resolution No. 2018-211, Express Outrage regarding the October 26<sup>th</sup> killing of 11 Worshippers at Tree of Life \* L'Simcha Congregation, Pittsburgh, PA

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Tree of Life \* Or L'Simcha Congregation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a person who expressed his deep hatred of Jews on social media and "wanted all Jews to die," entered the synagogue during regular Sabbath services with firearms and purposefully shot at the worshippers; and

**WHEREAS**, Pittsburgh police and other public safety officials quickly responded to this outrageous attack, entering the building without regard for their own personal safety, to subdue the attacker, and to otherwise act professionally to ensure the lives and safety of all persons in the building; and

**WHEREAS**, the attacker killed 11 worshippers and wounded 4 police officers and many other people who were attending the synagogue services in peaceful worship in accordance with their traditions; and

**WHEREAS**, this reprehensible attack was not only an attack on those innocent victims, but also on all peaceful people of our beloved country, regardless of their religion, race, or national origin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has recently reported that anti-Semitic incidents rose nearly 60% between 2016 and 2017, counting almost 2000 cases nationwide; and,

**WHEREAS**, there has been anti-Semitic leafletting in certain Monmouth County municipalities in recent months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, grieves for the victims of this despicable attack, offers condolences to their families, and is united against anti-Semitic and other hate crimes of any kind; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey takes this occasion to recognize its heartfelt respect, appreciation and support for the daily work of the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights and Genocide Education at Brookdale Community College (“Chhange”) to promote the elimination of racism, anti-Semitism and all forms of prejudice.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey the offers its heartfelt sympathy, support and encouragement to our county’s entire Jewish population, as well as all other persons of any religion, race or national origin, who may be victims of hate or bigotry; and, furthermore, pledges its support for all who believe in the elimination of racism, anti-Semitism and all forms of prejudice.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough of Fair Haven resolutely affirms that we are all one community and that such heinous attacks on a single group is an attack on us all.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Sorensen

Affirmative: Councilmembers Marchese, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Jaeger, Koch and Peters

Al Zager, President of Congregation B’Nai Israel, said that the governing body’s presence and the Borough’s presence at the memorial service held at the Synagogue was most appreciated by Rabbi Goldberg and the congregation. The support was incredible, and he thanked everyone.

Mayor Lucarelli said a copy of the resolution will be sent to the surrounding synagogues and the L’Simcha Congregation.

### **Reports of Departments**

#### **October 2018**

-Municipal Clerk

-Dog License

-Planning Board and Zoning Board

-Police Department

-BAN Sale (October 15, 2018)

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

### **GOOD OF THE BOROUGH**

Mayor Lucarelli opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions at 7:21 p.m.

Councilman Rodriguez read a statement regarding the attack on L'Simcha Congregation, Pittsburgh, PA and he thanked Amy Mallet, former Fair Haven resident and Freeholder for bringing the resolution the Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted to our attention. He thanked Al Zager, President of Congregation B'Nai Israel, as well as Mayor Lucarelli and Councilmembers Koch and Marchese for attending the memorial ceremony held on October 29<sup>th</sup> (as well as Councilmembers Peters and Sorensen who were there in spirit). The resolution adopted this evening is an important step to decrease violence against the Jewish community. Fortunately, New Jersey has some of the toughest gun laws and Governor Murphy signed a bi-partisan bill into law to prevent the manufacture of guns through 3D process. We have a registration requirement for all weapons and training for gun owners. There is a need for awareness of mental health (support health care for mental illness). This morning there was another gun incident this time in Thousand Oaks, CA. Easy access to weapons should be stopped. We need to implore tightened regulations for the safety of our families and neighbors. He quoted Amy Mallet who has said "when one faith is attacked, we are all attacked". Councilman Rodriguez gave his condolences to the Jewish community in Fair Haven and Rumson.

Councilwoman Sorensen reminded everyone that the Veteran's Day ceremony will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in Memorial Park. Small Business Saturday will take place on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>; there will be extended hours to shop and a trolley. She encouraged everyone to support our businesses and shop local. There will be a Menorah lighting held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and a tree lighting celebration on December 7<sup>th</sup>; both at Memorial Park. On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Fair Haven will be participating with 7 towns in a rivalry series football game at Count Basie Fields; the proceeds will go to Lunch Break.

Councilman Rodriguez said all Scouts are welcome to come to the Veteran's Day Ceremony; line up will be at 10:45 a.m. to help lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. There will be a Turkey Trot event on Thanksgiving at Fair Haven Fields with a collection by Toys for Tots.

Councilman Marchese said that Rumson-Fair Haven Substance Abuse Alliance will host a multi-media presentation (Hidden in Plain Sight) on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Rumson Fair-Haven High School Auditorium. The presentation explains how youngsters are hiding drug paraphernalia. He said those who attend will be shocked and "blown away". The annual meeting where Council holds a meeting with Knollwood School Student Government will be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Knollwood School Auditorium. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> annual day-time meeting held. He warned everyone to watch for deer on Third Street; they are hanging near the park.

Susan O'Brien, River Road, said there is supposed to be another nor'easter next week and asked if there will be a special brush pick up. Administrator Casagrande said that a DPW crew went out this week to pick up storm debris at the curb (done on a case by case basis). Mrs. O'Brien said she has a pile of debris to be picked up. Councilwoman Sorensen asked that the Borough announce or send out a notification that the Borough will be picking up limbs from the storm that had fallen NOT a full brush pick up.

Meghan Keefe, Beechwood Place, asked for a facility's update and where the Borough is in the process. She was advised that an Architect was hired at a previous meeting and we are waiting for plans to be developed. There is a tentative meeting to be held on January 10, 2019 at Knollwood School to present the proposed plans. Mrs. Keefe asked if there will be plans for the Police Department/Borough Hall. Administrator Casagrande said that the Architect is working on plans for DPW (two options); one to shrink the DPW area at the corner of Third and Allen Streets with equipment housed at that location and another with a parks maintenance facility at Fair Haven Fields. In order to move forward with either plan, there are other procedures that the Borough would need to go through. She asked what is happening with the other moving pieces; we are moving forward with the police department in conjunction with the plans. It was asked if the Borough would be renovating the current Borough Hall building; not at this point, yet. Mayor Lucarelli said that the Borough has been accused of not being transparent; we have been proactive and transparent to get the information out. There will be plenty of opportunity for public comment at future meetings. Mrs. Keefe said that a tax neutral process is being presented, but it seems like dominoes; she asked that the taxpayers be considered and that there be a back-up plan in place if the first piece does not work. The Mayor said there are legitimate concerns, but we have our professionals (planners and financial advisors) in place and there is debt rolling off in 2020. He said it is premature to comment on this now until the concept plans and discussions take place. Mrs. Keefe said the Board of Education is working on their 2020 vision and may have a referendum about the schools in town which means there are a lot of pieces in play. Mayor Lucarelli said that he has been working closely with Bennett Coleman, Board of



Education President and Superintendent Sean O'Neil on the silos; he gave a breakdown of where the money goes from the tax bill (state, county, municipal and schools). He said that the Borough always looks at efficiencies to be shared as we always have.

Chris Brenner, Maple Avenue, said that he assumes the Borough is familiar with impervious area. He said he is a fan of the river and the Borough is way over-indexed on impervious material according to the state report provided to Clean Ocean Action. He asked if the rate is considered in all of the projects in town; sidewalk projects are happening and adding to the impervious rate. Mayor Lucarelli said the river is getting healthier with our Environmental Commission addressing it and the Borough looking at our storm water materials. The biggest issue is fecal coliform and fertilizers. A major concession came from Acme when they installed a substantial water system that goes into drywells (tanks). Councilman Marchese said that since the Acme project, the flooding on Colonial Court (a major issue) has ceased.

Art Steinman, Hance Road, asked if the Borough is considering the Sunoco station for a new municipal building. He was advised that the current police department was a school house and does not meet most of the moderate standards such as ADA accessibility, the need for a sally port to handle prisoners. The Department of Corrections inspected our police department and we had some fails. We are in need of a new police station. We also have a ROSI issue; the DEP asked for an open space list from in the 1970s and updates in the 1980s and 1990s. This list took real estate away which then required more real estate. The thought is to have the police department and Borough Hall in one building. Mr. Steinman asked if there were any studies or concerns about the building being located in a high traffic area; the Mayor said the building would be in a walkable/bike able area. There is a need to get the facilities out of neighborhoods. Councilman Rodriguez said the police can actually respond faster being on a main road than going to calls through neighborhoods.

Mike Wiehl, Third Street, questioned the \$6,000 legal bill in the Yacht Works matter and asked when it will settle. The Mayor stated that the matter will continue until it is cleared up.

Cristina Iglesias, Forman Street, asked if there would be a traffic study for the new building and if neighborhood traffic will increase. She felt traffic should be minimized. She was advised that the Sunoco property has been vacant for a very long time. The trip count for a gas station would be more than a municipal building. Administrator Casagrande said the County will require a traffic study since the building would be on a county road.

Nancy Incremona, Spruce Drive, asked if code enforcement was done part time. Administrator Casagrande answered that the police and a part time employee handle code enforcement. Mrs. Incremona asked if she should contact Borough Hall if there is a problem; yes. She questioned clear cutting of properties in town. Mayor Lucarelli said that people purchase property and request to remove trees but cannot clear cut the lot. If trees are removed, they are not significant specimen. Councilman Marchese stated that not all trees are protected by the Borough's tree ordinance. Significant species are not removed unless it goes through the process of Council. There is a requirement to replant trees of a certain species if trees are taken out; "every tree has its day". Mrs. Incremona said she lives in River Oaks and the area has changed significantly; there is not a spruce tree on Spruce Drive.

Evan Hughes, DeNormandie Avenue, congratulated the Council Candidate winners. Mayor Lucarelli thanked him for participating in the process.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:54 p.m.

Council went into executive session at 7:56 p.m. and this meeting was reconvened at 8:11 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time of Adjournment: 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR  
Borough Clerk