

**FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MARCH 23, 2020**

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the need for social distancing, this meeting was held and broadcasted at Forefront, 810 River Road, Fair Haven through Zoom to allow for the public access and participate in this meeting.

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 (keeping those affected by the Coronavirus in our thoughts). The following Sunshine Law Statement was read:

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, PUBLIC MEETINGS MAY BE HELD IN PERSON OR BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE STREAMING SERVICES AND OTHER ONLINE MEETING PLATFORMS (NJSA 10:4-8(b)).**

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION, THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN'S MUNICIPAL FACILITIES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. THIS MEETING IS BEING BROADCAST FROM FOREFRONT, 810 RIVER ROAD, FAIR HAVEN, NJ. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THIS COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2020 IS AVAILABLE BY CALL IN PHONE NUMBER OR THROUGH WEB CONFERENCE (ZOOM). MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ON MUTE UNTIL PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENT TIME, WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED. AT THAT TIME THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION/COMMENT BY PHONE OR THROUGH ZOOM BY THE "RAISE HAND" BUTTON AND WILL BE CALLED ON AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.**

**NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS INCLUDED IN A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS SENT TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, THE TWO RIVER TIMES, THE HUB AND THE STAR LEDGER ON JANUARY 9, 2020 POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND HAS REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY POSTED AS REQUIRED UNDER THE STATUTE. A REVISED NOTICE WAS SENT TO THE NEWSPAPERS REGARDING THE LOCATION AND MEANS OF MEETING ACCESS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>. IN ADDITION, COPIES OF THE ABOVE NOTICES ARE AND HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK.**

**MAYOR LUCARELLI'S OPENING STATEMENT**

Good Evening everyone, I am Mayor Benjamin Lucarelli, we are holding this meeting remotely from the office of Forefront, on River Road, utilizing the Zoom platform. Joining me, as panelists, with proper social distancing, are Council President Susan Sorensen, Borough Administrator Theresa Casagrande, Borough Clerk Allyson Cinquegrana, Michel and Ann Marie Berger, Jake Costello and Carl Weiss of Forefront. Remotely, we are joined by Councilman James Banahan, Councilwoman Meghan Chrisner-Keefe, Councilwoman Betsy Koch, Councilman Michael McCue and Councilman Christopher Rodriguez.

I would like to give special thanks to Michel and Ann Marie Berger for inviting us to their office, providing access to the Zoom platform and generously donating their time to instruct the governing body with its use.

This is the first live streamed Council Meeting that we are holding under the rules established under NJSA 10:4-8(b) which allows this meeting to be held with the proviso that only essential business be conducted. In addition to the panelists here and remotely, we have provided dial in access for up to 100 people and webinar access for up to 500 people. If you wish to be heard at either public comments on Agenda Items or Good of the Borough, please use the "Raise Your Hand" function on the Zoom platform and we will call upon you one at a time. Please state your name and address for the record and observe a time limit of three minutes.

This form of remote meeting will be the way we conduct the Borough's business for the foreseeable future. We have yet to determine if this form of meeting will become acceptable for other Borough business such as Planning Board, Zoning Board, Commissions and Committees.

We would like to commend our Borough office staff for all of their hard work in keeping the Borough functioning, our Police Chief and OEM Coordinator Joseph McGovern for his foresight in preparing for this pandemic and the Fair Haven Police Department for keeping us safe. I want to recognize our brave First Responders of the Fair Haven Fire Company. They have spent countless man hours training and preparing to meet this challenge.

As we all know, Fair Haven is a very special place with a strong tradition of nurturing and protecting our own. We are also a unique cycling and pedestrian community. We encourage all

residents to leave their cars at home and go outside for a walk or ride to keep and maintain both physical and mental health and always practice social distancing.

In these challenging times, the best we can do is to be kind to one another and remember courtesy is also contagious.

### **ROLL CALL**

On Roll Call the following were present in the room: Mayor Lucarelli, Council President Sorensen, Borough Administrator Casagrande and Borough Clerk Cinquegrana. Present through remote access were: Councilmembers Banahan, Chrisner-Keefe, Koch, McCue, Rodriguez and Attorney Alfieri.

### **PROCLAMATION**

A proclamation for Autism Awareness Month (April) was read by Mayor Lucarelli.

### **WORKSHOP SESSION**

Administrator Casagrande read the following statement pertaining to Borough operations with a Coronavirus update:

According to Governor Murphy's Executive Order, municipal government operations provide essential services and the Borough's administrative personnel has been set up as three, two-person teams working on a rotating basis with the DPW department working in two-teams rotating week to week; Borough operations are presently fully functional.

Our main job during this crisis, as is always the case, will be to protect, serve and deliver services to the residents of Fair Haven. Leadership comes from the Mayor and Council, as a whole, and through their respective Council Committees. I have full confidence in the Fair Haven Police Department, Office of Emergency Management, our department heads and our volunteer First Responders. In a time of crisis, it is essential to trust the people that we have in place to do their jobs, by making the best decisions possible, with the information at hand.

Regarding important information, we are in regular contact with State and County officials. It should also be noted that a good deal of very valuable information and assistance is coming from resources at the local level, including the residents of Fair Haven. The Mayor has been working with his fellow Mayors in the Two River Area and I have been receiving a wealth of information and resources from my fellow managers through the New Jersey Municipal Management Association. I want to assure our residents that we have an excellent team in place in Fair Haven and we are all working together to get us through this emergency.

Administrator Casagrande turned the Coronavirus topic over to Chief Joseph McGovern.

Chief McGovern stated that Fair Haven is a strong community. He advised that there are four (4) COVID-19 cases in the Borough of Fair Haven and stated that we can flatten the curve by staying home and/or social distancing. Governor Murphy has signed several executive orders (a synopsis was read for the public since there has been a lot of questions from the public):

While the orders may seem confusing and wordy, we can all comply with this order by exercising an abundance of common sense. For example, restaurants may remain open during their regular service hours, so long as they provide take out/delivery service only. This means that you should only enter these establishments for a quick pick-up and not sit, remain or linger within the establishment and limit the number of individuals occupying same. This seems to be the most common occurrence of excessive social interaction and gatherings that we have experienced in recent days.

A list of exceptions to this order are:

Grocery stores

Pharmacies

Gas stations

Healthcare facilities

Hardware and home improvement stores

Banks and other financial institutions

Laundromats and dry-cleaning services

Stores that principally sell supplies for children under five years

Pet stores

Liquor stores

Auto maintenance and repair

Mail and delivery stores

Any businesses/shops/offices, etc. outside of this list fall under non-essential businesses and should have ceased operation as of 9:00 pm on March 21, 2020.

While social distancing is to be exercised, it is still acceptable to get some fresh air so long as you continue an appropriate distance of at least 6 feet from others. You are permitted to frequent our local parks, for exercise, however we have eliminated access to our basketball courts and playgrounds in order to eliminate the increased potential for the transmission of germs and bacteria.

Please continue to support one another during this challenging time for our local, state and national communities. Be certain to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, the New Jersey Department of Health and Borough of Fair Haven.

I ask everyone to please be patient as we continue to work to provide accurate information to the public. Stay well and we will all get through this challenging situation together.

Chief McGovern advised that the Office of Emergency Management and Police Department were issued Personal Protection Equipment (as well as the First Responders) from the very beginning. The Department is working with everyone including Mayor and Council, DPW, Borough employees and volunteers. There are daily conference updates via teleconference. This past weekend he “met” with the International Police Chief’s Association to discuss the actions that are being taken worldwide. The police department is also on an adjusted schedule to help flatten the curve and so officers can help the public navigate through the Governor’s orders. The police department has also been patrolling the businesses in town that are closed. The Borough is working with the Board of Health, daily, and we are providing the information we receive through Constant Contact and messages from the Office of Emergency Management. Essential services continue (food stores, restaurants and banks remain open and the mail continues, as well). The public was asked to stay home and only go out, if necessary. If not feeling well, you should contact your primary care physician; most offices are conducting virtual visits. If you need to contact the first aid, please advise if you are affected by COVID-19. Fair Haven will be bigger and stronger than ever in the end.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 7:16 p.m. There were 66 attendees via Zoom. Jacquie Rice, Maple Avenue, asked Chief McGovern if there were any plans on restrictions for the amount of people who could be in the stores at the same time. He advised, “not at this time; the police are monitoring it and will revisit establishing a maximum occupancy/capacity.”

Chief McGovern informed the public that information was sent out to our seniors with regard to assistance for grocery shopping and e-mail access regarding notifications. We are trying to limit our senior population being out in public. We have had an overwhelming number of volunteers to assist our seniors. Any senior who may need help should reach out to Patrolman Eric Patton or Allyson Cinquegrana, Borough Clerk to match our volunteers to seniors.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Sorensen made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 9, 2020, second by Councilwoman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Banahan, Chrisner-Keefe, Koch, McCue, Rodriguez and Sorensen  
Negative: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Councilwoman Sorensen made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of March 9, 2020, second by Councilwoman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Banahan, Chrisner-Keefe, Koch, McCue, Rodriguez and Sorensen  
Negative: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Council Committee Reports**

**Finance** - Councilman Banahan reported that, normally, we would be introducing the Municipal Budget at this meeting, but that has been delayed due to COVID-19; we are giving department heads time to assess their needs in this uncertain time. We are delaying budget introduction until further advised by the State. Our Storm Trust Fund has a healthy balance in it, to date, and we can replenish the balance, as needed.

**Personnel** - Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe advised that Resolution No. 2020-79 on this evening agenda appoints a part-time custodial assistant, Rick Robbins, to assist with additional cleanings. A lot of steps are being taken to protect our personnel and ensure their safety. Borough Hall is social distancing with it being closed to the public and only two employees in Borough Hall at the same time; DPW is practicing the same. The Borough Attorney and Labor Counsel are giving advice, when needed, with regard to COVID-19 and the impact on the Borough. She advised everyone to stay safe.

**Planning & Zoning** - Councilwoman Koch advised that both the Zoning Board and Planning Board did not meet in March and will not be meeting in April. She has been keeping in touch with Jennifer Johnson, Planning Board and Zoning Board Secretary. There are no applications at this time. In the future, boards may double up on meetings, if needed, for a quick resolution. The Restaurant Committee finished their ordinance review and will present their findings to the public, in the near future. With regard to Fair Share Housing, Michael Edwards, Esq. has been in contact with the courts and is working on the Borough's compliance; a lot depends on COVID-19, right now. She thanked everyone and asked that everyone stay safe.

**Police, Fire & OEM** - Councilman McCue advised that Chief McGovern touched on the specifics regarding COVID-19. He thanked the Chief for his foresight and being proactive by ordering supplies, in advance. The front line First Responders have been retrained in procedures for dealing with this pandemic. The public was thanked for doing an excellent job by staying home and social distancing. Cooperation by all is much appreciated, and he encouraged everyone to do their part.

**Engineering, DPW and Borough Facilities** - Councilman Rodriguez said borough facilities are closed to the public; a schedule will go out when facilities are open to the public. There are currently no drop offs permitted at DPW and the parks and playground equipment are closed to the public. The garbage contractor may have to revert to a 2 a.m. pick up time for collection if there is a workforce reduction. Residents were encouraged to compact their garbage to prevent overflow. Leaf and brush collection will take place ahead of the normal schedule; Administrator Casagrande will expand on this later. The Building Department is closed to the public; permits and inspections will continue.

Administrator Casagrande said that she met with Engineer Gardella today and there is not an overabundance of brush and leaves out (approximately 10%). To stay on schedule, there will be two crews going through the Borough for brush and leaves next week and then we will resume the regular schedule to begin April 6<sup>th</sup>. We have an 8 member DPW crew and the public was asked to cooperate. We are getting information out to the public as much as we can. Suburban Disposal (solid waste contractor), will continue their regular pick up schedule, but have reserved a 2 am start time if there should be a staff reduction. The public is being asked to put their trash out the night before their pick-up and to reduce their cardboard to be smaller in size so that it fits in the recycling can.

**Parks and Recreation and Communications** - Councilwoman Sorensen thanked Forefront for providing this on-line meeting broadcast. They have taught us a lot with this project. A daily Constant Contact newsletter has been sent out to provide updates to the public. She stressed the need for the public to register for our electronic formats because important information is being provided; if assistance is needed with registering, the public can reach out to Betty Ann Berube ([bberube@fhboro.net](mailto:bberube@fhboro.net)) or Councilwoman Sorensen. She thanked the entire Communications team (past Councilwoman Jacquie Rice and present Councilmembers Rodriguez and Koch). A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to Betty Ann Berube who has been a rock star through this crisis. She thanked Administrator Casagrande, Borough Clerk Cinquegrana and Police Chief McGovern for all that they have done to help get the Borough through these tough times.

She read the following Parks and Recreation report and thanked DJ Breckenridge for his "out of the box" thinking by coming up with some of these programs. He truly realizes that in this time of social distancing and what seems like isolation, we can still be a strong community:

1. Please note the closures of our playground equipment, basketball and tennis courts, but with that said, please, while using social distancing, use the walking paths (go for a walk in the Natural Area, etc.). We have three walking trails in the Borough, but we need to keep six-foot distance while using the trails.
2. The Recreation Department is creating a document for parents to use as a resource for:
  - a. Things to do while in quarantine. This will include places where parents can find online video and live stream of everything from workouts, yoga, zoo tours, museum tours, child classes and more.

- b. If residents know of additional free online streaming content, they can send the information over to [recreation@fhboro.net](mailto:recreation@fhboro.net) and we can potentially add this to the list.
  - c. This will go out this week.
3. Creating a **Virtual Easter Egg Hunt**. While a bit out of the box, this will give residents something to look forward to next weekend and will give them a sense of community in this time of isolation. Every town has canceled their hunt - we can be the one town who offers an option here:
- a. Residents can pick up eggs from the Borough Hall vestibule Wed, Thurs, Fri. 10-15 eggs per child- please use gloves and bring a box or basket to transfer your eggs.
  - b. Parents hide the eggs in their yard.
  - c. At 10 am on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> we will hold a Virtual Easter Egg Hunt.
  - d. Each house will hold their own Easter Egg Hunt- record the video, and send a 10 second video clip to [recreation@fhboro.net](mailto:recreation@fhboro.net).
  - e. The Recreation Department will compile these videos into Fair Haven's Virtual Egg Hunt which will be posted on Borough media.
4. **Creating Fair Haven's Daily Challenge- Entry Contest (Name TBD)**.
- a. Every day, for 3 weeks (21 days), Fair Haven will ask residents to submit their best picture or video clip of a specific challenge.
  - b. Each day will have a different challenge to include - funniest pet photo, best trick shot, best drawing, in yard scavenger hunt, etc.
  - c. Bonus points awarded for things such as funny outfits and creativity!
  - d. The challenge will be posted each morning and entries are to be sent to [recreation@fhboro.net](mailto:recreation@fhboro.net). by 10:00 pm that night.
  - e. There are 4 category winners for each day- child, adult, family and random draw.
  - f. Prizes are gift certificates to Fair Haven eateries (help support local!). Due to current restrictions in place, gift certificates will be purchased and distributed once restrictions have been lifted.
  - g. This program is sponsored by Fair Haven "Knights Night - Presented by Teen Canteen".
  - h. This info will go out this week.
5. **Educational Seminars-**
- a. The Recreation Committee and the Environmental Commission were working on a Green Summit for May, but instead are thinking of doing this virtually.
  - b. Our topics are going to be:
    - i. How to build a rain garden
    - ii. How to compost
    - iii. What is recycling?
    - iv. And a few additional items
    - v. We are thinking of expanding this – and may use YouTube videos and some homegrown ones as well...if you have a topic you would like for us to either post or create, please email DJ at [recreation@fhboro.net](mailto:recreation@fhboro.net).
6. **FAIR HAVEN PARKS AND RECREATION'S MARCH MADNESS –**
- a. This will be an Instagram story poll
  - b. 16 Recreation programs or park locations will compete to be Fair Haven's favorite
  - c. Residents will vote on their favorite, each day, and then there will be a match-up.
  - d. For example - #2 seed Fair Haven Fields vs. #16 seed Fair Haven Fishing Derby
  - e. Whichever, at the end, has the higher vote percentage will move onto the next round – until we have a final winner.
  - f. Timeframe TBD but will be announced officially later this week.
7. **PLEASE FOLLOW OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE – @ Fairhaven\_REC to participate.**

Councilmembers Sorensen, Chrisner-Keefe and Rodriguez are working on a program, **FAIR HAVEN PROJECT MASK**. A big thank you to Administrator Casagrande for throwing out the idea for us to coordinate and make some masks which are much in need. Donna Powers, Librarian, has been a big help and especially former Fair Haven Councilwoman and seamstress extraordinaire Aimee Humphries who is putting together kits and a prototype for a team of folks to make these. She will also be including a pattern with directions and people can cut their own if comfortable with that. With that said, we are in search of:

- 1. Folks who have sewing machines and want to take part in this should reach out to [ssorensenfhboro@gmail.com](mailto:ssorensenfhboro@gmail.com) Thanks to Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe we have a Google doc that we will share with you and are coordinating volunteers.
- 2. Looking for donations of material
  - a. Elastic, which is in very short supply, so any is appreciated.

- b. The material should be 100% cotton – shirt/sheet weight.
- 3. More will be forthcoming tomorrow – please look for notifications

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. Resolution No. 2020-76, Payment of Vouchers

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that the vouchers listed for payment on the March 23, 2020 agenda are hereby approved and the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release payment to the various vendors.

2019 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$	12,308.45
2020 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$	167,377.47
OTHER TRUST	\$	8,237.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>187,923.02</b>

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Banahan, Chrisner-Keefe, Koch, McCue, Rodriguez and Sorensen  
 Negative: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: None

- 2. Resolution No. 2020-77, Oppose the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project, Request the NJDEP Extend Public Comment and Conduct a Public Hearing in the Bayshore Area

**WHEREAS**, Williams-Transco is proposing to build a 23.4 - mile methane gas pipeline through the Raritan Bay, Lower New York Bay, and Atlantic Ocean from Old Bridge, New Jersey to Rockaway, New York; called the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the alleged purpose of the proposed project is to transport 400 million cubic feet of methane gas, extracted through the environmentally destructive process of hydraulic fracturing, from the Marcellus Shale to New York thereby significantly contributing to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2020 Williams-Transco submitted a new application for the proposed project to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, which marks the fourth time the applicant has sought approval by the Department for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will in no way serve the interests of the State of New Jersey, or its residents, and will only supply climate-altering-methane-gas to Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the Williams/NESE pipeline will have severe negative impacts to the Raritan and Lower New York Bays, such as disruption of roughly 14,165 acres of the seabed of the Raritan Bay, the discharge of 690,000 gallons of drilling fluid and chemicals into the bay, the re-suspending over 1,090,000 tons of toxic muck contaminated by PCBs, dioxin, lead, mercury, and arsenic, and the destruction of over 1,000 acres of benthic habitat that houses marine fish, shellfish, and larva; and

**WHEREAS**, the project poses serious concerns related to environmental harm to marine and coastal ecosystems, as well as negative impacts to the safety, health and wellbeing of coastal communities, resulting in well documented public opposition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Williams/NESE pipeline will endanger marine and wildlife through decreased water quality from re-suspended toxins, the sieving of over 3.5 million gallons of seawater destroying any living thing that is caught in the process, and the creation of loud sounds and powerful vibrations that accompany pipeline development which will impact migration patterns, communication systems and other important biological processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Williams/NESE pipeline will adversely impact industries important to the New Jersey communities, disturb commercial and recreational fishing and shell fishing activities,

and potentially damage the tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2019, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection denied Williams-Transco's application for the development of the pipeline based, in part, on the significant impacts to the water quality and ecosystem of the Raritan and Lower New York Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, Williams-Transco is seeking to dump over 735,000 cubic yards of contaminated dredged material produced from the construction of the NESE pipeline off the coast of New Jersey at the Historic Area Remediation Site which was designed to remediate the former Mud Dump Site; and

**WHEREAS**, the ocean disposal of the contaminated material would harm the marine environment by leaving the contaminated sediment exposed and subject to bioaccumulation in the food chain, and would utilize the limited remaining capacity at the Historic Area Remediation Site which must be preserved for needed maintenance dredging for navigational projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Williams/NESE pipeline will have significant upstream environmental impacts that will directly harm the Raritan Bay, such as negatively affecting 41 acres of wetlands, including approximately 20 acres of forested wetland; and

**WHEREAS**, the NESE project also calls for the construction of a new methane-gas-powered compressor station in Franklin Township, called Compressor Station 206 which will emit known harmful air pollutants such as Carbon Monoxide, Particulate Matter 2.5, Nitrogen Oxides, Sulfur Dioxide, Volatile Organic Compounds, and Formaldehyde; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has never achieved federal air quality standards for ground-level ozone, which is a pollutant that is unhealthy for children, the elderly and those with respiratory ailments, and the construction of the proposed Compressor Station 206 will further reduce air quality by increasing ground-level ozone; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Lung Association's 2019 "State of the Air" report gave Monmouth County an F for the second consecutive year for ozone pollution, and notes that ozone can cause respiratory problems, including worsening of asthma and other respiratory diseases, and cardiovascular effects, including cardiac arrhythmia, heart attacks, and stroke; and

**WHEREAS**, despite being directly affected by the proposed Williams/NESE pipeline, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has failed to conduct a public hearing in the coastal communities on the proposed project during any of the previous three permit evaluations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Williams/NESE pipeline will increase dependency on fossil fuels, thereby contributing significantly to climate change through increased carbon dioxide and methane emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the companies Williams and associate Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company (Transco) demonstrate a history of mismanaged facilities that resulted in explosions and fires, and do not show results of pipeline tests to governing bodies in any municipalities through which the existing pipeline runs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this date, March 23, 2020, the Borough of Fair Haven hereby strongly opposes the construction and installation of a 23.4-mile methane gas pipeline through Raritan Bay from Old Bridge, New Jersey, to Rockaway, New York. Construction of the pipeline will negatively impact the health of Monmouth County residents, coastal ecosystems, marine life, benthic habitats, and coastal communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Fair Haven urges the company Williams-Transco to eliminate any further consideration for a pipeline.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Fair Haven urges the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to deny any permit application for the project and any other pipeline, and urges its representatives of the New Jersey Legislature, United States Congress and United States Senate, as well as the Governor of New Jersey to oppose this pipeline and the current applications



pending at the state and federal level.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Fair Haven urges the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to extend the public comment period for the pending applications related to the proposed NESE Project by sixty days as to allow for increased public engagement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Fair Haven urges the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a public hearing on the proposed NESE Project in the Monmouth County Bayshore area to allow for the residents, whom will be directly adversely affected by the proposed pipeline, to voice their opinions on the applications.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be certified and forwarded to New Jersey Governor Philip D. Murphy, Commissioner Catherine R. McCabe of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Joslin Tamagno, Environmental Supervisor of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Land Use Regulation, Senator Declan O’Scanlon and Assemblypersons Sereno DiMaso and Gerry Scharfenberger.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Banahan, Chrisner-Keefe, Koch, McCue, Rodriguez and Sorensen  
Negative: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

- 3. Resolution No. 2020-78, Approve Interlocal Service Agreement with the County of Monmouth for Dispatch Services

**WHEREAS**, the “Shared Services and Consolidation Act” at N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. (The “Act”) allows a local unit to enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fair Haven and the County of Monmouth desire to share facilities, equipment and staff in order to conserve resources and to provide for a more efficient and more economically sound local dispatch service for police, fire and emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, Monmouth County has agreed to allow Fair Haven to continue to utilize Monmouth County’s local dispatch facilities retroactive to January 1, 2020 in accordance with the terms of an Agreement to Share Local Dispatch Services to be entered into by each party.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** with the foregoing incorporated herein by this reference and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Fair Haven shall enter into a Shared Service Agreement for Dispatch Communication Services with the County of Monmouth commencing on January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.
- 2. Fair Haven will pay \$62,813.00 per year to Monmouth County for the year 2020 with a 1.5% increase for the year 2021 and a 1% increase for 2022 in accordance with said agreement.
- 3. The Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute the Shared Service Agreement for Dispatch Communications Services on behalf of the Borough of Fair Haven, attached as Exhibit A.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Banahan, Chrisner-Keefe, Koch, McCue, Rodriguez and Sorensen  
Negative: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

- 4. Resolution No. 2020-79, Appoint Rick Robbins as part-time employee - Custodial Assistance

**WHEREAS**, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it has been determined that additional custodial services are required to deep clean the Borough Hall and Police Department, by sterilizing touch points on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator and Chief of Police recommend that this position



be filled by John "Rick" Robbins.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that John "Rick" Robbins, 127 Park Road, Fair Haven, is hereby appointed as a part-time Custodial Assistant at an hourly rate of \$18.00 per hour retroactive to March 13, 2020.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Sorensen, second by Councilman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Banahan, Chrisner-Keefe, Koch, McCue, Rodriguez and Sorensen

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

### **Reports of Departments**

#### **February 2020**

-Municipal Court

-Tax Collector

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 7:44 p.m. He advised that the he spoke with Acme and to heighten sanitary conditions, the single use plastic bag ban has been lifted until further notice. This will help assist cashiers with sanitary conditions to move customer's goods through the check-out counter. He then asked the public to support our local businesses; many of them, like Forefront, have been of great assistance to us. These are trying times, so if you are looking for food or snacks, walk or bike to a local merchant and patronize their business.

Liz MacNeill, Third Street, asked if there was any thought to garbage that is piling up in homes since many people are home all day and the DPW is closed to the public. Administrator Casagrande said that thought was put into it and regular trash service is still taking place without interruption to service and recycling is still picked up every week. Residents were asked to cut up cardboard into smaller pieces so that it fits in the can. The Coronavirus does stay on cardboard for 24 hours according to sources.

Brian Rice, Maple Avenue, asked how many COVID-19 cases are in the Borough and who they are in case people were around them. Chief McGovern said there are 4 confirmed cases and who they are is not public information. The Health Department will be conducting an investigation with the infected person to determine and notify those who have had close contact and advise of necessary quarantine

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor Lucarelli advised that there were 67 members from the public on-line, which is an excellent turn out. He thanked everybody, wished everyone well and asked them to be safe and continue social distancing.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR  
Borough Clerk