

**FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MARCH 8, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucarelli at 7:04 p.m. The Flag Salute was led by Chief McGovern and followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation. 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 PRESENTED THROUGH THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM AND BEING BROADCAST FROM BOROUGH HALL, 748 RIVER ROAD, FAIR HAVEN, NJ. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THIS COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2021 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 WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13 AND SENT TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, THE TWO RIVER TIMES, THE HUB AND THE STAR LEDGER ON JANUARY 7, 2021 POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND HAS REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY POSTED AS REQUIRED UNDER THE STATUTE.

WITH ADEQUATE NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN, THE BOROUGH CLERK IS DIRECTED TO INCLUDE THIS STATEMENT IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Lucarelli read three proclamations as follows:

- Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month - March**
- Education and Sharing Day – March 24<sup>th</sup>**
- Toxic Shock Syndrome Awareness Day - March 30<sup>th</sup>**

The proclamations will be distributed accordingly.

**WORKSHOP SESSION**

Mayor Lucarelli advised there was a request from Knights of Columbus to post a few lawn signs advertising their March 15<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive.

Motion to approve moved by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman Banahan with Ayes by all present.

The next matter discussed was the Girl Scouts who would like to plant trees. Elisa Bertocci, a troop leader, said that an e-blast was sent out from the Borough regarding trees that she had seen and has been working with Councilwoman Neff, the Fair Haven Natural Area Committee and Shade Tree. The project would be for the 7 troops that are in Fair Haven to each purchase a tree (Blue Spruce or Oak, 5'-6' high for the Ridge Road area) to be planted. They have also reached out to the Fair Haven Board of Education to see if there are any areas on school property where planting would be needed. Another idea was to coordinate with Rumson's Girl Scouts to do something, mutually, on Arbor Day. The trees will be planted to last and to help provide a sense of community. Councilwoman Neff said that this project is part of the Girl Scout Tree Promise and is an exciting project. She has spoken with Council and other Borough leaders and it seems that the Natural Fields Area would be the best place to plant for logistic and maintenance reasons. The schools may be interested in a few of the trees. Discussions will take place with the Natural Area Advisory Committee for the best locations. Blue Spruce and Oaks are long living trees. Councilman Banahan said that this is a great project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 7:17 p.m. Robert Marchese, former Councilman, thanked the Mayor and Council, Administrator Casagrande and Allyson Cinquegrana for supporting the proclamation for Toxic Shock Syndrome Awareness; they are a ProBono client of his. This is an important topic and something that is preventable. He and his client, the Massabni Family, appreciate the support.

Jordan Grace Robinson, “Don’t Shock Me” Maddi Massabni Foundation for Toxic Shock Awareness Public Relations Chairperson, read a statement from the parents of Maddi Massabni. They requested permission for the posting of a TSS preventative brochure on the Borough website and Facebook page with information of Maddi’s life, prior to her passing, to help educate the public on Toxic Shock Syndrome. She read an article that was posted by TapInto Middletown. Details of a fashion show fundraiser will be forthcoming.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:24 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Koch made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 22, 2021, second by Councilman Rodriguez

Affirmative: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe, Koch, McCue, Neff and Rodriguez

Negative: None

Abstain: Councilman Banahan

Absent: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

- 1. Ordinance No. 2020-01, Amend Affordable Housing Ordinance No. 2020-05

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15.2 TO CHAPTER 30 (LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS) IN THE FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH CODE, WHICH WILL BE ENTITLED “AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE”, AND WILL ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS (UHAC) REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE BOROUGH’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS**

On motion of Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman Rodriguez with Ayes by all present, Mayor Lucarelli opened the meeting for comments or questions at 7:24 p.m.

Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe referred to Doug Kovats, Esq., Planning Board Attorney, memo that was sent to the Borough Clerk. She was advised that any ordinance pertaining to Land Use must be provided to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked Councilwoman Koch if the ordinance was discussed at the Planning Board meeting; yes, all members were in favor.

There being no further comments or questions, the Hearing was closed to the public at 7:26 p.m. on motion of Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman Rodriguez with Ayes by all present.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative:

Abstain:

Absent:

- 2. Ordinance No. 2021-04, Amend Salary Ordinance

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH SETTING THE SALARY RANGES OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXEMPT MEMBER OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN**

On motion of Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch with Ayes by all present, Mayor Lucarelli opened the meeting for comments or questions at 7:27 p.m.

Councilman McCue said that in looking at the hourly ranges and trying to keep things equitable, we should make the Police Department Records Clerk the same as the Planning Board and Zoning Board secretary’s salary. The current salary range for Police Records Clerk is \$12-\$20 per hour and the

Planning Board, Zoning Board, Receptionist salary range is \$15-\$30 per hour. Attorney Cannon said that the ordinance would need to be reintroduced; he suggested adopting this current ordinance and any amendments could be introduced in another ordinance with the same timeline. The Clerk advised that if the actual salary were being amended then the salary resolution would need to be amended, as well. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked Councilman McCue if there were any other ranges he was requesting be changed; no.

There being no further comments or questions, the Hearing was closed to the public at 7:30 p.m. on motion of Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch with Ayes by all present.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Council Committee Reports**

**Finance** - Councilman Banahan reported the Borough’s financial status is the same; finances are at healthy levels. He noted two resolutions (81 and 82) under resolutions to be considered. Tax Collection also remains strong.

**Personnel** - Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe did not have any personnel updates.

**Planning & Zoning** - Councilwoman Koch reported the Zoning Board met on March 4<sup>th</sup> with three applications on the agenda; two were carried forward. There is a backlog of cases for the Zoning Board so there may be some extra meetings held to assist with moving applications forward. The Planning Board meeting will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>; the facilities plan will go before the Board for capital review. Administrator Casagrande said the Architect sent a copy of the plans which will go to the board. Advance copies were sent to Engineer Gardella and Chairman Lehder for review, and they will be posted on the website for the public to view. Councilwoman Koch thanked Judy Fuller for her assistance during the vacancy in the position of Secretary to the Planning Board and Zoning Board. She welcomed Sandra Papa who is the new secretary to the Boards.

**Parks and Recreation and Communications** - Councilwoman Koch advised that spring camp registrations are underway and are posted on the Recreation portion of the website. She reminded everyone to vote for the talent show; see the Borough’s Facebook page for more information. Shared Service with Board of Education for the turf area at McCarter Park will be acted on under resolutions tonight.

With regard to communications, the Borough staff and Library staff are helping seniors with COVID vaccination registration.

**Police, Fire & OEM** - Councilman McCue advised that our COVID numbers are going down (51 active cases).

**Engineering, DPW and Borough Facilities** - Councilman Rodriguez reported that the Facilities Committee met last week with the Green Team who provided ideas and contributed information for the police department and DPW site plans that would make the plans more efficient and environmentally friendly. There is potential grant money for their ideas. The capital review will be done next week at the Planning Board where the public can get a sneak peek at the plans. There are no other updates.

The Brush Committee met last week and will work on a memo with recommendations for the brush site.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution No. 2021-79, Executive Session: Personnel, Pending Litigation and Contract Negotiations

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

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

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

**Personnel**

1. Director of Parks and Recreation

**Pending Litigation**

1. M&M Realty

**Contract Negotiations**

1. Human Resource Consulting Service

**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 Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Resolution No. 2021-80, Appoint Borough Auditor

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified that the value of some of the said services may exceed \$17,500 for the year 2021; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, funds for these purposes will be appropriated in the 2021 Municipal Budget; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute contracts with the following:

- Robert Allison, Borough Auditor

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

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

1. All professionals so named in this resolution
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Borough Administrator

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

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Resolution No. 2021-81, Approve 2020 Budget Transfer

**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 2020 budget appropriations:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
0-01-23-220-227	Health Benefits Medical	\$1,150.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,150.00</b>

<u>TO</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
0-01-23-210-228	Insurance – General Liability	\$1,150.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,150.00</b>

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Resolution No. 2021-82, Approve Temporary Emergency Appropriation - 2021

**WHEREAS**, emergent conditions have arisen with respect to the payment of bills in a number of accounts and no adequate provision has been made in a Year 2021 temporary budget for the aforesaid purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes above mentioned; and

**WHEREAS**, the total temporary emergency resolutions adopted in the year 2021 for the Borough pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJSA 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$2,091,897.98 for the Current Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that not less than two-thirds of all members of the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, New Jersey affirmatively concurring in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation shall be and the same is hereby made for the following purposes:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Current Account</b>			
1-01-20-120-236	Municipal Clerk	\$1,600.00	Add to Temp Budget
1-01-20-155-211	Legal Services Contractual	\$20,000.00	Add to Temp Budget
1-01-23-222-227	Waiver Medical	\$4,500.00	Add to Temp Budget
1-01-26-290-208	Streets & Roads	\$7,500.00	Add to Temp Budget
1-01-26-315-235	Vehicle Maintenance	\$7,500.00	Add to Temp Budget
1-01-27-330-211	Board of Health Contractual	\$12,500.00	Add to Temp Budget
1-01-28-375-209	Parks	\$1,500.00	Add to Temp Budget
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$55,100.00</b>	

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2021 budget under the appropriate titles.

3. That one certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Resolution No. 2021-83, Approve Renewal of Animal Control Services for 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven (the “Borough”) requires the services of an Animal Control Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough previously entered into a shared services agreement for Animal Control Officer Services with the Borough of Red Bank, which agreement expired December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the expiration of the prior agreement the Borough of Red Bank has continued to provide Animal Control Officer Services to the Borough during 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipalities have negotiated the renewal of the aforementioned shared services agreement, upon the same terms and provisions, except that the Borough shall pay to the Borough of Red Bank the amount of \$7,780.00 in return for providing Animal Control Officer Services during 2021;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the renewal of their prior shared services agreement with the Borough of Red Bank for Animal Control Officer Services, upon the same terms and conditions thereof, for calendar year 2021 in the amount of \$7,780.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute such documents and prepare the appropriate purchase order(s) for the renewal of the Borough’s shared services agreement with the Borough of Red Bank for Animal Control Officer Services for 2021.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Resolution No. 2021-84, Approve Shared Service with FH BOE to construct a multi-purpose turf area - McCarter Park

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fair Haven (the “Borough”) and the Fair Haven Board of Education (the “BOE”) have agreed to share certain costs attendant to the construction of a multi-purpose turf area at McCarter Park (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the BOE’s continued, expected, and ordinary use of the Project after construction, the BOE has agreed to contribute \$6,500.00 toward the estimated \$21,808.60 total cost of the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Mayor to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Fair Haven Board of Education for the above-referenced Project, which Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Fair Haven Board of Education and Fair Haven Parks & Recreation.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. Resolution No. 2021-85, Award Contract to Garden Mark for Turf Field at McCarter Park. This resolution was pulled from the agenda and will be relisted on the March 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda.

8. Resolution No. 2021-86, Approve 2021 Borough Architect Contract with Goldstein Partnership

**WHEREAS**, The Goldstein Partnership (“Architect”), a licensed architect in the State of New Jersey, was retained by the Borough of Fair Haven (the “Borough”) to perform preliminary architectural services by way of Contracts for Professional Services, dated December 11, 2017,

October 9, 2018, and February 12, 2020, for the anticipated construction of the Borough's new Police Department and Public Works buildings (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Architect previously submitted two (2) Proposals to the Borough to perform design, bidding, and construction administration services in connection with the Project, which Proposals were approved by the Borough's Mayor & Council by Resolution No. 2021-51, dated February 10, 2021, and by Resolution No. 2021-66, dated February 22, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the foregoing Proposals, the Architect and the Borough have negotiated and prepared a Contract for Professional Architectural Services, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, to memorialize the terms and conditions of the retention of the Architect by the Borough for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Architect has submitted to the Borough all required forms and documents in compliance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law and the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has bonded for the Project and will encumber funds to pay the Architect for the professional services provided to the Borough under the Contract for Professional Architectural Services attached hereto as Exhibit A;

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

- (1) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract for Professional Architectural Services attached hereto as Exhibit A; and
- (2) Direct that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Borough Engineer, and The Goldstein Partnership; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare the appropriate purchase order(s) for the invoices received from the Architect under Contract for Professional Architectural Services attached hereto as Exhibit A, and to draw down from those encumbered funds, inclusive of work performed to date on the Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the necessary funds to pay the Architect under Contract for Professional Architectural Services attached hereto as Exhibit A will be encumbered from existing bonds obtained by the Borough and payment to the Architect will be made through purchase orders as services are provided.

Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked for a point of discussion. There have been inquiries from members of the public regarding the exhibits that were not available for review (PD and DPW); i.e. questions regarding the financials. There were a few revisions to the Police Department proposal as well as a separate proposal for the DPW site. The Architect proposal for the DPW building is \$192,580 plus \$10,000 for reimbursable expenses. The Police Department proposal is for \$291,400 plus \$11,000 in reimbursable expenses. Attorney Cannon reviewed the quotes/proposals, made edits and finalized it with the Architect. Administrator Casagrande advised that anything already paid was credited to us. Attorney Cannon said the subcontractor had a 10% increase in their proposal and we had it withdrawn. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked Councilman Rodriguez for any input as far as the facilities. Councilman Rodriguez stated that all committee members reviewed the proposals and they appeared to be in order. He thanked Attorney Cannon for his review and involvement.

Councilman McCue asked if there were other documents and cited references that are missing in the information that was provided. Attorney Cannon said that most references are Architect related and how they are going to make the buildings green; he explained why it is referenced and how it will tie into the actual design. These matters will be addressed when the Architect is charged with the buildings becoming green, certain standards and how it will be done. Councilman Rodriguez said Eli Goldstein, Architect, could provide examples/samples of work he has done in Maplewood and other municipalities with green objectives. Attorney Cannon said there will be the option of multiple bid packages and options when going to bid.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

9. Resolution No. 2021-87, 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 8, 2021 agenda are hereby approved and the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release payment to the various vendors.

2020 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$ 58,262.43
2021 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$2,060,478.86
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$ 13,804.63
OTHER TRUST	\$ 12,299.44
DOG TRUST	\$ 64.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,144,910.16</b>

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Reports of Departments**

**2020 Year End**

-Tax Collector

**February 2021**

-Municipal Clerk

-Dog License

-Tax Collector

-Budget Status

Motion to accept, as submitted, moved by Councilwoman Koch, 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 7:51 p.m. Ruth Blaser, River Road, requested that the exhibits be attached and/or posted on the website for public record. The Clerk advised that she could make an OPRA request as Council adopted the resolution. Mrs. Blaser felt that the salaries at the upper end are too high.

Tracy Cole, Grange Avenue, would have liked to see the exhibits on the website with the agenda and asked that it be considered by adding them to the agenda packet. She had questions about the scope of the proposed buildings and if it takes us to the construction phase; yes, it is inclusive of construction to close out. She stated she is aware of Eli Goldstein’s credentials and he is well regarded. She asked if the scope of work is for both DPW and the Police Department? Yes.

Mayor Lucarelli said that he and Administrator Casagrande were on a call Friday with Senator O’Scanlon and Assemblywoman DiMaso who are working with the VNA to compile a list and assist with COVID vaccinations. Administrator Casagrande said it was a very productive call. Not only are they partnering with the VNA, but also with Meridian. We will coordinate with other municipalities, so we are all on the same page. There will be press releases on this information and we will post updates, etc. Fair Haven has already started pairing seniors with volunteers to help with registrations. We look forward to working with Senator O’Scanlon and Assemblywoman DiMaso and our neighboring towns.

Councilman Rodriguez commended and congratulated all of the walkers in the walking challenge for the hundreds and thousands of steps and their participation. It is great to see so many walking through town and taking in the fresh air. There are still a few weeks left. Kate Raftery, Environmental Commission’s Green Team, advised that we will also be receiving some green credits for running these types of programs in town.

Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe wished all of the ladies a “Happy International Women’s Day”. She thanked those ladies who have run and serve stating that it is a pleasure serving with them. She felt it was appropriate that the Toxic Shock Syndrome Proclamation was read on Women’s Day; it is an extremely important topic that many are not aware of the symptoms and what to look out for. She thanked the Mayor for reading it.

Mrs. Blaser said that she is also impressed with Eli Goldstein’s credentials and hopes he provides every inch of space for use by the public such as incorporating Wifi access and warming/cooling spaces.



There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:00 p.m.

Council went into executive session at 8:08 p.m. and this meeting was reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time of Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR  
Borough Clerk