

FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
APRIL 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucarelli at 7:01 p.m. The Flag Salute was 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 APRIL 26, 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 Chrisner-Keefe, Koch, McCue, Neff and Rodriguez. Others present: Administrator Casagrande, Attorney Cannon, Engineer Gardella, Chief McGovern and CFO Lapp.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lucarelli read a proclamation for National Police Week (May 9-15). He said that he received a letter from one of our 90-year-old residents who was scammed by someone from California and convinced to place a large sum of cash in the mail. After she placed the envelope in the mail, she realized what she had done and went to the police department to report it. After many hours of dedicated work by Detective Dwayne Reevey and Special Officer Raul Perez, the envelope was retrieved from the US Postal Service and returned to the resident. A copy of the letter will be given to Chief McGovern to place in each officer's personnel file. The Mayor asked the Chief to thank Detective Reevey and Special Officer Raul Perez, on behalf of the Borough, for their diligence and speedy work.

PRESENTATIONS

Debbie Gulick, Superintendent of Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School, and Michele Loree, Business Administrator, Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School, were in attendance to present the high school's 2021-2022 budget. Superintendent Gulick thanked Mayor and Council for allowing them to present their budget and stated that Ann Marie McGinty, Board President and Board member Eileen Hickey were also in attendance. Budget information was provided in the Council packets. The budget presented supports their expanding academic program which includes public speaking, computer science, advanced placement courses and special education programs. There are extracurricular activities such as 20 sports teams, academic clubs and honor societies for the students.

Ms. Loree began working for Rumson-Fair Haven in February 2021, her predecessor started the budget process in October 2020 and in February were informed that they received \$181,390 in state aid. On March 16, 2021, the budget was submitted to the State Board of Education with a 2% tax levy increase which represents \$390,000; Fair Haven's share is 29% or \$114,000 over the previous year. The high school is in its third year of the approved referendum and will begin roof restoration (\$135,000). The public hearing is being held on April 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center (in person and virtual via Zoom); all are welcome to attend.

There were no questions.

WORKSHOP SESSION

A request from Fair Haven Business Association to post Mother's Day promotional lawn signs was received. Motion to approve moved by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe with Ayes by all present.

A request was received from HABCORE to post Thank You Lawn Signs (10-15) on River and

Ridge Roads. HABCORE had a fundraiser and Fair Haven stepped up to the plate.

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

The Borough received a request from Kick Fitness and Dance Studio for a parking space fund waiver or reduction. Vanessa Berry, owner of Kick Fitness and Dance Studio was in attendance. Mayor Lucarelli said the Borough has waived the fee for Forefront and Mr. Bahadurian, not in total, but we reduced the amount in the past. The amount that Kick Dance owes for parking is \$22,500. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked Attorney Cannon a procedural question, "if this was a Zoning Board matter that was approved by the board, why wouldn't the Zoning Board waive the fees?". Only the Council has the authority to waive or reduce fees. Administrator Casagrande read the section of the code allowing for waivers. The request for waiver letter was submitted by Ms. Berry's attorney, Rick Brodsky, Esq. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe felt the Council should not be acting on this matter if the Zoning Board is granting variances, etc. She felt that there shouldn't be a fee for parking. The governing board set this fee via ordinance a number of years ago and the fee is collected to offset parking deficiencies which can include striping, road improvement, etc. Engineer Gardella explained the process and how the calculation occurred. Parking is one of the conditions from the application; she needs 21 parking spaces and only has 12 spaces making her deficient 9 spaces. Attorney Cannon explained, with an analogy on how fees come into play with land use and new construction i.e. sewer connection fees, parking fees. There was discussion regarding past waivers/reductions that were given. Additional discussion on Kick Dance Studio's Zoning Board application occurred. Kick has been a business in town for a long time. The fee helps maintain the sidewalks and road improvements. Mayor Lucarelli said, per ordinance, something should be paid and/or a reduction be given.

Vanessa Berry stated she is excited to be back in Fair Haven. The Zoning Board requested some changes resulting in the loss of four parking spaces to allow for patrons to turn around in the lot with two-way traffic and a back door will be installed to access the business. Ms. Berry said it has been a tough year and the project has gone over budget as a small business and then COVID occurred. She said she lost 8-10 feet in the back of the business to accommodate the Board's request. There will be a balcony in the front. Ms. Berry said any reduction in the fee will be put back into the business.

Councilman Rodriguez said the Silicon Project sets a precedent. He suggested Ms. Berry pay 20% of the assessed fee i.e. \$4,500. Ms. Berry was pleased with that reduction. With consent of Council, she was advised that a resolution will be listed on the May 10th Council agenda. Motion to approve a 20% reduction in the parking fee required and a resolution be listed on the May 10th agenda moved by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch with Ayes by all present.

The next matter discussed was the proposed Junior Firefighters Auxiliary Regulation Ordinance. The State of New Jersey changed the laws for Junior Firefighters and this ordinance reflects the changes in statute. The draft was created by Attorney Cannon who advised that Junior Firefighters were under local jurisdiction for a long time and the State felt there needs to be uniform State Standards. This proposed ordinance matches the statewide rules. Fair Haven's Fire Department reviewed it as well. The Fair Haven Fire Department has an excellent Fire Cadet program that is diverse, and we are fortunate. The consensus of Council was to introduce the ordinance at the May 10th meeting.

There was a Willow Street Project Update. Mayor Lucarelli said, in conjunction with the school construction, he, Administrator Casagrande and Engineer Gardella met with the Fair Haven Board of Education to discuss a plan to meet everyone's needs. Engineer Gardella met with Boehler Engineering and met with some Board of Education members to look at the Willow Street corridor. Willow Street was paved in 2013 from Oak, east. In 2017, new curbs and sidewalks were installed on Willow from Oak heading west. It would be best to do the work as an overall project. A scope of work has been drafted and expands to include upgrading the drainage pipe to Fair Haven Road, drop off/loading zone in front of the school and adding parking on the south side of Willow Street. We are waiting on base mapping from Boehler Engineering. Administrator Casagrande said that we will enter into an ILSA with the school to share in the cost of this project. The plan is to have the governing body authorize the bid, open bids on June 7th and award the bid at the June 14th meeting for the work to start after that. The CFO, Attorney and Auditor suggested using previously budgeted funds from 2018 and 2020 bond ordinances and the Board of Education will reimburse us 50% at the conclusion of the project. CFO Lapp will put the money in a reserve to pay down debt. Administrator Casagrande will circulate the draft ILSA to Council.

Councilwoman Koch asked if there are sketches or renderings to look at? Engineer Gardella shared some last week and has the Boehler plan that has an aerial to show the expanded road area. Mayor Lucarelli said that the plan allows for parking for the staff, so they are not parking on the side streets. The plan is a lot safer, and we are updating drainage. Engineer Gardella shared his screen for the public and explained the project (drainage, drop off, milling and paving). Councilwoman Neff asked about safety for the students and if this project will assist with making the area safer. There was discussion on the parking spaces near the park which were going to be designated for teachers to avoid any potential danger to the children. Chief McGovern said the parking near the park would be dedicated teacher spots to avoid any danger, but we can hash mark a spot to keep it open near the entrance to

McCarter Park. Administrator Casagrande said that an ILSA with the Board of Education will be listed on our May 10th meeting agenda as well as authorization to bid the project.

With regard to the McCarter Pond 2021 Treatment, Administrator Casagrande listed this matter as the annual quote to chemically treat the pond was received. The Environmental Commission could not meet last week due lack of quorum and technical difficulties so they will discuss the quote/matter at their April 28th Special Meeting; we will relist on our May 10th agenda.

CFO Lapp was in attendance for any comments or questions with regard to the 2021 Municipal Budget update. Information was provided in the Council packet. The Finance Committee met and have discussed the budget since the April 12th Council meeting. Administrator Casagrande reviewed the appropriation and levy caps (we used all of our 2019 CAP Bank and a portion of the 2020). She advised that \$188,416 equals a penny as a result of added assessments; last year a penny generated \$183,272. There will be a final number once our tax appeals are adjudicated. There is a need to introduce the budget at our May 10th meeting to avoid sending out estimated tax bills.

CFO Lapp entertained questions from the governing body. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked questions about the line items and if there would be significant changes/adjustments? No, not unless instructed to. It was asked if the department head requests were cut or satisfied? Administrator Casagrande highlighted, on the spreadsheet, what was reduced in the line items; you can see in each cell what was requested and reduced. Mayor Lucarelli said the initial budget with everyone's asks showed a 14% increase and since then, it has been reduced to a 5% increase. It was asked when the budget is introduced on May 10th, if it can be amended on the floor? CFO Lapp advised that it could not; if Council decided to make changes to any items in the budget, we would have to do a separate resolution for the changes through an amendment. Depending on the changes and impact on the levy, it may need to be advertised which pushes the hearing and adoption to a later date; she explained the process. Department Heads will be asked to submit and present a 5-year capital plan in June or July 2021.

CFO Lapp explained what deferred charges are and that we have two types in this budget; the first is the \$150,000 emergency appropriation adopted last year and the other charges were to keep the debt service in the capital section of the budget steady (putting extra money in the capital improvement fund). We put money to charges that were unfunded (bond ordinances) as opposed to issuing debt; we raise money through the budget to pay down the debt directly.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 8:06 p.m. Ruth Blaser, River Road, said she sat through the Zoning Board/Planning Board meetings for Kick Dance and Ms. Berry agreed to losing parking spaces because the parents drop the kids off and leave. She did not feel that the Borough should give relief or a fee reduction on the basis of losing parking spaces.

Chris Hempstead, Willow Street, said he was interested in the Fair Haven Board of Education and Willow Street project. He has been before Council several times regarding this matter (safety and traffic flow) and was told it was not a Borough project. Now the public is finding out that the Board of Education's Engineer and Borough Engineer have been meeting since then and now rushing the project forward for a May meeting. He asked when the residents and neighbors can see the plans before the project is presented? He asked Engineer Gardella and Chief McGovern why Third Street is closed for drop off and pick-up? The Borough is increasing the intensity of Willow Street which is a school street and park street by adding parking where cars will be backing up. Mr. Hempstead said Third Street is closed for safety, however there are younger children at Willow Street. Mayor Lucarelli advised that the plan Mr. Hempstead submitted was reviewed and it will not work. All concerns have been reviewed by the Engineers for the Board of Education and Borough. We are looking to make a compromise to make the area safer and get the teachers to park away from the side streets based on the comments Mr. Hempstead brought forward. We are working with the engineers to get a plan in place. Mr. Hempstead asked, "how can the Borough police the spaces that are going to be used by school staff"? He never spoke with the Chief or Engineer Gardella about this and was told by the Board of Education that his plan was rejected. There was further discussion regarding the proposed project and what Mr. Hempstead feels should be done to alleviate what he considers doubling the intensity on Willow Street.

Councilman Rodriguez had to leave the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Administrator Casagrande addressed Mr. Hempstead by stating that there were multiple meetings with the Board of Education, and she was copied on emails between him and the Board of Education. The Board of Education is not comfortable giving up the frontage at Sickles School for drop off and dismissal. Right of way does not have anything to do with whether something is green or not; it is measured from the centerline of the roadway and so many feet into a property. The Borough has a right to use that area if it is transportation related (roadway, sidewalks, drainage). There will be increased parking in the right-of-way and it will be angled. The Borough is piggy backing on the Board of Education's project and came to a mutual agreement so the work can be done prior to the beginning of the next school year.

Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe thanked Mr. Hempstead for his ideas and proposal and said she appreciated his comments and concern for the kid's safety. She does not live in that area and only sees what it is like when she drops off or picks her kids up from school. Since she is not on the Public Works and Engineering Committee, she hopes that his plans were considered and that improvements do occur for the safety of everyone. She asked if he was requesting Willow Street be closed during school hours based on Engineer Gardella's plan? M. Hempstead said he would like something to mimic the Third Street plan. He would like to meet and discuss this in an open and civil manner.

Marti Egger, Hance Road, thanked Council for being allowed to make a comment tonight. She gave an update on her findings since the April 12th Council meeting with regard to sidewalks on the lower part of Hance Road. Her neighbors were not aware of the plans for the sidewalks to be installed; they would like to retain the natural look and maintain what they have currently. Mrs. Egger said she wants to provide a voice for resident perspective. There is a necessity to work together to postpone or come to a different resolution and asked that the Borough please reconsider. Councilman McCue asked her to reach out to him, via e-mail, to coordinate a meeting with the neighbors to discuss this matter.

Tracy Cole, Grange Avenue, said she attended the April 12th meeting, and it was the first she heard about the sidewalk plan at Grange, Cooney and Hance. She is concerned about it. Hance Road has character and is unique and it would be lost or compromised by the installation of sidewalks. It is a walking place with no thru traffic, and she asked why sidewalks are necessary? She supported Mrs. Egger's request for a meeting and is glad that Councilman McCue is willing to meet. She asked that Engineer Gardella join the meeting.

Susie Mauro, 30 Cooney Terrace, added to Mrs. Egger and Mrs. Cole's comments by stating that she moved to Hance for the charm of the neighborhood. She requested to be part of the meeting with Councilman McCue and Engineer Gardella. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe understood that some sidewalks are going in, in conjunction with the terminus of Hance and Grange and the park improvement there and then separately there is an NJDOT grant to do sidewalks for the entirety of Hance to Cooney and the entirety of Grange. Engineer Gardella said the DOT grant is for this year's funded project which will most likely be built next year (Hance Road Phase II) to pick up where Phase I left off to and including Cooney. The two pocket parks for waterfront access were finalized at the end of Hance and Grange. Hance Road is an opportunity to link the neighborhood in connection with Complete Streets and our Active Transportation Plan to the waterfront. Nothing has been designed (a conceptual plan was sent to the State and a grant was awarded); we are still awaiting a base map to determine what will or will not work. This is a project for 2022.

Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe said we need to prioritize the sidewalks as to what needs to be done and what can wait. Priorities are lost when we shift to accommodate the grants received. She said connecting Oaklawn Road to Harrison Avenue is a priority for her (Safe Routes to Schools) vs. Hance, Cooney and Grange. Councilwoman Neff said the parks are being used by residents in town, it is important to have sidewalks to access the water, safely. There could be walkers and bikers accessing the water and it is important to get them there, safely. She agreed that we should prioritize sidewalks. Fair Haven Road also needs sidewalks as it is a busy road. Councilwoman Koch asked Engineer Gardella if there will be sidewalks on both sides; no, we will extend the sidewalk on one side for Hance. Cooney and Grange were not part of the sidewalk conversation. Engineer Gardella will discuss the project with Councilman McCue and the residents who spoke.

Sherrri D'Angelo, Hance Road, would like to be part of the meeting with Councilman McCue and Engineer Gardella and wants to include Chief McGovern to discuss this matter and the sidewalks that have already been installed. The road feels narrowed, even if Engineer Gardella said it was not. This is concerning with sidewalks going to the river. If it goes forward, there needs to be a no parking rule.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:36 p.m.

CFO Lapp left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Koch made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of April 12, 2021, second by Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Rodriguez

Councilwoman Koch made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of April 12,

2021, second by Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Rodriguez

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the governing body.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Committee Reports

Finance – This was covered earlier.

Personnel - Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe mentioned the consent agenda resolutions hiring an Assistant CFO, Nancy Britton, and appointing a Special Officer. We look forward to them joining the Borough.

Planning & Zoning - Councilwoman Koch reported the new DPW Facility plans were discussed at the last Planning Board meeting; their next meeting is scheduled for May 18th. May 6th and May 20th are the next Zoning Board meetings. It is unsure if the Board will need the May 20th date to address projects.

Parks and Recreation and Communications - Councilwoman Koch said the second walking challenge has started and will run through May 24th. The Annual Fishing Derby will be held this Saturday with a 3rd time slot added for social distancing. Spring sports and summer camp registration is now open; information can be found on the Borough website.

Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe said the Fair Haven Natural Area Advisory Committee will have their spring clean-up of the trails this Saturday and Sunday, 9 am -1 pm. On Saturday, they are meeting at the Fair Haven Road entrance and Sunday they are meeting at Ridge Road access across from Meadow Ridge Park.

Police, Fire & OEM - Councilman McCue said the Borough’s COVID numbers have gone down a lot; 43 active cases, currently.

Engineering, DPW and Borough Facilities - Councilman Rodriguez had to leave the meeting earlier. The Facilities Committee is meeting tomorrow night. The Police Department and DPW facilities plans will be presented at the May 10th Council Meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. Resolution No. 2021-116, Executive Session - Personnel

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. Part-time Non-Aligned Salaries

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Rodriguez

- 2. Resolution No. 2021-117, Approve Block Party Permit - Cedar Avenue - May 1, 2021

WHEREAS, a request was received to hold a Block Party on Cedar Avenue on Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 5 pm to 11 pm (rain date of May 2nd); and

WHEREAS, Police Chief McGovern reviewed the application and submitted his approval on April 16, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that approval is hereby granted for a block party to be held on Cedar Avenue on Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 5 pm to 11 pm (rain date of May 2nd).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Permit No. BP 2021-01 will be issued for said event and that attendees with comply with the Governor’s order regarding social gatherings.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Rodriguez

3. Resolution No. 2021-118, Hire Assistant Chief Financial Officer - Nancy Britton

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the full-time position of Assistant Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator advertised the position on the Borough’s website and the New Jersey League of Municipalities website; and

WHEREAS, resumes were received and interviews were conducted for said position and the Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Personnel Committee have confirmed that Nancy Britton is qualified to fill said position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, that Nancy Britton is hereby appointed as a full time Assistant Chief Financial Officer at an annual salary of \$62,500.00 and in accordance with the terms in the Offer Letter attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointment of Nancy Britton is effective May 24, 2021.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Rodriguez

4. Resolution No. 2021-119, Approve 2021 Temporary Budget Amendment

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 **\$4,910,676.38** 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:

Account Number	Description	Amount	Reason
Current Account			
1-01-20-130-202	Finance Contractual	\$7,700.00	Add to Temp Budget
1-01-21-180-211	Planning Board Contractual	\$20,000.00	Add to Temp Budget
1-01-26-300-237	Shade Tree Consulting	\$2,000.00	Add to Temp Budget
1-01-26-315-299	Vehicle Maintenance	\$5,000.00	Add to Temp Budget
1-01-41-700-202	Recycling Tonnage Grant	\$.40	Add to Temp Budget
1-01-43-486-299	Rumson-Fair Haven Tech ILSA	\$3,000.00	Add to Temp Budget

1-01-43-493-204	Dispatch ILSA	\$63,755.00	Add to Temp Budget
TOTAL		\$101,455.40	

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 Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Rodriguez

5. Resolution No. 2021-120, Authorize Borough Engineer to advertise for bids - Waterfront Parks and Boat Ramp Project

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that authorization is given to the Borough Administrator and Borough Engineer to advertise for receipt of bids for the Waterfront Parks and Boat Ramp Project.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Rodriguez

6. Resolution No. 2021-121, Authorize Borough Engineer to advertise for bids - 2021 Road, Sidewalk and Drainage Program

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that authorization is given to the Borough Administrator and Borough Engineer to advertise for receipt of bids for the 2021 Road, Sidewalk and Drainage Program.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Rodriguez

7. Resolution No. 2021-122, Appoint Special Officer, Class I, Scott Beattie

WHEREAS, a request was made by Police Chief Joseph McGovern to appoint a Special Law Enforcement Officers Class I, effective April 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Joseph McGovern, Fair Haven Police Chief, has recommended that Scott Beattie be appointed as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class I.

WHEREAS, the rate of pay for this position is \$15.25 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Scott Beattie be appointed to the position of Special Class I Officer.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Rodriguez

8. Resolution No. 2021-123, Approve Block Party Permit - Colonial Court

WHEREAS, a request was received to hold a Block Party on Colonial Court on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 5 pm to 10 pm; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief McGovern reviewed the application and submitted his approval on April 21, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that approval is hereby granted for a block party to be held on Colonial Court on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 5 pm to 10 pm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Permit No. BP 2021-02 will be issued for said event and that attendees with comply with the Governor’s order regarding social gatherings.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Rodriguez

9. Resolution No 2021-124, Payment of Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that the vouchers listed for payment on the April 26, 2021 agenda are hereby approved and the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release payment to the various vendors.

2020 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$	708.33
2021 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$	494,152.48
GENERAL CAPITAL	\$	1,360.00
OTHER TRUST	\$	4,794.90
TOTAL	\$	501,015.71

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Rodriguez

Reports of Departments

March 2021

-Municipal Court

-Budget Status

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

GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

Mayor Lucarelli opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions at 8:42 p.m. Carolyn Ferguson, Colonial Court resident and Business Association representative, had a concern regarding the Historic District. The intersection of DeNormandie and River Road has had orange cones for over a year and requested something more attractive (i.e. planters, benches or something else). Engineer Gardella advised that benches and planters do not meet traffic safety standards. The cones are there to distract cars from parking at that corner to prevent accidents and site issues. The area will be re-examined for an alternative. Chief McGovern said the cones were to stop the parking; he and Engineer Gardella will look to install skinnier poles. Monmouth County does not want bump outs on their road; the Borough has looked for solutions with the County, but nothing was reached except the placement of cones.

Tracy Cole, Grange Avenue, requested Engineer Gardella participate in the meeting with Councilman McCue for Hance Road. Councilman McCue asked Engineer Gardella if he preferred to wait for the survey/base map before the meeting. Engineer Gardella said that he is working on Willow Street and the two projects that were approved to go out to bid, but he can discuss the conceptual plan. We need to award the Hance Road bid by November 2021.

Chris Hempstead, Willow Street, asked that there be a community approach for Willow Street like the Borough plans for Hance Road. He was advised that the Borough needs to finalize the design, so there is something to present.

Susie Mauro, Hance Road, said residents want to meet before finalizing, putting plans in place,

and going to bid vs. meeting, post plan finalization.

Mr. Hempstead stated his concern and what he would like to have happen for Willow Street; he felt Mayor Lucarelli and Administrator Casagrande were going against their promise and word. He has not had a chance to meet with Chief McGovern, Engineer Gardella and the entire Council. The Mayor said that Mr. Hempstead's thoughts and ideas were brought to the professionals and what was proposed is not feasible. Mr. Hempstead needs to allow the Borough to have final plans so there is something to discuss.

Liz Hempstead, Willow Street, said the residents want to meet before the final plans. There are residents who have concerns that they would like to discuss with the governing body. Mayor Lucarelli said he has met with Chris Hempstead, who advised he was representing the Willow Street residents, at the site and took his comments into consideration. Mrs. Hempstead said she wants the Hance Road residents to know what they are up against and they will be told that the finalized plans are what it is. Mr. Hempstead advised you can't get a fire truck down a narrow street (Willow Street) and he will videotape the street with the cars that are parked there; it is a hazard. He was advised that his proposed plans were unworkable for many reasons including the cul-de-sac proposed. Mr. Hempstead said that the cul-de-sac idea and his suggested plan was for the safety of the kids and availability of emergency services for the residents of Willow Street. The Mayor said that the teachers arrive before the students and leave after the students are gone so the spaces proposed on the south side of Willow Street would be used a teacher parking. Mayor Lucarelli said residents have input not control; the safety of the area is under a Civil Engineer's seal.

Councilwoman Neff asked Chief McGovern if a fire truck could be driven to the front of the school? She asked if the Board of Education has considered using other parking availability i.e. Knights of Columbus or other businesses that don't need their parking during certain hours? Administrator Casagrande said that parents do park at the Knights of Columbus and Richard Bahadurian allows use of his lot (Nauvoo) and parents use the Borough's lot. Chief McGovern said a fire truck cannot get to the school or down the street if the cars are backed up or parked on both sides. The Chief said Mr. Hempstead did not request to meet with him, but he is willing to meet. The plan that was submitted was reviewed and the cul-de-sac presented would prevent emergency vehicles from getting through during school hours. It would need to be so big to allow fire trucks to get in and out and it is not feasible. Third Street was closed, for safety, 20-25 years ago, to allow the students to ride their bikes up and down the street to get to and from school, safely; it had nothing to do with school parking and traffic. Chief McGovern did acknowledge the difficulty with parking on Willow Street and said that the plan for parking spaces near the park was to help so cars would not park in front of resident's homes during the day. The engineers came up with the best plan that they could (there is no easy solution). Mr. Hempstead said he was not sure that his submitted plan would work but needed a starting point for help and consideration. He told the Chief he can meet with him at any time, as well as Engineer Gardella. Mayor Lucarelli reiterated that Mr. Hempstead's plan was reviewed and seriously considered by the school's professionals; resources and taxpayer dollars were spent to do so.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 9:08 p.m.

Council went into executive session at 9:10 p.m. and this meeting was reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe with Ayes by all present.

Time of Adjournment: 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Borough Clerk