

FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MAY 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Council President Rodriguez at 7:03 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 MAY 10, 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. Absent: Mayor Lucarelli. Others present: Administrator Casagrande, Attorney Cannon, Engineer Gardella, Chief McGovern, Architect Eli Goldstein and his staff.

PROCLAMATION

Council President Rodriguez read a proclamation honoring James Banahan for his service as a Councilman.

PRESENTATIONS

Police Department and DPW Facility. Both of these plans were presented to the Planning Board and a memo was received from the Board Attorney, Doug Kovats, which was distributed to the governing body in their packets.

Eli Goldstein, Borough Architect, shared his screen with a public presentation he had for the Fair Haven Building Project. Luke Butler, LEHR, presented an aerial image of the sites (Police and DPW) with an overlay of the buildings.

The Fair Haven Police Department Facility will be 3,700 square feet, located 22 feet west of the current building (30 feet from the street in the front) and will match the character of the neighborhood. He showed the proposed parking lot and a storage building (900 square feet) for equipment and will have restroom facilities behind it for the public to use when they are at the Community Center Fields. There will be an 8-foot walkway alongside of the building to allow people to access the fields. The east, west and south property lines will have plantings around it; there are some grade changes. Maggie DeSantis discussed the elevations of each side of the building. The floor plans were not shown due to the security of the building, but she did review a proposed rendering of the outside of the building (main entrance, storage and mechanical function).

Luke Butler reviewed the Department of Public Works Facility which will be 6,600 square feet and 50 feet north of the current structure. To the west of the building will be a recycling center with dumpsters for the public to bring their recycling (bottles, cans, cardboard). He showed the 30 parking spaces that will be there for recycling and additional parking for the Community Center Fields; there will be ADA accessibility. There will be a bio-retention basin which will be two-feet deep to accommodate stormwater. The DPW yard will be to the south of the building which will have a wide parking area to allow the trucks and equipment to turn around. There will be fuel pumps on the Allen Street side of the property and at the southeast end of the property will be a salt dome with a one-way in from Allen Street and a one-way out on to Allen Street. There will be a 22' buffer on the Allen Street side and a 22' buffer on the Maple Avenue side. The yard will be fenced with landscaping for buffering and screening. Eli Goldstein showed the layout of the DPW Building

with offices, truck bays and an area for training and small community meetings. Maggie De Santis reviewed the building elevations and the scale/height of the building. Both the Police Department and DPW will be built to residential scale and built to fit in with each neighborhood.

Councilman Rodriguez said each of these buildings were handled in separate meetings over the past 8 weeks. He thanked the public who participated in the Planning Board Meetings when the plans were initially presented. He also thanked the Planning Board for their review and input for each site plan and their thoughtful memo of review for each of the buildings.

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:25 p.m. for input. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked Eli Goldstein to go to the site plan slide for the south side of the police department. She asked what the sidewalk width is; it is eight feet wide. She asked for the width of the parking lot as well as the bathrooms in the back of the storage area. She asked if they can be used for recreation activities; yes, it could be entered from the south or east (still being worked out). Councilman Rodriguez said the Facilities Committee decided since there is an ability to turn around in the parking lot, it was not necessary for the parking lot to loop around. Councilwoman Neff appreciated the restrooms being designed behind the Police Department storage area which will be helpful to the public. She congratulated the Facilities Committee and the Architects for their work and incorporating the requests and suggestions given.

There was discussion regarding the bio-retention basin near DPW which will have porous pavement to allow water to flow into the pavement instead of running down the street (this is based on the new DEP stormwater regulations).

Tina Brendel, Third Street, said the Architect did a great job taking the comments into account. The DPW parking lot shows two entrances (one on Allen Street and the other on Maple Avenue); she asked if they are one way in, one way out or one entrance/exit. She was concerned as the area gets very congested on the weekends for recycling and sports. Engineer Gardella said it was considered but eliminating one of the entrances would create a dead-end parking lot which would be problematic; what has been presented is better for circulation. The DPW building is for the employees and will also house some of the engineering functions which will bring vendors and the public to visit. As far as the weekend, this will be a huge benefit and get the cars off of Third Street with 25 available parking spaces (not including handicap parking). Mrs. Brendel asked if there would be parking on Third Street still; yes. The parking lot will alleviate some of the congestion. Mrs. Brendel asked if it could be cars enter on Allen Street and out on Maple Avenue; she is concerned for the children on bikes with cars backing out. Councilman Rodriguez said that there were many conversations about this topic; this was the best option. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked if the parking lot can be changed to one way if it is not working out. Mrs. Brendel asked if there were going to be gates at the entrances to prevent people from hanging out in the parking lot. Councilman Rodriguez said the DPW lot area will be gated off to protect the equipment.

Wilson Rodriguez, Allen Street, thanked Councilman Rodriguez and Councilman McCue, Engineer Gardella and the Facilities Committee for accepting the public's feedback. He thanked them for the enlarged driveway and asked what side is being enlarged and if it is three feet on each side or six feet all on one side. The six feet was added at the northern side of the property. Mr. Rodriguez lives across from the driveway entrance, so he is pleased it was enlarged. He asked that the southern part of the driveway be flush and not stick out to avoid conflict and interference with the impound lot. Mr. Rodriguez asked if the salt storage shed can be angled to avoid being an eyesore. Luke Butler said that trucks need to be able to access the storage shed to grab materials and return materials. Councilman Rodriguez said there will be an eight-foot fence to block the view to the salt facility and it will be low/not very tall. Mr. Rodriguez asked if there could be a multi-purpose garbage bin for the DPW so there are not cans lined up along the street. Administrator Casagrande stated that a trash dumpster will be part of our garbage contract for this facility when we next bid. Councilman McCue thanked him for the questions/suggestion and asked Engineer Gardella for a landing pad or flat curb for cans; Engineer Gardella said he will look at this suggestion with the design engineers. Eli Goldstein said a salt shed needs a low door but will be more than one story high. Councilwoman Neff asked if gates are there, will the salt area always be closed and asked that it be hidden from the public's view.

Liz MacNeill, Third Street, asked to look at Slide 5 for the Police Department storage building and restrooms. She said that there is a wall for racquetball and tennis practice, wall ball, etc. and asked if it was going to be replaced. Councilman Rodriguez said we may have a recreational wall included in the future. There is structural damage to the current wall, but nothing to be concerned about. The current sheds that are there will be replaced by the storage shed shown on the plan. She asked about a possible future Community Center which is noted on the plan. Councilman Rodriguez said he presented at a Recreation Committee meeting and asked them to think of what they would like there for the next 20 years. The plans are just showing the scale to give perspective. Mrs. McNeill asked how tall the storage and restroom building would be. Mr.

Goldstein showed her the scale. She asked about BIC Hall; this will be discussed later in the meeting (Resolution No. 2021-138). She asked if BIC Hall would have a parking area; yes, Engineer Gardella is working on a plan for parking, an ADA ramp, etc. The Borough Architect's proposal is for the internal structure i.e. bathrooms, etc. We are going to submit a Community Block Grant application in July for this work.

Tracy Cole, Grange Avenue, asked that Eli Goldstein or Maggie DeSantis walk the public through Slide 5 and discuss the facade. Ms. DeSantis said the north elevation is the main entrance of the building and needs to be prominent. The building is surrounded by a stone base to give a nice facade to blend in; they chose honey board siding, and the second-floor roofline has gables on each side. Mrs. Cole appreciated the neighborhood blend but questioned the vertical elements of siding asking if other elements were considered; yes. Mr. Goldstein said that his team can look at other materials but did not want to make the building too "self-important"; it should look more formal than a house, but also fit in to the neighborhood. Mrs. Cole thanked the Architects and Facilities Committee.

Ruth Blaser, River Road, said the buildings are financed by the residents and should be utilized to absolute capacity. She said the upstairs to the police department should be available for community meetings and for the seniors since it would not be used very often.

Councilwoman Koch responded to the question regarding the Recreation Committee and use of a building for the community center; the Recreation Committee is in favor of a Community Center but has not discussed anything further. She thanked the Facilities Committee for listening to everyone's concerns and input and incorporating their ideas.

There being no further comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:00 p.m. Council President Rodriguez thanked Eli Goldstein and his staff for the presentation.

WORKSHOP SESSION

Council President Rodriguez said he read a proclamation for Councilman Banahan who stepped down from Council. In the absence of Mayor Lucarelli, he stated that discussion on this vacancy will be carried to the May 24th agenda. He noted that the Council did receive resumes and biographies from the three proposed candidates.

A request was received from Monmouth Day Care Center to post lawn signs (May 11th to June 10th) through town for "Playdate in the Park". There will be approximately 25 signs that will mainly be displayed on resident's lawns. Motion to approve moved by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe with Ayes by all present.

Councilman Rodriguez said with regard to McCarter Pond's 2021 Treatment, a memo was received from the Environmental Commission. We try to keep the "pond scum" to a minimum at Schwenker's Pond and McCarter Pond. The Environmental Commission has asked that we take steps to address the growth in the ponds. Councilwoman Neff said the issue at McCarter has been happening over 10 years; part of the problem is the expense, and it is difficult to manage. We are using aeration and other treatments which have not been successful as we had wished. Hydro raking removes the top layer (1') of spoils out of the pond, however, we would need to truck them out which is expensive; the second option is to dry them out, so they are not as heavy to transport and the third and most effective option is we dry the spoils and shred them for the natural fields (Environmental Commission feels this is the most cost efficient). We need a higher level of aeration with additional fountains installed. Because of the costs involved, the Commission asked that an expert be hired to be sure it is the appropriate action to take. Councilwoman Neff is also on the Finance Committee and said this needs to be looked at seriously by the Council because McCarter Pond is in bad shape and has been ongoing for the past 10 years. Schwenker's Pond also has issues and should be looked at as well. Shade Tree has also suggested the removal of the Cherry trees on Fair Haven Road and Ridge Road; we need to look at these ideas and expenses to prioritize. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked if hydro raking takes place, how long the impact lasts before there is a need to do it again? The pond will fill up again in 4-5 years if not maintained well; we need an effective way for aeration. It should help to maintain the water quality as long as we do the second step. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe said that a grant was applied for, a few years ago, to install a stone dust trail along Fair Haven Road and Ridge Road and asked for a status; we were not successful in securing the Monmouth County grant. Councilwoman Neff said that the spoils could be used for our current trails to maintain them. The Environmental Commission and Natural Area Advisory Committee should work together on this project.

Councilwoman Koch said in past years, prior Councils have explored hydro raking. Council explored drying out spoils at the corner of Ridge and Fair Haven Roads and not trucking them out. She asked where Councilwoman Neff proposed the drying process location be and if there would be odors associated with it. Councilwoman Neff said possibly a corner of the park or in the Natural Area; she was not sure about the odors, but it might be good to do in the winter when the homeowner's windows are closed. The Environmental Commission is still considering options. Councilman McCue said a barrier

of a vegetative buffer strip is needed to prevent nutrients from going back into the pond from the surrounding properties. He asked if the properties in the area go right to the water line or if there is a Borough easement. Administrator Casagrande said the Borough has easement access on a few lots, but the properties surrounding it have private bulkheads. Engineer Gardella said most of the shoreline is private. Councilwoman Neff said residential lawns (nutrients and run off) have an impact on the ponds, so our residents need to be educated on what we are doing and how to preserve this resource. Councilman McCue said RFPs went out in 2019 for work to be done and one came back in the amount of \$66,840 (\$38,000 alone to hydro rake plus miscellaneous equipment); disposal fees were \$58,000. The Borough is doing the same thing over again and getting the same result. Councilman Rodriguez said looking at the recommendation, it is to proceed with the bio treatment, this year and grind up vegetation in the future to place in the Natural Area trails. Also, high level aeration is requested. Administrator Casagrande will issue a PO for chemical treatment. We can bond for the hydro raking per Bond Counsel and the Environmental Engineer can be included in the next bond issue (soft costs).

Administrator Casagrande advised the governing body that she has assigned Sandi Papa, Planning Board and Zoning Board Secretary, to assist the Historic Preservation Commission with their meetings. She assigned Krystie Larsen, Administrative Assistant, to assist with the Shade Tree Commission and Environmental Commission meetings. The personnel committee supports this recommendation, and the Chairpersons are appreciative.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 8:25 p.m. Ruth Blaser, River Road advised she had hand up for Schwenker and McCarter Pond discussions. She asked if the bubbler system in McCarter Pond would be sufficient to hold fountain type aerators like Rumson has at Pomphrey's Pond. Councilwoman Neff said they cost a few thousand dollars and there are plumbing costs as well. Schwenker's Pond is an uglier problem seen by a lot of people and it also empties into Shippee's Pond (privately owned) she asked about a bubbler for that pond. Councilwoman Neff said one pump costs about \$2,800. Hydro raking is not easy to do in Schwenker's Pond because of size and access. We need a consultant to see if a fountain option is feasible; it depends on depth. Mrs. Blaser said Schwenker's Pond has a different water flow (a moving body of water coming down and emptying into the pond) vs. McCarter Pond which is stagnant (rainwater). With regard to the removal of brush and leaves, she was advised this was not an agenda item; she will bring this up later in the meeting.

Chris Hempstead, Willow Street, asked about Resolutions 2021-129 and 2021-130 (ILSA and Willow Street work). He said on November 10, 2020, Administrator Casagrande made clear Sean MacNeill would share information with the professionals and also with Engineer Gardella. There is a Borough survey showing all that the Borough owns as well as all available rights-of-way. His proposal was later reviewed by the engineers and acknowledged on February 16, 2021. Sean McNeil met with Borough leadership to review the schematic and it was found to be too invasive to the park to move forward with. He asked the professionals what the all available right-of-way that was presented to the Board of Education was. He was particularly interested in the 20' easement on the McCarter Park property that could be used for parking. Mr. Hempstead asked Council to consider the Board of Education's professional comments.

Tom Bull, Maple Avenue, missed the beginning of the meeting so he could not comment on the DPW project. He felt it looks fantastic and agrees with any improvement to the property. There is a concern about the sidewalks near the facility on Maple Avenue. Many people walk their dogs and go to Meadow Flower School, but they never walk on the resident side of the street; he requested sidewalks on the side of the street where there is nothing (just trees and grass). There would need to be six aprons created to complete the sidewalk all the way down so putting sidewalks on the opposite side of the street and would cost less. There are several residents who have had the front of their house paved and that will be lost with the project. He suggested looking at the project from an aerial view to see that a sidewalk would work best across the street.

Carolyn Ferguson, Colonial Court, Chair of FHNA Committee, asked about the hydro raking proposal. She appreciates and supports a professional reviewing the matter and where to put the spoils. The Borough owns other wooded lots and open spaces so they should be looked as well. Councilman Rodriguez asked Councilwoman Neff if the Environmental Commission considered other locations; no, there is not a firm view of one location.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:38 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Koch made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of April 26, 2021, second by Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe

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

Abstain: None
Absent: None

Councilwoman Koch made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of April 26, 2021, second by Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the governing body.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Committee Reports

Finance – Councilwoman Neff asked Administrator Casagrande to give comments regarding the budget. The Budget was discussed at the April 26th meeting and there have been no changes. The budget is on this agenda to be introduced. Copies are available to the public. The budget will be advertised on May 24th and scheduled for hearing and adoption on June 14th. Mayor and Council can amend the budget and depending on the amount and type of amendment, we need to abide by State regulations. Councilwoman Neff said this budget is fairly reasonable from where it started. She is new to the Finance Committee, to Council and the budget process. The Borough will have some high expenses (replacing the Cherry Trees on Fair Haven Road, there are many asks from the DPW and the Police Department, so we need to consider the future and look for a multi-year plan for budgeting. There are a lot of upcoming projects, that all need to be put into context. It is important to keep costs at a reasonable level while addressing the needs of the Borough.

Personnel - Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe advised there is a resolution to appoint a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class I, we look forward to Mark Herrlich joining the Borough.

Planning & Zoning - Councilwoman Koch said there is a Planning Board meeting on May 18th and the Zoning Board will be meeting, again, on May 20th to catch up on backlog; the agendas for both meetings will be posted on the Borough's website.

Parks and Recreation and Communications - Councilwoman Koch advised summer camp registrations are available online. The Multi-purpose turf field is being installed at McCarter Park. There will be a small opening ceremony once the work has been completed (tot playground and turf field). Administrator Casagrande said there have been a lot of improvements at McCarter Pond in cooperation with the Board of Education. Sean McNeill and David Joye, Board of Education, were in attendance. There has been a lot of success with the park and in our joint efforts.

Police, Fire & OEM - Councilman McCue reported that Fair Haven's COVID cases are 25, active. We hope the downward trend continues. The Fire Department has postponed their vote on whether the fair will take place this year; they are waiting a month to make a decision.

Engineering, DPW and Borough Facilities - Councilman Rodriguez advised that the facilities were discussed at the beginning of the meeting. He extended his appreciation to the citizens of the Borough for their patience with the fish kill in the Navesink. The NJDEP said to leave them alone to reabsorb which created tremendous odors. Citizens got together and bagged carcasses. He thanked Engineer Gardella and his DPW team for working with the County to dispose of the carcasses last week. Engineer Gardella said that he put together a DPW crew to clean at the end of the dock, the DeNormandie area as well as the boat ramp and the Hance Road terminus which included working with the County for disposal.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2021-07, Amend Chapter 2 to Update Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary Regulations

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AMENDING CHAPTER 2: "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE BOROUGH'S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO DELETE AND REPLACE SECTION 2-27.18: "JUNIOR FIREMAN'S AUXILIARY" TO COMPLY WITH NEW STATE LAW GOVERNING JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS' AUXILIARIES.

WHEREAS, Public Law 2020 c. 126 became effective November 20, 2020 and amended N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95, *et seq.* and changed the restrictions, requirements, and regulations for Junior Firefighters' Auxiliaries throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fair Haven (the "Borough") presently maintains a Junior Fireman's Auxiliary pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95, *et seq.* codified within the Borough Code at Section 2-27.18; and

WHEREAS, the Borough must amend its Borough Code at Section 2-27.18 to be consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95, *et seq.*, as amended by Public Law 2020 c. 126;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, in the County of Monmouth, in the State of New Jersey that Section 2-27.18: “Junior Fireman’s Auxiliary” of Chapter 2: “Administration” of the Borough’s Revised General Ordinances is hereby deleted and replaced as follows:

CHAPTER 2: “ADMINISTRATION”

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§ 2-27.18 JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS’ AUXILIARY.

A. *Established.* A Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire Department of the Borough of Fair Haven is established pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95, *et seq.*, and subject to the supervision of the Volunteer Fire Company and the Fire Chief. The members of the Auxiliary shall be known as “Junior Firefighters.”

B. *Eligibility for Membership.* A person who is not less than 14 or more than 18 years of age shall be eligible for membership in the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary. Prior to being accepted for membership in the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary, a person eligible pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall:

- (1) Obtain permission to join the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary from the person’s parent(s) or guardian. Permission shall be granted in writing to the Volunteer Fire Company on the form prescribed by the N.J. Department of Community Affairs;
- (2) Complete an application and be interviewed by the Fire Chief or his or her designee with a parent or guardian present; and
- (3) Submit documentation from a qualified physician verifying that the person is medically able to perform the activities of the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary.

C. *Rules and Regulations.* Pursuant to Section 2-27.3 and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-98, the Volunteer Fire Company shall adopt rules and regulations that provide for the training of the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary for eventual membership in the Volunteer Fire Company. The rules and regulations governing the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary shall comply with all applicable regulations established by the N.J. Department of Community Affairs, and they shall further comply with the following:

- (1) A Junior Firefighter 16 years of age or older may perform the duties permitted by the rules and regulations governing the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary at training events and emergency incidents, provided that:
 - (a) the Junior Firefighter has been appropriately and adequately trained to perform said duties.
 - (b) the Junior Firefighter is appropriately and adequately supervised in performing those duties at the training event or emergency incident; and
 - (c) the Junior Firefighter’s parent(s) or guardian has provided written permission allowing the Junior Firefighter to perform those duties.
- (2) Activities of Junior Firefighters’ Auxiliary members under 16 years of age shall be limited to:
 - (a) attending meetings of the Junior Firefighters’ Auxiliary.
 - (b) receiving instruction.
 - (c) participating in training as established by regulations adopted by the commissioner that does not involve fire, smoke, toxic or noxious gas, or hazardous materials or substances; and
 - (d) observing firefighting activities, while under supervision.
- (3) Junior Firefighters shall be subject to provisions of the Borough Code covering Firefighters as to suspension or expulsion as provided therein.

- (4) Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary members shall be insured by the same coverage and in the same amounts as the regular members of the Volunteer Fire Company.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any ordinances or portions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, if any provision of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption according to law.

Offered for introduction by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 2021-125, Approve Reduction in Parking Fee - Kick Dance Studio

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven (the "Borough") has received a request from Bruiser Woods, LLC for 611 River Road, also known as Block 25, Lot 12, to waive the fees due the Borough for deficient parking spaces under Borough Ordinance 30-9.2, resulting from an application filed by Bruiser Woods, LLC and approved by the Borough's Zoning Board; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution ZBR 2021-1, the Zoning Board granted Bruiser Woods, LLC certain approvals for 611 River Road, also known as Block 25, Lot 12, including variance relief to permit a total of twelve (12) parking spaces whereas twenty-one (21) are required by the Borough's Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 30-9.2(b)(1)(h) requires every applicant to pay a fee to the Borough Parking Fund in the amount of \$2,500.00 per parking space for which a variance has been obtained by the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board has determined that, in accordance with Borough Ordinance 30-9.2, the amount of the parking fund fee due the Borough from Bruiser Woods, LLC totals \$22,500.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Borough Ordinance 30-9.2(b)(1)(h), the Borough finds that good cause has been demonstrated by Bruiser Woods, LLC for the Borough to waive a portion of the parking fund fee due under Zoning Board Resolution ZBR 2021-1 in order to encourage ongoing and appropriate investments in and improvements to nonresidential properties within the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that a waiver of the parking fund fee due to the Borough from Bruiser Woods, LLC for 611 River Road under Zoning Board Resolution ZBR 2021-1 is hereby granted in the amount of \$18,000.00, pursuant to Borough Ordinance 30-9.2(b)(1)(h); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount of \$4,500.00 shall be paid to the Borough by Bruiser Woods, LLC for 611 River Road as the total parking fund fee in satisfaction of the conditions of Zoning Board Resolution ZBR 2021-1 and Borough Ordinance 30-9.2.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Resolution No. 2021-126, Appoint Finance Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

BE IT RESOLVED by Benjamin Lucarelli, Mayor of the Borough of Fair Haven, that the following appointments be made to the Finance Committee, with the advice and consent of Borough

Council:

COMMITTEE
Finance

CHAIRPERSON
Councilwoman Neff

VICE CHAIRPERSON
Councilman Rodriguez

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Resolution No. 2021-127, Authorize Introduced Budget to be read by Title

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A 4-8 as amended provides that the Budget shall be read in full at the public hearing, or that it may be read by title only if:

1. At least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved Municipal Budget is made available to each person requesting the same, during said week and during the public hearing. This year during the COVID 19 Pandemic the Budget was made available online at www.fairhavernj.org.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that, it is hereby declared that the conditions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, as amended, set forth in subsection 1, have been met and therefore the Municipal Budget shall be read by title only.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Councilwoman Koch was concerned about the Municipal Budget and the uptick in capital spending. She thanked the Finance Committee, Administrator Casagrande and CFO Lapp for their time and working on the document. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe agreed and had a concern in increased spending. She asked where cuts could be made in some of the spending. She appreciated Administrator Casagrande's time spent on the initial cuts and asked her to give a budget overview on the process and if she is satisfied with the budget, as is. Administrator Casagrande said the budget started with a 14% increase with no direct feedback on cuts. She worked with the Finance Committee on where to cut appropriations (spending) and CFO Lapp worked on the revenues and capital spending. If Council is looking to amend the budget, they would have to advise where and how much would be cut because significant cuts were already made. This would require using more surplus or reducing debt service which will affect future budgets. Surplus is revenue in the budget, annually. We are fortunate the budget was not more affected by COVID. Council can share thoughts with the Finance Committee and Administrator Casagrande if they want areas cut. Council President Rodriguez asked how all of this affects our credit rating. Administrator Casagrande said it may reduce our credit rating if we start borrowing from surplus, etc.

Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe had a budget concern as Vice Liaison to the Recreation Committee and things not being provided for in the budget for recreation. There is no discretionary spending especially for recreation purposes like we do for police uniforms. There are needs and wants of the Recreation Committee with no concrete plan; we need some planning for future recreation projects as an important initiative and to give a vision. Councilman Rodriguez said a 3 to 5-year plan for capital for all departments will be beneficial and recreation can be addressed. Administrator Casagrande said that the small and large capital item program has been shared with Council and large ticket is put in a Bond Ordinance, annually. Councilman McCue said appropriations and ILSAs are increasing incrementally and some quite a bit. It was asked why Rumson's ILSA is less; we eliminated brush grinding for Rumson. There was an alarming increase for court which went from \$60,00 to \$68,500. Administrator Casagrande said there is back up and we look at what was spent in prior years; it is an ongoing document and adjusted accordingly. She will send Councilman McCue the spreadsheet. Also, Rumson-Fair Haven Board of Education custodial services are expiring; they are including us in their bid for this service (we have multiple buildings that they maintain/clean). Technology was also increased for a variety of reasons; we had a cyber technology audit, and many areas need to be addressed. Also, residents have asked for more tech savvy/time saving forms and for offices to accept an automated process. Administrator Casagrande said the financial service ILSA with Middletown is \$100,000 for several reasons as there were unanticipated personnel changes. We lost Jen Johnson as Qualified Purchasing Agent and Melissa Abrahamsen, Assistant CFO, this year so we had to do a QPA interlocal and other services with Middletown due to being shorthanded. He noted unfunded ordinances from 2018 and 2019; Administrator Casagrande said \$400,000 has been set up in deferred charges and CFO Lapp

reserved the money to pay down those two ordinances so we don't have to issue additional debt.

4. Resolution No. 2021-128, Introduce 2021 Municipal Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the calendar year 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in the May 24, 2021 issue of the Asbury Park Press.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body does hereby approve introduction of the Municipal Budget for Calendar Year 2021.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Councilman McCue asked Superintendent of Schools, Sean McNeil, about the joint statement (Borough and School) for the Active Transportation Plan and Sickles School Traffic Study and how it came to be as the best idea. Mr. McNeil advised that both his Business Administrator, David Joye, and Engineer, James Thaon (Boehler Engineering), were also in attendance. He appreciates the working relationship between the School, the Borough and Chief McGovern. The plans being acted on and that they are moving forward with is part of the approved referendum plan to make the facility better. It was understood that the Board of Education was working with limited space on Willow Street and there were discussions with Administrator Casagrande and the Borough as to what might be developed at McCarter Park. Some things have been done, operationally, to improve drop off and pick up at the school. A traffic study was done and there is an opportunity to make significant improvements at Willow Street. David Joye, Business Administrator, said that the study showed more parking was needed on Willow Street and the surrounding area; there were 70 on street spots plus the seven spaces behind Sickles School which were filled every day. The bike, car and pedestrian traffic study found more parking is needed and angled parking would help with flow. A designated drop off and pick up area will help as well. Mr. McNeil said there was a Willow Street resident who was proactive and offered suggestions which were explored in good faith; it was clear that land could not be developed. There is a need to be careful not to invest taxpayer dollars to explore options that are non-starters. The Board of Education moved forward with the best plan for the space. Some of the parallel parking in front of the school will be eliminated for a drop-off and pick up lane. Engineer Gardella said there is one dedicated crosswalk to an ADA ramp which will help pedestrians be safer. The Board of Education and Borough efforts for this project and prior improvement projects helps tie in this project as one whole piece. Sean McNeil advised they looked at the flagpole area to design a safe area and it is not feasible. Sickles is landlocked for entrances used, so it is tough (there is a main and side entrance plus one other entrance once the addition is completed). The school is close to Nauvoo so the school cannot encroach anymore. Engineer James Thaon was not comfortable bringing the drive aisle closer to the school for safety reasons so the current plan presented works well. Councilwoman Neff said she was at Sickles today and there are large trucks for the construction that have parked on the lawn near the chain link fence; she asked if the parking spaces are going out that far or coming further in. Mr. McNeil said there are spots that approach the crosswalk, the cars would back up away from the crosswalk, so they are in reverse for a shorter amount of time. James Thaon said the trucks are temporary for the construction and 45-angle spaces will assist in more parking and making it safer for cars to go in reverse. Councilwoman Neff asked if parking spaces closer to the school will be for staff members. She was concerned about cars backing up when students are coming and going. Parents should be advised that the parking spaces are for staff only. There are benefits to the plan, but safety concerns. Mr. McNeil confirmed that those spaces will be staff parking, so the cars are there prior to student arrival and 20 minutes after dismissal. The loading zone can also be used for dropping off forgotten items. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe requested a visual for review? Engineer Thaon brought the plan up and shared his screen to give a visual of handicap spot locations which it is part of the charge to improve what is there. Handicap spaces will be relocated to the crosswalk closer to Fair Haven Road so they can access the ramp and get to the school. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe felt handicap spaces will invite anyone to pull in and suggested the school reconsider where the handicap spaces are. Councilman Rodriguez said there are police officers there for drop off. Chief McGovern does an incredible job having his officers at drop off barring no emergency calls. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked about the loading zone? She noted there are a number of parallel parking spaces that will be removed to be a loading area. Mr. McNeil said the school offers valet door service with staff so parents are not getting out of their cars and traffic can flow out. There have been many accommodations for the drop off process. With the new parking schematic, there will be an

additional 6 vehicles that can park. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked about the egress behind the loading zone; there will not be additional striping because it is a public street. Currently there are 77 spaces and with an additional 22 spaces there will be 99 spaces depending on grading. Bike parking is to be determined but they want them on the school side possibly near the new construction in addition to where they are now. Mr. McNeil said he wants bike parking on school property because they are personal bikes and for a liability perspective. He said the Board of Education would love to be part of the proposed bike playground. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe understood that the Willow Street project start is planned to begin soon for completion prior to the 2021/2022 school year and asked how Council can receive more information with more detail for the bid. David Joye, said they provided a parking study and do not have much more. She asked Administrator Casagrande about the 50% cost share amount; it would be based on cost estimates and a fair balance of Board of Education and Borough work. Both entities absorbed the cost of their professionals. It was asked if additional drains will be installed? Engineer Gardella said, as part of the Sickles project, they are tying into our system for roof run off which eventually flows to Fair Haven Road. The current drains are over 70 years old. The plan is to reconstruct the storm drain that has sunk near Nauvoo to make it safer. Engineer Thaon advised they are adding additional pipe at Willow and Oak. Engineer Gardella said this is Phase II of the Borough’s prior project. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked if there was a cost estimate for the project; yes, Engineer Gardella prepared an estimate of \$225,000 which covers milling, paving, drainage, sidewalk, curbs, striping, crosswalk, signage. Councilman Rodriguez asked Mr. McNeil if the Board of Education considered speed bumps on Willow Street? Engineer Gardella said that he always looks at it, but the speed bumps have an adverse effect where people speed to “make up time”; they are a maintenance issue, impact brush/leaf collection and snow plowing. Councilwoman Neff drops her daughter off every day and there are a lot of cars parking on Oak Place and further back on Willow Street. It was stated, earlier, that there would be added parking for the staff; she asked where they are parking now and if the plan will alleviate the traffic. Mr. McNeil said many staff park offsite (Fairwinds, Nauvoo, Borough lots and side streets) and they are trying to address that. The Board of Education hopes to alleviate some of the staff parking issues and opening the roadways in the area of the school. Children are also encouraged to bike to school to help alleviate the traffic issue.

Council thanked the Board of Education and the professionals for their time.

5. Resolution No. 2021-129, Approve Shared Service Agreement with Fair Haven Board of Education for Willow Street

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 improving Willow Street parking, drainage (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the BOE’s continued, expected, and ordinary use of the roadway after construction, the BOE has agreed to contribute 50% toward the total cost of the project or \$112,500.

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.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Resolution No. 2021-130, Authorize Borough Engineer to advertise for bids - Road and Drainage Improvements on Willow Street

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 road and drainage improvements on Willow Street.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

7. Resolution No. 2021-131, Executive Session - Personnel and Acquisition of Property

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

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

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

Personnel

1. Part-time Non-Aligned Salaries

Acquisition of Property

1. Fair Haven Road

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

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

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8. Resolution No. 2021-132, Appoint Special Officer Class I – Mark Herrlich

WHEREAS, a request was made by Police Chief Joseph McGovern to appoint a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class I, effective May 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Joseph McGovern, Fair Haven Police Chief, has recommended that Mark Herrlich 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 Mark Herrlich 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, Neff and Rodriguez

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

9. Resolution No. 2021-133, Approve partial refund of Street Opening Cash Repair Deposit to Ken Manzi for the Church of the Nativity

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2007-31 created the Street Excavation Ordinance which requires a cash repair deposit be posted to serve as security for the inspection, repair and performance of work necessary to put the street in as good a condition as it was prior to the excavation if the permittee fails to make the necessary repairs or to complete the proper refilling of the opening and the excavation work performed in accordance with the excavation permit; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Engineering and Public Works has completed an inspection of Street Opening Permit No. 2021-12 approved on April 5, 2021 for 180 Ridge Road issued to Kenneth Manzi, 228 Mill Pond Way, Eatontown, NJ, 07724 for replacement of a driveway apron and a portion of sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Engineering and Public Works has recommended that 50% of the cash repair deposit posted by Mr. Manzi be returned in the amount of \$152.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair

Haven that a 50% cash deposit return is hereby approved, and the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to pay said refund to Mr. Kenneth Manzi.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

10. Resolution No. 2021-134, Approve Fire Department Membership Application/Regular Membership - Leopold Momplaisir

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Leopold Momplaisir, 39 Jackson Street, Fair Haven, NJ having been duly accepted as a regular member of the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Co., is hereby appointed to the Fair Haven Fire Department.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

11. Resolution No. 2021-135, Approve Fire Department Membership Application/Social Membership (Fire Patrol) - Brian Volker

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Brian Volker, 58 Jackson Street, Fair Haven, NJ having been duly accepted as a social member (Fire Police) of the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Co., is hereby appointed to the Fair Haven Fire Department.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

12. Resolution No. 2021-136, Approve Fire Department Membership Application/Social Membership - Dean T. DePaulis

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Dean T. DePaulis, 37 Forrest Avenue, Fair Haven, NJ having been duly accepted as a social member (Fire Police) of the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Co., is hereby appointed to the Fair Haven Fire Department.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

13. Resolution No. 2021-137, Payment of Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that the vouchers listed for payment on the May 10, 2021 agenda are hereby approved and the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release payment to the various vendors.

2020 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$ 87,366.81
2021 CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$4,392,981.80
GENERAL CAPITAL	\$ 12,150.00
GRANT FUND	\$ 1,000.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$ 13,834.70
OTHER TRUST	\$ 9,586.22
DOG TRUST	\$ 14.40

TOTAL**\$4,516.933.93**

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Councilwoman Neff asked for an explanation of Resolution No. 2021-138. Council President Rodriguez asked Engineer Gardella to speak on this matter. Engineer Gardella said this resolution gives approval to Eli Goldstein and the Goldstein Partnership for their submitted proposal for BIC Hall. We sent out an RFQ and one proposal was submitted. He and Administrator Casagrande spoke to another Architect for ADA improvements to bring the building to current standards. Administrator Casagrande said that she approached Mark Pavliv, the Architect who did the original drawings for Bicentennial Hall years ago and he turned it down due to his busy schedule. Eli Goldstein's firm was approached because they do this type of work. The project is not large scale. Engineer Gardella has already done parking lot site work and the ADA ramp. The Architect will assist in grant application preparation for Monmouth County CDBG (July 23rd is the deadline to apply for grant funding). The Borough has not had CDBG funding since 2008 (for the River Road Streetscape Project). The scope of work being paid for pertains to a grant application for ADA accessibility to the building, in the restrooms, audio/visual equipment, etc. Administrator Casagrande read the back up to the resolution that was sent to the governing body in their packet. Council President Rodriguez said this is standard protocol when applying for a grant. Eli and his team are "top notch".

14. Resolution No. 2021-138, Approve Borough Architect's Proposal for Bicentennial Hall

WHEREAS, there is a need for improvements to Bicentennial Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body earmarked funds through Ordinance No. 2020-15 for the scope of work as follows:

- Demolition of an existing ramp system and construction of a new barrier-free ramp system to coordinate with a new parking area to be constructed by the Borough.
- Construction of a new barrier-free lavatory and alterations to an existing lavatory as may be required by the NJ Uniform Construction Code.
- Construction of a barrier-free dais to accommodate members of the governing body, board members, and professionals.
- Assist with the grant application paperwork to secure a Community Development Block Grant through County of Monmouth.

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator sent out RFQs for architectural services for this project; and

WHEREAS, The Goldstein Partnership submitted a proposal to provide their professional services for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that The Goldstein Partnership Proposal for Phase I of the project is hereby accepted in the amount of \$6,750.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Councilwoman Neff asked for an explanation of Resolution No. 2021-139. Councilwoman Koch said this resolution authorizes the submission of the FY2021 Recreation Improvement Grant funded by the State. The deadline to apply is May 24th. The Recreation Committee established a 5-year plan and a bike playground at McCarter Park was brought up. The bike playground would be 3,000 square feet and will help build on our Safe Routes to Schools initiative. There may be some costs associated with the project depending on the grant we may be awarded. DJ Breckenridge, with the support of the Recreation Committee, asked Administrator Casagrande for permission to write the grant. He will submit the application by the end of May and we will find out, in July, if we are successful. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked Councilwoman Neff if she saw images of the playground. There was back-up paperwork provided with the resolution. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe shared her screen to show the schematic/plan. It will help teach rules of the road and provide a safe place to bike.

Councilwoman Neff asked if the grant amount being requested will cover the project costs or will the Borough have to budget money for it, as well. Councilwoman Koch advised it may require some additional funding; we are requesting a \$43,000 grant. It also depends on the final size of the bike playground.

- 15. Resolution No. 2021-139, Authorize Submission of FY2021 Local Recreation Improvement Grant - Bike Playground, McCarter Park

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fair Haven Department of Parks and Recreation has an opportunity to secure a FY2021 Local Recreation Improvement Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation and Recreation Committee would like to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$43,000 for a 3,000 square foot bike playground at McCarter Park which will help to build on our Safe Routes to Schools initiative and Fair Haven’s Active Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, a bike playground will help expand recreational opportunities for Borough residents and visitors, alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven support the submission of a FY2021 Local Recreation Improvement Grant by the Director of Parks and Recreation for a bike playground at McCarter Park in the amount of \$43,000.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Koch, second by Councilman McCue

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Reports of Departments

April 2021

-Municipal Clerk

-Dog License

-Tax Collector

-Budget Status

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

GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

Council President Rodriguez opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions at 10:09 p.m. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe thanked all who were part of the Fair Haven Fields Natural Area volunteer clean up (pulling vines and moving logs), as well as the DPW for their assistance. With regard to Council agendas and when they are received, she expressed a desire for agendas to come further in advance for a greater opportunity to review and digest information vs. three days prior to a meeting. She asked her fellow Council to think about the amount of time they would be more comfortable receiving the agendas to review. There was a suggestion to spread meetings out to every three weeks for more robust meetings.

Ruth Blaser, River Road, said she believes brush and leaves warnings were given out to people not abiding by the schedule set by the Borough. There are habitual offenders. She suggested reaching out to the residents to have the landscaper take the debris away or the Borough contact the landscaper, directly, to take it away. Other options are to revoke their permit or scrap the ordinance/regulation. Mother nature does not cooperate with the Borough’s schedule. She said Little Silver scrapped their brush pick up and asked if there is any feedback on how it is working out. With regard to the snow removal and plowing, residents are not in a good position to have to shovel their sidewalks within a certain time and not being allowed to put it in the street.

Councilwoman Neff said with regard to brush, we need to reconsider our policy to apply a warning system and then a fine. The Borough looks awful, and we need a better way to address this since what is being done does not work. Councilman Rodriguez said this year for spring clean-up we have put out warnings and are reconsidering the survey results. It takes time to change the process and educate to get results. It is a Council decision, but all need to be patient. Engineer Gardella said in the many years of doing this, there has been a pretty good turn around. The DPW spot checks and there is good compliance this year and residents are reporting violations and are self-educating. The stormwater management piece is also working, and people are abiding or understanding better why they cannot pile brush near a storm drain. There are tweaks and adjustments that can be made as we go.

Councilwoman Neff addressed Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe's comment regarding the frequency of meetings. She looked at some Borough's, in similar size, and there is flexibility where there are two meetings a month at the beginning of the year and then spreading the meetings out in the summer months and then back to twice a month in the fall and winter. Administrator Casagrande advised that we do spread the meetings out in the summer months. The governing body sets the schedule, by resolution at the beginning of the year for discussion. We can put it on the agenda later this year. There are also Workshop meetings separate from the regular meetings. We do pay bills through a bill list on the agendas that need to be considered as well. Councilwoman Neff reported that the Girl Scouts planted trees in the Fair Haven Natural Area on Arbor Day; six troops were able to do their plantings. It was a neat project and now they are on a watering schedule. The Girl Scouts will be inviting the Boy Scouts to join in. A majority of the trees were planted in the buffer area near Ridge Road.

Ruth Blaser, River Road, said the Borough needs to take into consideration the weather when setting the brush and leaf schedule. The schedule is overwhelming and there needs to be a caveat for weather. Residents cannot be expected to work on their property in the rain, especially with electric trimmers.

Tina Brendel seconded Mrs. Blaser's comments; the leaf and brush schedule is difficult to comply with especially with the weather factor.

Councilman McCue said with regard to leaves and brush, residents need to consider removing plastic from the piles, so it does not get ground up damaging equipment.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 10:30 p.m.

Council went into executive session at 10:36 p.m. and this meeting was reconvened at 11:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 11:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk