

**FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Halpern at 4:35 p.m. The Flag Salute was followed by a Moment of Silent Reflection. 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)).

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD THROUGH THE HYBRID FORMAT, BEING BROADCAST FROM BOROUGH HALL, 748 RIVER ROAD, FAIR HAVEN, NJ. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THIS SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2023 IS AVAILABLE BY CALL IN PHONE NUMBER OR THROUGH WEB CONFERENCE (ZOOM). MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ON MUTE UNTIL IT IS TIME FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS, 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 SPECIAL MEETING WAS SENT TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, THE TWO RIVER TIMES AND THE STAR LEDGER ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2023. NOTICE WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE, 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 Hoey, Koch, LaBarbera, and Rodriguez. Absent: Councilmembers Cole and Neff. Others present: Administrator Casagrande and Chief McGovern.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 4:37 p.m. There being none, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:37 p.m.

RESOLUTION

1. Resolution No. 2023-252, 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. Police Promotion Interviews

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 Councilmember LaBarbera, second by Councilmember Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Hoey, Koch, LaBarbera and Rodriguez

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Cole and Neff

2. Resolution No. 2023-253, Appoint Planning Board, Zoning Board and Historic Preservation Commission Secretary

WHEREAS, the position of Planning Board, Zoning Board and Historic Preservation Commission Secretary is vacant; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill this part time position; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and the Personnel Committee recommend the appointment of Sheilah Olson as the part-time Planning Board, Zoning Board and Historic Preservation Commission Secretary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Sheilah Olson be appointed as the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Historic Preservation Commission Secretary on a part-time basis, effective immediately at an hourly rate of \$25.00 with hours not to exceed 20 hours per week.

Offered for adoption by Councilmember LaBarbera, second by Councilmember Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Hoey, Koch, LaBarbera and Rodriguez

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Cole and Neff

Councilmember Cole arrived at 4:38 p.m.

GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

The meeting was opened to the public for comment or questions at 4:38 p.m. There being none, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:38 p.m.

Council went into executive session at 4:39 p.m. and this meeting was reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

There was brief discussion regarding the groundbreaking ceremony for the Police Department and Community Center. The thought was to hold it on Tuesday, October 10th at either 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. just before the Regular Council Meeting. The Borough Clerk will advertise the groundbreaking ceremony when the date and time are finalized.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Koch, second by Councilmember LaBarbera with Ayes by all present.

Time of Adjournment: 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC
Borough Clerk