

**FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 19, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Halpern at 7:02 p.m. The Flag Salute was led by the Fair Haven Scouts 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 IN-PERSON AND THROUGH THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM, BEING BROADCAST FROM BOROUGH HALL, 748 RIVER ROAD, FAIR HAVEN, NJ. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THIS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2022 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 MEETING WAS INCLUDED IN A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13 AND SENT TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, THE TWO RIVER TIMES, THE HUB AND THE STAR LEDGER ON JANUARY 6, 2022 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, Cole, Koch, McCue and Rodriguez. Absent: Councilwoman Neff. Others present: Administrator Casagrande, Attorney Cannon and Chief McGovern.

Mayor Halpern read Resolution No. 2022-241 (acknowledging Fair Haven's 100<sup>th</sup> Scouting Anniversary) to the attending Scouts with Council President Rodriguez by his side. The Mayor advised the Scouts that this is a monumental occasion that spans many generations, and they should be proud of the commitment they have made. Council President Rodriguez thanked the scouts for showing up to commemorate the anniversary that has lasted generations with many scouts, leaders and volunteers who have made this possible. He told them that they are the next generation of scouting carrying on the tradition of volunteerism and they will have life lessons, learned through scouts, that will remain with them throughout their life He wished all of them luck in their scouting journey and congratulated them on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Halpern stated that we are here to honor two very dedicated Council people (Councilman Mike McCue and Councilwoman Meg Chrisner-Keefe). Not everyone realizes how much time goes into this job. On behalf of the entire Council, he thanked them stating he enjoyed working with them, appreciates the time spent together and friendship that has developed over time. He read each proclamation and presented them to Councilmembers Michael McCue and Meghan Chrisner-Keefe.

**WORKSHOP SESSION**

Mayor Halpern advised the first order of business is a Street Opening Approval Request (Borough Moratorium) for 31 Heights Terrace, gas service retirement. The Borough Clerk advised that the application was reviewed with approval recommended by Assistant Engineer Poruchynsky. Motion to approve moved by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch with Ayes by all present.

There was discussion regarding a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in order to hold Police interviews. Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve, second by Councilwoman Koch with Ayes by all present. Borough Clerk Cinquegrana advised that this will be added to the Reorganization Resolution establishing the 2023 Council Meeting dates.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 7:14 p.m. There being no comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:14 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Koch made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 28, 2022, second by Councilwoman Cole

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

Councilwoman Koch made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of November 28, 2022, second by Councilwoman Cole

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

**OLD BUSINESS**  
**HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

1. Ordinance No. 2022-18, Amend Borough Fee Schedule

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AMENDING THE VARIOUS FEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN**

On motion of Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe with Ayes by all present, Mayor Halpern opened the meeting for comments or questions at 7:15 p.m.

There being no comments or questions, the Hearing was closed to the public at 7:15 p.m. on motion of Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch with Ayes by all present.

Offered for adoption by Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe, second by Councilman Rodriguez

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Council Committee Reports**

**Finance** - Councilwoman Neff was absent. Councilman Rodriguez said they recently had a Finance Committee meeting rescheduled as a result of Councilwoman Neff’s absence. The Committee will not meet before the end of the year.

**Borough Facilities** - Councilman Rodriguez reported that the Facilities Committee has been corresponding with the Owner’s Representative and continue to do some work in estimating for the DPW. The Committee will meet the beginning of next year.

**Personnel** - Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe reported the Borough staff had a Holiday Party last week and it was lovely.

**Planning & Zoning** - Councilwoman Koch advised that there will be Reorganization meetings in January for Planning Board and Zoning Board where there will be new appointments. The Zoning Board Meeting is scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup> and the Planning Board meeting will be January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks and Recreation** - Councilwoman Koch reported that the Menorah Lighting was held on December 18<sup>th</sup> and was well attended. Home addresses of those who have been nominated for the Holiday Decoration Contest will be released on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Police, Fire & OEM** - Councilman McCue noted that interviews will take place in January for a Patrolman position.

**Engineering and DPW** - Councilman McCue did not have anything new to report.

**Borough Communications and Community Outreach** - Councilwoman Cole advised that there was not a meeting held in December but will resume meeting in January to discuss policies and best use of our communication platform. We will review the communication for the Hance and Cooney pipe project to determine what went well and what can be improved. The Environmental Commission, Green Team and Shade Tree Commission are all perfecting their annual reports and goals for 2023. The Business Association has advised that Distinctive Toys will be expanding.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution No. 2022-240, Executive Session: Possible Litigation 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:

**Possible Litigation**

1. Fair Haven Yacht Works

**Acquisition of Property**

1. 21 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 Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Neff

2. Resolution No. 2022-241, Acknowledging Fair Haven 100<sup>th</sup> Scouting Anniversary (12/6/2022)

**WHEREAS**, on December 6, 1922, our first scout troop was originally organized in Fair Haven by Dr. E. F. Stewart and Alfred Marcellus under the Boy Scouts of America which was formed as part of the scouting movement all across America and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning with its incorporation on February 8, 1910, the mission of the Boy Scouts of America has been to prepare young people, both boys and girls, to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law and Motto which among other things states the pledge to do duty to our "Country and to help other people at all times" and to always "Be Prepared"; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of local scouting has been a culmination of many hours of selfless volunteerism by many leaders, and community organizations across many generations whose ideas and generosity help shape the lives of many youth; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently scores of Cubs and Scouts currently enrolled within multiple Scouting Units in the Fair Haven; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands upon thousands of service hours have been contributed by scouts, leaders, family members and scouting volunteers to the Fair Haven community and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Haven units of the Boy Scouts of America and its corps of dedicated volunteer leaders are providing necessary support to the leaders in the Cub Scout Pack and Scouts BSA Troops, also recognizing the contributions of other scouting organization including the Explorer Units and Girl Scouts of the USA which all share values and goals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey acknowledge that December 6, 2022, was "Fair Haven's Scouting 100th Anniversary Day" and encourages all citizens to join in congratulating the many volunteer leaders, parents, church and community organizations who have generously allowed bringing this values-based program to our young people for the past 100 years, and many more to come.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Neff

3. Resolution No. 2022-242, Award RFP for Bicentennial Hall Architect - Matthew T. Cronin, AIA

**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 an on-street ADA parking space with site work performed by the Borough Engineer.
- Construction of a new barrier-free lavatory and/or alterations to an existing lavatory as may be required by the NJ Uniform Construction Code.
- Improvements to the existing structure resulting from the new work.

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

**WHEREAS**, Matthew T. Cronin, AIA, Architect, submitted a proposal to provide his professional services for this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that Matthew T. Cronin’s proposal of the project is hereby accepted in the amount of \$7,600 as follows:

Phase I - Retainer/Schematic Design	\$1,200
Phase II - Design Development	\$1,600
Phase III - Construction Drawings	\$3,000
Phase IV – Construction	\$1,800

and any additional services such as site engineering or survey work will be paid per the submitted proposal.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

4. Resolution No. 2022-243, Accept Maintenance Bond from Precise Construction - River Road Streetscape Project

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2022-239 approved the second and final change order for Improvements to River Road Streetscape Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Precise Construction has provided the Borough of Fair Haven with a two-year maintenance bond from Harco National Insurance Company Surety (0782186) in the amount of \$134,656.20 for said project which will expire on November 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney have reviewed the Maintenance Bond and find the form and amounts to be acceptable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the two-year Maintenance Bond No. 0782186 posted by Precise Construction is hereby accepted.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

5. Resolution No. 2022-244, Approve Small Ticket Capital for Recreation

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2020-03 adopted on July 27, 2020 provides for the acquisition of various equipment, infrastructure improvements and improvements to public buildings and grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, a Capital Item request has been made as follows:

**Department of Parks and Recreation**

- Ford Transit Connect Cargo Van Not to exceed \$ 32,000.00

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body hereby approves the purchase using capital funds, contingent on the subsequent approval of the QPA and the certification of funds by the CFO.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven that the above capital item expenditure is hereby approved.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

Affirmative: Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe, Cole, Koch and Rodriguez

Negative: Councilman McCue

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Neff

6. Resolution No. 2022-245, Approve Revised Irrevocable License for 8 Rutgers Drive - Utility Easement Encroachment

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fair Haven (the “Borough”) maintains various easements and rights-of-way for the purpose of facilitating utility services to the residents and businesses of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Cramer and Melanie Cramer (the “Owners”) are the titled owners of 8 Rutgers Drive, Fair Haven, NJ 07704, also known as Block 4, Lot 45 (the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property was created by the filing of subdivision plat entitled “Map of DePierro Park” dated May 23, 1955, prepared by Frank E. Michell, Surveyor, recorded with the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office as Subdivision Plat, Case 45-21 on December 5, 1955; and

**WHEREAS**, the subdivision plat denotes a 15-foot-wide utility easement on the Property, along the easterly property line; and

**WHEREAS**, soon after the filing of that subdivision plat, a single-family home (the “Structure”) was constructed on the Property, with one wall of the Structure encroaching into the utility easement shown on the filed subdivision plat, said condition being shown on a survey of the Property prepared by Thomas H. Stuart, Jr., P.L.S., dated March 16, 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, the circumstances are unclear as to how a building permit was issued for the construction of the Structure on the Property with an encroachment into the utility easement shown; and

**WHEREAS**, a drainage pipe was constructed in the utility easement at the time of the subdivision, such pipe being located close to the easterly property line of the subject property and not located in the area of the easement under the Structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Owners of the Property are desirous of selling the subject property, but the existence of the encroachment has proven to be an insurmountable obstacle in such sale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Owners and the Borough previously executed an Irrevocable License Agreement to resolve the utility easement encroachment, but prospective purchasers and their title company now seek a revision to the Irrevocable License Agreement to complete the sale of the Property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven hereby approve the revised Irrevocable License, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit “A”, with the Owners of the Property to resolve the encroachment until such time as the Structure on the Property is demolished or destroyed, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the appropriate paperwork to effectuate same.

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Neff

## 7. Resolution No. 2022-246, Approve 2022 Budget Transfers

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, appropriation transfers are allowable during the last two months of a fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary that said transfers be done through various accounts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey that the following transfers are made in the 2022 budget appropriations:

<b>FROM ACCT. #</b>	<b>ACCT. DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
2-01-30-425-299	SALARY AND WAGE ADJ MISCELLANEOUS	\$3,500.00
2-01-30-425-299	SALARY AND WAGE ADJ MISCELLANEOUS	\$750.00
2-01-30-425-299	SALARY AND WAGE ADJ MISCELLANEOUS	\$300.00
2-01-30-425-299	SALARY AND WAGE ADJ MISCELLANEOUS	\$24,000.00
2-01-30-425-299	SALARY AND WAGE ADJ MISCELLANEOUS	\$3,000.00
2-01-30-425-299	SALARY AND WAGE ADJ MISCELLANEOUS	\$2,000.00
2-01-30-425-299	SALARY AND WAGE ADJ MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,500.00
2-01-30-425-299	SALARY AND WAGE ADJ MISCELLANEOUS	\$2,200.00
2-01-30-425-299	SALARY AND WAGE ADJ MISCELLANEOUS	\$350.00
2-01-20-145-220	TAX COLLECTION - SALARIES	\$350.00
2-01-20-145-220	TAX COLLECTION - SALARIES	\$1,200.00
2-01-20-145-220	TAX COLLECTION - SALARIES	\$5,500.00
2-01-20-145-220	TAX COLLECTION - SALARIES	\$500.00
2-01-20-145-220	TAX COLLECTION - SALARIES	\$2,000.00
2-01-20-120-270	MUNICIPAL CLERK - TRAINING	\$2,300.00
2-01-20-120-271	MUNICIPAL CLERK - CODIFICATION	\$2,700.00
2-01-20-120-271	MUNICIPAL CLERK - CODIFICATION	\$3,100.00
2-01-20-130-271	FINANCE - FINANCIAL SOFTWARE	\$7,700.00
	TAX ASSESSMENT -CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$3,200.00
2-01-20-150-211	TAX ASSESSMENT - TRAINING	\$1,000.00
2-01-21-180-211	PLANNING BD – CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$77,150.00</b>
<b>TO ACCT #</b>	<b>ACCT. DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
2-01-20-150-101	ADMIN - SALARIES	\$3,500.00
2-01-21-186-101	TAX ASSESSMENT - SALARIES	\$750.00
2-01-25-240-101	ZONING OFFICER - SALARIES	\$300.00
2-01-26-290-101	POLICE REGULAR - SALARIES	\$24,000.00
2-01-26-315-101	STREETS & ROADS - SALARIES	\$3,000.00
2-01-28-370-101	VEHICLE MTN. - SALARIES	\$2,000.00
2-01-29-390-101	RECREATION - SALARIES	\$1,500.00
2-01-43-490-101	LIBRARY - SALARIES	\$2,200.00
2-01-20-120-101	MUNICIPAL COURT- SALARIES	\$350.00
2-01-20-130-101	CLERK - SALARIES	\$350.00
2-01-25-240-102	FINANCE - SALARIES	\$1,200.00
2-01-26-307-101	POLICE OT - SALARIES	\$5,500.00
2-01-26-315-102	RECYCLING - SALARIES	\$500.00
2-01-25-240-202	VEHICLE MTN. OT - SALARIES	\$2,000.00
2-01-25-240-202	POLICE - AMMUNITION/FIREARMS	\$2,300.00
2-01-25-240-205	POLICE - AMMUNITION/FIREARMS	\$2,700.00
2-01-25-240-205	POLICE - PURCHASE OF VEHICLES	\$3,100.00
2-01-25-240-205	POLICE - PURCHASE OF VEHICLES	\$7,700.00
2-01-25-240-205	POLICE - PURCHASE OF VEHICLES	\$3,200.00
2-01-25-240-205	POLICE - PURCHASE OF VEHICLES	\$1,000.00
2-01-25-255-222	VOL. FIRE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$77,150.00</b>

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Neff

## 8. Resolution No. 2022-247, Payment of Vouchers

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Haven that the vouchers listed for payment on the December 19, 2022 Bill List are hereby approved and the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release payment to the various vendors.

2022 CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$ 354,853.39
GENERAL CAPITAL		\$ 227,224.87
PAYROLL AGENCY		\$ 19,526.76
OTHER TRUST		\$ <u>5,124.69</u>
		\$ 606,729.71
LESS VOIDED CHECKS	-	\$ <u>468.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 606,261.71</b>

CURRENT CHECK NO. 63491, \$468.00

Offered for adoption by Councilman Rodriguez, second by Councilwoman Koch

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

Negative: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Neff

### **Reports of Departments**

#### **November 2022**

- Municipal Clerk
- Dog License
- Tax Collector
- Municipal Court
- Planning Board and Zoning Board
- Police Department
- Budget Status

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

### **GOOD OF THE BOROUGH**

Mayor Halpern opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions at 7:19 p.m. Marti Egger, Hance Road, thanked Chief McGovern for his assistance regarding the work being done on Hance Road especially when it is being done just prior to Christmas, she appreciated him having his officers assist the residents so they can leave and return home safely.

Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe thanked all Councilmembers (past and present), all of the Borough staff, Theresa, Allyson, Council President Rodriguez, the residents, voters and supporters, her family and friends, especially her husband. She is really proud of her accomplishments with all of the governing bodies and while there is still a lot of work to be done, she is sure she will continue to be part of it in some ways. It has been a great opportunity and she is sad that it is over.

Susan O'Brien, River Road, said, as a longtime resident she has lived through many power outages and one brown out. Last week she had both a black out and brown out and asked why? We were advised that it was due to the weather and a transformer that had blown. Chief McGovern said for the power outage, JCP&L needed to restore power and with changing/redirecting, it created a brown out. Mayor Halpern will reach out to the Borough representative at JCP&L to get more information. The Mayor had some issues with power in his home that he had never experienced before, as well.

Councilman McCue thanked the residents for their trust and electing him. He said Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe has been a great running partner. It has been great working with everyone across the aisle. Politics does not matter that much; residents want their services and maintenance of infrastructure. He thanked the Green Team which is a legacy that will last. He thanked Chief McGovern for his hard work and his staff as well as the volunteers for answering the call. He has the utmost respect for all of the first responders. He welcomed the new Councilmembers who are coming in at a great time and encouraged them to get their children as involved as possible. He said, "it has been an honor to serve".

Stephanie Adams, Oxford Avenue, thanked Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and McCue. She thanked Councilman McCue for his help and working with the Green Team.

Ruth Blaser, River Road, thanked Councilmembers Chrisner-Keefe and McCue for their service and work on Council; it is a lot of hard work. She asked the Council to keep in mind that Fair Haven is small and does not need all of the employees it has. Everyone needs to step back and look at the Borough at all angles. She encouraged the Planning Board and Zoning Board to have Zoom meetings because what they do is vital in Fair Haven. She wished everyone a great holiday season.

Councilman Rodriguez echoed what the Mayor read in the proclamations for both Meghan and Mike. It has been an honor to work with and serve with both of them. He thanked them for their service and lasting impacts. The specific tasks that they accomplished were read i.e. Zoom meetings and electronic meetings through trying times, supporting the TV screen installation for meetings, improvements to communications along with Councilwomen Cole and Koch and former Councilwoman Sorensen. Councilman McCue advocating for first responders and the Police and making the streets safe (pedestrian and bicycle safety). Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe for instituting the review of all professionals to be sure they were the right fit for today and going forward. It is not easy to serve and a big sacrifice in one's life. He appreciates both of them.

Mayor Halpern thanked both Meghan and Mike and the entire governing body; it has been a successful year. He thanked the staff, the countless volunteers and residents for making Fair Haven special and the greatest place to live. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:34 p.m.

Council went into executive session at 7:45 p.m. and this meeting was reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time of Adjournment: 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR  
Borough Clerk