

**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on September 17, 2018, at Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, NJ 07023 at 7:05 PM.

Mayor Colleen Mahr presided and stated: I hereby announce and request that such be included in the minutes of the meeting that notice of time, place and date of this meeting has been prominently posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall; mailed to the Times, The Star Ledger, Courier News, Alternate Press by January 10, 2018 filed with the Borough Clerk and mailed to any person requesting same in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Colleen Mahr.

Present: Russell Huegel, Tom Kranz, Erin Mcelroy-Barker, Katherine Mitchell, Jack Molenaar
Anthony Carter arrived later.

Absent: None

Also, Present: Colleen Mahr, Eleanor McGovern, Daniel McCarthy, Antonios Panagopoulos

MINUTES

Mitchell/Kranz moved to adopt the following minutes. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting	August 20, 2018
Special Meeting	September 4, 2018
Agenda Meeting	September 4, 2018

APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentations:

Mayor Mahr presented a Devlin Print of the Community House to Janet Sartos and Nancy Parenti, Caring Contact, for their volunteerism in manning a help line for those in need. The organization started in 1975.

Councilman Carter arrived at 7:10 pm.

Mayor Mahr introduced Anthony Fourre and Jeff Kowalczyk, Scotch Plains Fanwood Parents United for their efforts in bringing awareness to anti-bullying and mental health issues. This organization is sponsoring Mallory's Army on October 2, 2018 at All Saints Church.

Resolution:

Mayor Mahr presented Dianne Grossman with a resolution recognizing Mallory's Army bringing awareness to Fanwood residents. This organization was founded by Mallory's parents after she committed suicide because of bullying from her classmates.

MALLORY'S ARMY FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and

WHEREAS, during this month of September organizations highlight suicide prevention efforts by advocating for prevention strategies and networking to share resources and information, and

WHEREAS, child suicides are on the rise and one of the risk factors that increase the likelihood that a young person will consider and attempt to take his or her life is being a victim of bullying, and

WHEREAS, Mallory's Army, a nonprofit organization formed by Dianne and Seth Grossman after losing their 12-year old daughter, Mallory Rose, a young, spirited and gifted girl subjected to bullying in school by her fellow classmates, to suicide in 2017, and

WHEREAS, Mallory's Army, a volunteer organization asking why, raises awareness about bullying, especially in schools, in response to this tragic event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood recognizes the need for this awareness; encourages parents to be aware of the signs of bullying and suicide tendencies in their children and fight for the support they need; and supports the efforts of **Mallory's Army** to "blue out bullying".

Dianne Grossman was present to receive the Resolution.

Proclamations:

Fanwood Residents: Dante Castronuovo, Olivia Haley and Ian Weisholtz received a Proclamation to recognize the Lemonade Stand they operated for the last two years raising money for Children's Specialized Hospital and the Valley Brook Village Community for Veterans in Lyons, NJ. Steve Hollenberg, President of Valley Brook Village Community, to commend the 2nd graders for their efforts to make life easier for others.

DANTE CASTRONUOVO, OLIVIA HALEY AND IAN WEISHOLZ

WHEREAS, three Fanwood second graders operated a Lemonade Stand as a fundraiser for not for profit organizations in New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Dante Castronuovo, Olivia Haley and Ian Weisholz raised approximately \$800 for Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, a facility that helps children with special healthcare needs, and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the children raised approximately \$1,265 for the Valley Brook Village Community for homeless veterans and distributed a portion of the funds to Fanwood and Scotch Plains businesses that support veterans, and

WHEREAS, Dante, Olivia and Ian's initiative is a great example for us and other children of selfless dedication to help those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Colleen Mahr, proclaim September 17, 2018, **DANTE, OLIVIA AND IAN DAY** in the Borough of Fanwood to recognize the love displayed by these young children in caring enough about others to organize and operate a Lemonade Stand to help support children with special

needs and homeless veterans.

Mayor Mahr presented a Proclamation to Grace and Robert Kruthers on their 70th Anniversary with the following Proclamation:

**GRACE AND ROBERT KRUTHERS
70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Grace and Bob Kruthers celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on September 12, 2018 at the age of 92 with family and friends, having been afflicted with “an affair of the heart” for 70 years, and

WHEREAS, Grace and Bob Kruthers are dedicated volunteers who have selflessly devoted their time to the Fanwood Rescue Squad and Knights of Columbus for 60 years, Bob as a member and Grace supporting his efforts especially in the early morning hour calls and his absence from family to help those in need, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council do hereby recognize Grace and Bob Kruthers’ devotion and commitment to each other; are happy to have them as residents of Fanwood and wish them many more years of love and companionship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Colleen Mahr, Mayor of the Borough of Fanwood do hereby proclaim September 17, **GRACE AND BOB KRUTHERS’ DAY** in the Borough to mark this important event with a lifetime of precious memories.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BOB AND GRACE!

Grace and Bob were present to receive this Proclamation.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRAL

Mitchell/Kranz moved to accept the correspondence as presented. Motion carried.

1. Fanwood Planning Board

Re: Response to Fanwood’s Resolution 18-08-135, Area in Need of
Redevelopment

Disposition: Note and File

2. County of Union

Re: County Ordinance No. 795-2018, Bond Ordinance/Equipment, Machinery,
Furnishings and Vehicles

Disposition: Note and File

3. County of Union

Re: County Ordinance No. 796-2018, Amending UC Solid Waste Management
Plan to add A General Class “D” Recycling Facility to be owned and operated

by Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.

Disposition: Note and File

4. Township of Union

Re: Billboard on Morris Avenue

Disposition: Note and File

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administration and Finance (Councilman Kranz)

Councilman Kranz reported for Administration and Finance.

B. Public Safety (Councilman Carter)

Councilman Carter reported for the Police Department.

C. Public Works (Councilman Molenaar)

Council President Molenaar reported for Public Works.

D. Land Use and Historic Preservation (Councilman Huegel)

Councilman Huegel reported for the Historic Preservation Commission.

E. Recreation and Community Services (Councilwoman Mcelroy-Barker)

Councilwoman Mcelroy-Barker reported for the Recreation Commission.

F. Health and Senior Citizens (Councilwoman Mitchell)

Councilwoman Mitchell reported for the Library, Ministerium, Seniors, Rescue Squad and Cultural Arts Committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Mahr reminded everyone that the last day to register is October 16, 2018. She also stated that the Borough has a Handyman Program for residents who qualify.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

1. Payment of Claims

Kranz/Mitchell moved to adopt the Payment of Claims for the month of September. Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

BE IT RESOLVED that claims in the amount of 2,046,696.32 having been listed on the Bill List and recorded in the files of the Borough Hall, and approved by the Chairman of the appropriate Committee, be paid.

FOR: Kranz, Mitchell, Carter, Huegel, Mcelroy-Barker, Molenaar
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

AUDITING OF CLAIMS BY RESOLUTION

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR BY THE PUBLIC (For Agenda Items Only)

Mitchell/Kranz moved to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried.

Michael Lewis, resident, stated that the Board of Health has a survey on the website for residents of Fanwood to complete.

Mitchell/Kranz moved to close the meeting to the public. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

Administration and Finance (Councilman Kranz)

Resolution 18-09-155

Kranz/Mitchell moved to adopt Resolution 18-09-155. Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 18-09-155

WHEREAS, as a result of the following property becoming 100% tax exempt effective January 1, 2018, an overpayment to taxes for the first half of 2018 exists.

OWNER	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
Creative Property Management	42 North Martine Avenue	\$2,862.64

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund this overpayment to the property owner per request on file.

FOR: Kranz, Mitchell, Carter, Huegel, Mcelroy-Barker, Molenaar
 AGAINST: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 18-09-156

Kranz/Mitchell moved to adopt Resolution 18-09-156. Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 18-09-156

WHEREAS, a State Tax Court Judgment was entered to reduce the assessed value for multiple tax years on the following location:

**31 South Martine Avenue
Block 65 Lot 14**

2015 Original Assessment
187,800

Judgment
178,900

2016 Original Assessment

187,800

Judgment

178,900

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund \$2,407.98, the total amount overpaid in taxes due to the successful appeal.

FOR: Kranz, Mitchell, Carter, Huegel, Mcelroy-Barker, Molenaar
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 18-09-157

Kranz/Mitchell moved to adopt Resolution 18-09-157. Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 18-09-157

WHEREAS, the Borough received a 2018 Union County Recycling Enhancement Grant to purchase three Recycling Stations to be placed at various locations in the Borough, in the amount of \$5,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has received a quote for three stations for a cost of \$4,972.53, under a NJ State Contract #16-Fleet-00135, from Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council that the recycling stations be purchased for \$4,972.53 from Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc.

FOR: Kranz, Mitchell, Carter, Huegel, Mcelroy-Barker, Molenaar
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 18-09-158

Kranz/Molenaar moved to adopt Resolution 18-09-158. Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 18-09-158

WHEREAS, T & M Associates was awarded the contract to provide a Downtown Parking Map through Resolution Number 18-03-59 on March 19, 2018, and

WHEREAS, because the limits of the area were expanded to include the area north up to Borough Hall and two revisions to the map changed the scope of services and incurred additional fees in the amount of \$2,150.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Borough Council authorizes an amendment to T & M's original agreement be made, in the amount of \$2,150.00.

FOR: Kranz, Molenaar, Carter, Huegel, Mcelroy-Barker, Mitchell

AGAINST: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 18-09-159

Kranz/Mitchell moved to adopt Resolution 18-09-159. Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 18-09-159

WHEREAS, T & M Associates was retained to provide expertise and preparation of documents required for compliance with affordable housing for years 2016 and 2017, and

WHEREAS, during while the Borough was seeking its Third Round Affordable Housing Plan approval in the Court, T & M Associates prepared Housing, Spending, Affirmative Marketing Plans, and Affordability Assistance Programs; prepared required resolutions and ordinances on Affordable Housing; participated in the Compliance Hearing and Final Compliance Hearing directed by the Court Master.

WHEREAS, through these services the Borough received its Third Round Affordable Housing Plan approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED the Borough Council authorizes the Treasurer to pay \$21,428.44 to T & M Associates for these services.

FOR: Kranz, Molenaar, Carter, Huegel, Mcelroy-Barker, Mitchell
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 18-09-160

Kranz/Mitchell moved to adopt Resolution 18-09-160. Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 18-09-160

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of having Fanwood's local property taxes be evaluated encompassing the financial impact of state funding, changing populations, expanding scope of operations and changes in the overall economic condition but does not include an evaluation of the operation or performance of the local school district or any governmental unit, and

WHEREAS, Sean Boyce, Assistant Superintendent for Business. Freehold Regional High School District and CPA, having experience in this field, has submitted his resume to the Borough for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council that Sean Boyce be awarded the contract to examine and evaluate Fanwood's local property taxes.

FOR: Kranz, Mitchell, Carter, Huegel, Mcelroy-Barker
AGAINST: Molenaar

ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 18-09-161

Kranz/Mitchell moved to adopt Resolution 18-09-161. Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 18-09-161

FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood in the County of Union, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year **2018** in the sum of **\$5,000.00** which is now available from the **Union County Recycling Enhancement Grant** in the amount of **\$5,000.00**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of **\$5,000.00** is hereby appropriated under the caption **Union County Recycling Enhancement Grant**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the **County of Union** in the amount of **\$5,000.00**

Resolution No. **18-09-161**

Offered by Kranz

Seconded by Mitchell

Adopted: September 17, 2018

FOR: Kranz, Mitchell, Carter, Huegel, Mcelroy-Barker, Molenaar
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Land Use and Historic Preservation (Councilman Huegel)

Resolution 18-09-162

Huegel/Molenaar moved to adopt Resolution 18-09-162. Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 18-09-162

WHEREAS, the position of Fire Sub Code Official has become vacant in the Construction Office

due to the resignation of Tracy Wenskoski, and

WHEREAS, Raymond Colandrea holds the license for this position and is recommended for hire by Frank Spallone, Construction Official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council that Raymond Colandrea, License No. 003372, is hereby appointed as Fire Sub Code Official for the Borough of Fanwood as of September 1, 2018 for an annual salary of \$6,000.00.

FOR: Huegel, Molenaar, Carter, Kranz, Mcelroy-Barker, Mitchell
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 18-09-163

Huegel/Molenaar moved to adopt Resolution 18-09-163. Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 18-09-163

WHEREAS, the position of Fire Inspector has become vacant in the Construction Office due to the resignation of Tracy Wenskoski, and

WHEREAS, Frank Spallone holds the license for this position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council that Frank Spallone, License No. 010697, is hereby appointed as Fire Inspector for the Borough of Fanwood as of September 1, 2018 for an annual salary of \$4,000.00.

FOR: Huegel, Molenaar, Carter, Kranz, Mcelroy-Barker, Mitchell
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR BY THE PUBLIC

Mitchell/Kranz moved to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried.

No one spoke.

Mitchell/Kranz moved to close the meeting to the public. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mitchell/Kranz moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk

