BOROUGH OF FAIRVIEW
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES OF THE SINE DIE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 3, 2024 AT 4:45 P.M.

Mayor Vincent Bellucci, Jr. called the Sine Die Meeting to order at 4:45 P.M.

Roll Call

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the Sine Die meeting has been posted on the borough bulletin board and borough website, notice has been provided to at least two official borough newspapers and filed with the Borough Clerk's Office.

In Attendance:	Councilman Russell Martin Councilman Jhon Gomez Councilman Albert Lukin Councilman Stephen Burke Mayor Vincent Bellucci, Jr.
Absent:	Councilwoman Florencia Asto
Also in Attendance:	John L. Schettino, Borough Attorney Diane T. Testa, Borough Administrator/Clerk Vincent M. Bellucci, Police Chief/Fire Chief John Pierotti, Deputy Police Chief Dennis Licameli, Fire Official Monique Berisha, Deputy Borough Clerk Berge V. Tombalakian, Deputy DPW Department Head/Engineer Paul Juliano, Bergen County Democratic Chairman Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey Bill Pascrell, Congressman Paul Sarlo, Senator Clinton Calabrese, Assemblyman Gary Schaer, Assemblyman John Hogan, County Clerk Anthony Cureton, Bergen County Sheriff Blerim Reka, Ambassador of Kosovo Father Peter Sticco, Our Lady of Grace Church

Correspondence
Letter from Councilwoman Berisha resigning as Councilwoman in the Borough of Fairview.

Mayor Vincent Bellucci, Jr. Remarks

Good evening, Governor Murphy, my esteemed council members, distinguished guests, my family and cherished fellow citizens of Fairview. I stand before you today with a heart full of gratitude and humility. Serving on the council for 31 years, 28 years as mayor has been a profound privilege, and I am profoundly grateful for the unwavering support of so many individuals throughout this incredible journey.

While there are so many people to thank, I would like to first express my sincere appreciation to my esteemed colleagues on the council, Councilman Martin, Councilman Gomez, Councilwoman Asto, Councilman Lukin, Councilman Burke and Mayor Elect Berisha. I also want to remember warmly, our dear friends and colleagues who have passed, Councilman Pierotti, Councilman Rossi and Councilman Russo. Their dedication and support have been the bedrock of our accomplishments over the past 30 years.

I extend my deepest thanks to former Mayor Billy Schettino and his brother John Schettino for entrusting me with their trust and confidence. It's a responsibility I have carried with the utmost dedication.

A special acknowledgement is reserved for the Fairview Democratic Party, whose steadfast support has been instrumental in our shared successes. Paul Juliano, your friendship spanning 32 years has been a source of strength and encouragement.

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Reflecting on our humble journey, we've witnessed the transformation of Fairview into a community we can all be proud of. From the inception of the new Borough Hall to the state-of-the-art Police Department, construction of the Public Works building, the construction of a new passive park on Henry Street, the revitalization of Anderson Avenue, a testament to the thriving community we've building together and an echo to the spirit of progress.

Our commitment to civic excellence is evident in the meticulous planning of Kennedy Drive 's streetscape, which we did almost 15 years ago and we recently received a new grant to re-pave the road and the island, the poignant 9/11 Memorial Park which stands as a testament of our strength and resolve as a nation, the development of a vibrant Veteran's Park to honor all branches of our military.

Behind every milestone stands a dedicated team, and I express my deepest gratitude to the Volunteer Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Police Department, Administration, building department, health department and Library personnel. Your unwavering dedication to the Borough of Fairview and our residents ensures the well-being of our citizens.

Yet, none of this would be possible without the unwavering support of my family . To my wife, Joann, children- Vinny, Michael, Lisa, daughter-in-law's Stephanie, Alex and my son-in-law Shaun along with my grandchildren Declan, Isabella and Gabriel, your love and support have fueled my journey. I thank you very much.

As I reflect on these 31 years, I can only hope that somewhere along the way, I've left a positive imprint on someone's life. I've endeavored to do my best, guided by the principle of service to this remarkable community.

Violet may your tenure as mayor be marked by success, innovation and a deep sense of community. I look forward to witnessing the positive impact your leadership will undoubtedly bring to Fairview and may our town continue to thrive under your guidance.

In closing, I extend heartfelt gratitude to our military and my fellow veterans who have protected us, allowing us the privilege to live in this great nation. May God continue to bless America, and may Fairview prosper and flourish. Thank you all for the honor of serving you.

Good and Welfare
Motion to Open
Moved by: Lukin Seconded by: Gomez

Motion to Close:
Moved by: Burke Seconded by: Lukin

Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by: Burke Seconded by: Lukin

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Diane T. Testa, Borough Administrator/Clerk called the Reorganization Meeting to order at 6:15 P.M.

I have the honor and privilege this evening of introducing our Master of Ceremonies our good friend, Paul Juliano.

Police Honor Guard
Along with the 56th Governor of New Jersey, Phil Murphy, Mayor Violetta Berisha, Councilmembers Albert Lukin and Stephen Burke and Congressman Bill Pascrell

Salute to the Flag lead by Chief Vincent M. Bellucci

Invocation
Reverend Peter T. Sticco, SAC Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church

Paul Juliano
Good Evening Everyone,

I would like to start off by thanking Father Peter for being with us tonight.Tonight I have been given the extraordinary honor and privilege to say thank you to Mayor Vinny Bellucci for 31 years of dedication to the Borough. He is the longest serving Mayor in the Borough of Fairview's 130 year history.As well as the privilege to recognize the incoming Mayor who has made history as well herself as the First Female Albanian Mayor. She is also the first Female Albanian in the State of New Jersey. Before that please allow me to thank my dear friend, Phil Murphy our Governor for all that he has done and his commitment to Fairview in so many ways - advanced school aid and he has been there for us and we are grateful for his leadership and friendship. A special thank you to the Ambassador of Kosovo, Blerim Reka who is proudly in attendance today. A special thank you Diane Testa, a longtime friend and our Borough Administrator for your years of service and friendship. And equally as well our dear friend and legal advisor our Borough Attorney, John Schettino, thank you to Congressman Bill Pascrell. Congratulations to Councilmembers Al Lukin and Stephen Burke have marked 30 and 31 years of service to the Borough of Fairview. As well to Florencia Asto as the First Female Hispanic Councilmember to the Borough of Fairview on her election. She is not here today she is traveling. She will be sworn in this week. And to the whole council lead by Russell Martin, who had a one hour break from public office in the last 39 years from the transition from the Board of Education to the Council. Thank you for your service. To all the department managers here in the Borough for your hard work and your dedication in making Fairview great. We appreciate all you do. Thank you to Bergen County Sheriff, Anthony Cureton, who is here with us.Bergen County Clerk, John Hogan. The Bergen County Commissioners who are here before their meeting and for their service. As well as a grateful acknowledgement not a new one but new to Fairview, our Senator here at District 36 the Honorable Paul Sarlo and as well this is a proud one our Assemblyman from our neighboring town, Cliffside Park, Clinton Calabrese and Assemblyman Gary Schaer. I see we have some of our area wide Mayors here, Ridgefield Mayor Jimenez, Mayor Tom Calabrese, Councilwoman Dana Martinotti who is actually a Fairview native, Mayor of Saddle Brook, Bob White, Councilman Contolios of Ridgefield and the rest of the elected officials throughout the towns and county wide. Thank you for being here tonight and thank you for your service. Before I get in trouble, Selvie Nikaj Councilwoman of Cliffside Park is also here.

So what can I say about Mayor Vinny Bellucci. His service goes back in Fairview to the late 1980's when he served as a Zoning Board and Planning Board Member under the late Mayor Mario "Billy" Schettino. He also volunteered his time as a Little League Coach. In 1992 we were able to convince his wife Joanne to allow him to run on the Council. He did that with the late Councilman John Rossi. We lost the following year and then we picked up control in 1994 and in 1995 Viinny was the clear choice for Mayor. He was elected in 1995 and re elected in 1999, 2003,2007,2011,2015,2019 which leads us to a historic 31 year run. As a proven leader Vinny has made a mark with the people of Fairview throughout generations. His vision created the construction of a state of the art new Municipal Building 20 years in the making. We had a lot of push back but eventually it got built. New parks, new roads and the key thing about Vinny

was he was always accessible to people. He answered his phone, he answered his calls, a lot more than me and he got them an answer whether they liked it or not. He will always be a part of Fairview's family and I'm proud to call him a friend. I could recall so many things about him but it would take me a week. We are very happy to have him. We are very proud of him and will continue to look to him for his guidance. Thank you to his wife, Joann, his children, Vinny, Michael and Lisa for the love and support you showed our mayor to give him the endurance to achieve a lifetime of government services. He is also a Veteran.

To our incoming Mayor, Violetta Berisha. We wish you the best luck and success as you take on the duties as Mayor. A function I know you will not take lightly. Your commitment to people, dedication and integrity are some of your greatest qualities. Your multiple terms have proven that and have prepared you to lead Fairview as Mayor. But mostly your unconditional love and support for your family is unwavering. Your mom, your late Father, Pal, your sisters, your brother and most importantly your children, Valentino and Sophia and of course the most recent joys of your life, your grandchildren Victoria and Giovanni. As a single mom we have witnessed your attention to detail with your kids, you raised them with values and traditions and ensure a stellar education for preparing them for their lives ahead. Your the most responsible, dedicated and honest person that I know and almost forgot to mention hardworking. Even in trying times we have looked to Violet for guidance and whether she knows this or not this is a mark of a true leader.Violet there will many challenges over the next four years. We are very proud of you, we will support you every step of the way on your journey. We love you and are so proud of you. God Bless You, God Bless America and God Bless Everyone.

"Open Public Meetings Act" Statement:

This is an Annual Reorganization meeting of the Mayor and Council, and Notice was given as follows:

1. Notice to The Record and Star Ledger, both official newspapers of the Borough
2. Posting of the Notice on the Bulletin Board and on the Borough's website and
3. Filed with the Borough Clerk's Office.

Certification of Election - John Hogan, Bergen County Clerk
Thank you Paul. Thank you Everyone. We begin with a little reflection. As we gather today this is the time when the world seems upside down, this is the time when people turn to their elected leaders for confidence and for strength. And this is a time they just want to know that everything will be okay. So in town halls throughout our nation we join together to put that optimistic confidence on full display. On November 7, 2023, we in Bergen County had fair open and honest elections with definitive results. Now our elected leaders assume office and they go to work and serve the people. They exhibit that confidence and that strength. We like to begin now by certifying those results. This is to certify that the General Election on November 7, 2023 Violetta Berisha was duly elected as Mayor for a full time in the Borough of Fairview, Bergen County
Mayor Violetta Berisha
Councilman Albert Lukin
Councilman Stephen Burke
Councilwoman Florencia Asto

Oath of Office to Councilmembers
Oath of Office to be Administered to Councilman Albert Lukin by Honorable Congressman Bill Pascrell
Oath of Office to be Administered to Councilman Stephen Burke by Honorable Senator Paul Sarlo

Oath of Office to Mayor
Oath of Office to be Administered to Mayor Violetta Berisha by Honorable Governor Phil Murphy

Certificate to Mayor Berisha by Nvair Beylarian - Vice President of BergenWEDO

Roll Call of 2024 Council

Election of Council President for 2024
Oath of Office to be Administered to Council President Stephen Burke by Honorable Assemblyman Clinton Calabrese

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Governor Phil Murphy
I want to first of all congratulate Steve, Al & Florencia on their election. Also, Vinny, it is an honor to be here. You have been incredibly gracious hosting my wife and I on many occasions. Congressman Pascrell have been amazing to work with as well. I want to thank Paul Sarlo not just a great Mayor which I know is a role that he loves but as great colleague as budget chair in the Senate. Ambassador Reka it is an honor to be here with you tonight. Father Peter, thank you for your prayers. Thank you to all the distinguished folks here, elected officials, leaders, members of law enforcement and first responders, departments and so many others to name. A special thank you to Paul Juliano who means so much to us.

I get asked to do a lot of these and I love doing this. I have to figure out which ones to do because I can't be in five places at the same time. This one is personal. I know this woman. I know her family. I know her sister Rita who is a dear friend and her brother in law, Paul, her children, her mom, her nieces, her nephews and so many others. This is a first rate human being. A first rate public servant. She has big shoes to walk into Vinny, I know you will agree with me. She is going to be there and do just fine. She has been an extraordinary member of the Council. She will be an extraordinary Mayor. My wife sends her best wishes and love. She wanted to be here. I was looking up at the seal sitting here with Vinny. Fairview is the quintessential New Jersey Community.

Remarks by the Governing Body
Mayor Violetta Berisha
Wow! I am overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude. I am so excited to be seated as the First Albanian American Mayor in Fairview as well as the State of NJ. Moreover, the First Woman to serve in this office in the Borough of Fairview in its nearly 130 year existence.

I am extremely honored for tonight's entry behind Fairview Police's Honor Guard and alongside Governor Phil Murphy and Mayor Vincent Bellucci, Jr. Governor, it is an extraordinary honor to have you here today to administer the oath of office to me as Mayor. It just doesn't seem real. Thank you Governor, for everything you have done for our Borough, our schools and the Great State of New Jersey. Most importantly for your valued friendship to me and my entire family. I am very grateful for that.

I want to thank my son, Valentino and my daughter, Sophia, who were born and raised in Fairview and attended the Fairview Schools for being the best children that anyone can ever ask for. You are my world and make me proud everyday. My grandchildren Victoria and Giovanni and my son-in-law, Joe. I love you all very much.

Thank you to my family, Tony and Suzie, Rita and Paul, Antoinette and Besnik for being by my side always and showing me love and support. Love you all.

To my uncles: Zef, you have given me unconditional support always, Louie, Kol and Frank, my aunt Lula and my cousins and all the other relatives that are here tonight. Thank you for being here.b I love you all.

Thank you to the Albanian community that have come here tonight from near and far to show me support beyond anything that I would have ever thought. I am so grateful.

Thank you to the county and state legislators for sharing in tonight's ceremony.

Mayor Vincent Bellucci, Jr. your 31 year tenure in elected office in Fairview serving one term on the council and 7 terms as Mayor. You are by far the longest serving Mayor in the history of Fairview. Your vision throughout the years has embraced great government. Including but not limited to the restoration of parks and fields. A road resurfacing program in the Borough that has doubled in size throughout your tenure. Over the past 5 years you have stabilized municipal property taxes and have amassed the largest surplus ever as well you have advanced public safety initiative and presided over smart development to the Borough of Fairview.

Congratulations to your beautiful wife, Joanne, your children, Vinny, Michael and Lisa, your daughter-in-laws, son-in-law and grandchildren, all of whom must be proud of your accomplishments. Fairview will miss you as most of us do not remember a time in which you were not our Mayor. As far as

I'm concerned, don't go far because I intend to reach out to you for your guidance and wisdom as we navigate through this administration. On behalf of myself and the Borough I wish you a happy, healthy and productive retirement. All the best.

Paul Juliano, my brother in law, I don't even know what to say. You had faith in me, you supported me and my children always, you stood by us, you started my career in politics. You always had a vision for me that maybe I didn't always see. Paul, thank you. I will always make you proud.

Congratulations to Councilman Stephen Burke and Councilman Albert Lukin and Councilwoman Florencia Asto on your election. Councilman Jhon Gomez and Russell Martin, our municipal chairperson, I look forward to working together to advance the objectives that matter most to the residents of Fairview.

A special thank you to all those who helped me campaign for this office. The Fairview Democratic committee and the volunteers that worked alongside Steve Russo.

Thank you to our Police Chiefs and Police Department, Fire Chief and Fire Department, Department heads and Department of Public Works for keeping our town safe. Our Administrator Diane Testa for your guidance and support and to John Schettino our Borough Attorney for your guidance. Special thank you to Monique Berisha for making sure everything runs smoothly. To all my friends and coworkers at the Fairview Board of Education thank you for your support always.

I pledge to work hard everyday to maintain safe and clean streets, stable taxes and high property values as well as to answer all resident calls and to work with residents as we improve the quality of life and enact policies that will positively embrace our Fairview Community.

Tonight is one of the greatest honors of my lifetime and I would like to share it with my mom who has stood by me through good and bad every second of my life and my dad who is watching from up above with a big smile. They came to the United States when I was 3 months old and would tell the story of how they landed at Kennedy Airport with 1 suitcase, 2 children and very little money. They weren't sure what lied ahead. They quickly found union work with 32BJ. My dad at the United Nations Building as a window washer and my mom doing maintenance in buildings in Manhattan. As an aside they were building supers in Midwood Brooklyn. In 1986 they achieved the American Dream when they purchased a house on Linda Lane in Fairview. As a single mother of 2 children I could not imagine how my life would have turned out if not for the strength, love, support and values that my parents gave to me. I love you more than you could ever know.

I'd like to acknowledge a few people in attendance that are here tonight, Ambassador Reka, Kristian Prenda congratulations on your victory as a champion boxer this weekend at the Prudential Center.

Again, thank you to you all for being here and I will do everything in my power to make you proud, work with integrity and dedication to ensure that we continue the progress made over the years.

God Bless you all and God Bless America.

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Councilman Russell Martin
Thank you everyone for coming to our reorganization meeting. A time to give thanks and a time to thank you. Thank you Mayor Vincent Bellucci. The longest mayor Fairview has ever had. We have benefited greatly from your services. Although you are stepping down.. You will always be known as Mayor Bellucci. To our renominated council peoples. Thank you for being part of the team. We know you will serve Fairview well. Thank you to all of our employees, fire responders and our wonderful volunteers. Thank you for doing what you do. Thank you Bergen County Chairman Paul Juliano for your hard work and putting everyone else before yourself. Happy and Healthy New Year

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Councilman Jhon Gomez
Thank you everyone for being here tonight. It is a special & historic night because we have the first female mayor of the Borough of Fairview. It is going to be a pleasure to serve with Violet. She is a great friend and more like a sister. We work together. She is a great person and I know she will lead this town amazingly. Mayor Bellucci you got some competition here. She will do a great job though. Mayor Bellucci enjoy your retirement. Thank you for everything that you did for the Borough. Congratulations everyone. We will work hard to make Fairview a great town. God Bless Everyone.

Councilman Albert Lukin
Good Evening and thank you everybody for coming here tonight. I would like to start off by thanking my parents and my sister and brother in law along with my niece & nephew. I love you all and you mean the world to me. Thank you for your support. Next, I would like to thank Vincent Bellucci for being Mayor. He said something then you said something up there before I hope that during your tenure that you touched someone and that they remember the difference I made. You definitely did. I had the honor to run with you 28 years ago. We developed a great relationship. I am one of those people that you made a difference in. I will never forget the relationship we have. Thank you for being a great friend, mentor and most importantly Mayor.

Violet, Congratulations. I have had the honor to know you before you even joined the Council. You will do an amazing job. Everything that everyone has said about you is absolutely true.I know you will do an amazing job as mayor as you have done as Councilwoman. I cannot wait to see what you will do. I look forward to this amazing accomplishment. You are a wonderful person and will a great job as Mayor. You care about people and the concerns of the community and I know you will do whatever it takes to help the community. You bring so many traits to the title of Mayor.

To 28 years with my running mate, Stephen Burke. Marriages don't even last this long. Congratulations. It has been a pleasure running and working with you. I look forward to continuing to work hard. To the rest of the Council congratulations and campaigning with you has been so much fun. It has been great. I cannot wait to see what 2024 brings. I do want to thank Congressman Bill Pascrell for being here tonight. It was an honor to be sworn in by you tonight.It is something that I will never forget. Thank you to Governor Murphy for being ehre as well. Thank you Paul Juliano on a personal level and political level. I consider him a great friend. Thank you for all your hard work that you contginue to work hard for your hometown Fairview and most importantly the county and state. TO all the Boough Employees, Police Department, Fire Department and VOlunteers and residents thanik you for helping make Fairview a great community. Finally, I just want to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year

Councilman Stephen Burke
Many people wonder why we run for office. The reason was so that I could have a seat at tonight's event.I would like to say a few things first of all thank Vinny for his years of service. You did a great job & I congratulate you on your retirement. You weren't just a regular mayor you always made a difference and prepared us for the next day. You benefited the community so well for the future. You did a wonderful job making Fairview home. Thank you so much for your hard work. I would like to thank the employees, first responders & so many others for all the time & hard work that they put.

I would like to thank our new Mayor, Violetta Berisha. Congratulations on your victory and I look forward to you leading us in the future. Congratulations you worked hard for this. To my work husband Al, I couldn;t ask for a better running mate. We are lucky here in Fairview to have him. He's a really smart guy. He's another one that makes you think and ask questions and make you more thoughtful about what we do. Finally I'd like to thank my family. I'm lucky to have my brothers here, along with my wife, two daughters and grandchildren. They have been so supportive. Finally , my wife who voted with her whole heart for me. Thank you for your support & love. As important as you are Michelle I would like to thank Paul Juliano for all his hard work. Thank you everyone & Happy New Year

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Appointments

Municipal Alliance Chairperson	Vincent M. Bellucci
Clean Communities Coordinator	Diane T. Testa
Establishment of Official Newspapers	The Record, Jersey Journal, Herald News & Star Ledger Borough Website
Fire Chaplin	Father Peter Sticco
Police Chaplin	Father Peter Sticco
Administrator	Diane T. Testa
Borough Auditor	Stephen D. Wielkotz, C.P.A.
Wastewater Consultant	Bruce Bonaventuro
Emergency Management Coordinator	Vincent M. Bellucci
Municipal Doctor	Dr. Luke Eyerman
Borough Historian	Patricia Mazzeo
Borough Engineer	Remington & Vernick Engineers
Risk Manager	GJEM Insurance
Borough Prosecutor	Michael Candelmo
Board of Adjustment Engineer	Neglia Engineering
Planning Board Attorney	Carmine Alampi, Esq.
Borough Planner	Neglia Engineering Associates
Planning Board Engineer	Neglia Engineering Associates
Zoning Board Attorney	Albert Birchwale, Esq.
Public Defender	Carl M. Losito, Esq.
Bond Attorney	Steve Rogut, Esq.
Special Project Engineer	Neglia Engineering
Special Project Engineer	Boswell Engineering
Financial Advisor	Acacia Financial Group, Inc.
Tax Appeal Attorney	Bittiger Elias & Triolo, P.C.
Grants Consultant	Millennium Strategies
IT Consultant	Cesar Guerra

Motion to Approve Appointments:
Submitted by: Lukin Seconded by: Burke
Ayes:Martin, Gomez, Lukin, Burke
Nays: None
Absent: Asto
No Vote: None
Table: None
Roll Call Vote Results:4-0-1-0-0

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Standing Committee

Police	Lukin	Gomez	Martin
Street Lighting	Martin	Asto	Lukin
Alcoholic Beverage Control	Burke	Lukin	Gomez
Recreation	Asto	Gomez	Martin
Health, Safety & Welfare	Martin	Gomez	Asto
Elections	Gomez	Lukin	Asto
Finance	Burke	Martin	Gomez
Fire & Waters	Burke	Gomez	Lukin
Public Works	Martin	Gomez	Lukin
Building & Grounds	Martin	Gomez	Lukin
Insurance	Gomez	Lukin	Burke
Personnel	Martin	Lukin	Gomez
Rent Leveling	Lukin	Martin	Burke
Library	Burke		
Senior Citizen Liaison	Asto	Gomez	Martin
Recycling	Martin	Lukin	Gomez
Park, Playground & Greenery	Martin	Lukin	Burke
OEM	Lukin	Burke	Martin
Board of Education	Martin	Lukin	
Speed Hump Committee	Martin	Gomez	Burke
Special Events Committee	Asto	Martin	Gomez
Municipal Alliance	Martin	Gomez	Lukin

Motion to Approve Appointments:
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Nays: None
Absent: Asto
No Vote: None
Table: None
Roll Call Vote Results:4-0-1-0-0

Report of Library - Glitza Rojas-Gutierrez, Assistant Library Director

Good evening, Madam Mayor, Dear Friend Paul Juliano, Borough Administrator Diane Testa, Council Members and Esteemed Members of the Public. Happy New Year! And congratulations to you Madam Mayor on your appointment and Council Members Asto, Burke, and Lukin. Mayor Bellucci, thank you for your 31 years of service. You will be sorely missed.

My name is Glitza Rojas-Gutierrez, and I am the Assistant Library Director at the Fairview Public Library. Our Library Director, Stephen Turro could not be here tonight. In his absence today, I have, the honor to provide our annual review.

Libraries have come a long way from the time when we were in school. They are one of the few public spaces left in our society where you are allowed to exist without the expectation of spending money.

Despite what you may hear about the death of print books and the lack of interest in libraries, I am here to tell you that libraries are thriving! Libraries are important community hubs that serve as centers of learning, professional development, healthcare, and resource sharing.

This past year, the Library Director, Staff, Board of Trustees and I have worked hard to improve the library so that it continues to be a space for collaboration and community building.

Our Statistics as of December 2023 include:
- 7,885 residents now hold a library card - that is roughly more than half of our total population of 15,025

- Roughly, 16,739 of our items circulated amongst our patrons and throughout the Bergen County Cooperative Library System

- 2,900 downloads from e-books, e-magazines, movies, music and audiobooks

- Our public computers were used 2,717 times, that's a total of 2,402 hours

- Our Museum passes were borrowed 50 times (to New York Cultural Institutions like the Children's Museum of Manhattan,

Storm King, Intrepid Sea & Air Space Museum, Guggenheim, and the Museum of Natural History)

- Our Wifi Hotspots were borrowed 135 times - providing the people of Fairview much needed access to do homework, research, entertainment or to keep in touch with family and friends.

PROGRAMS

Our library programs draw in people of all ages. To date: 4,453 people attended 346 library sponsored activities. We have book discussion groups for children, teens and adults. Most notably we held a book discussion for local resident and Literature Enrichment Instructor, Sam Juliano's for his second book, Irish Jesus of Fairview, that drew a large crowd from neighboring towns.

We also offer a variety of social services and educational seminars, music concerts, and cross generational craft programs throughout the year.

So when someone tells you libraries are no longer relevant. I hope you can tell them that in Fairview, Our Library is Thriving.

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On behalf of Library Director, Stephen Turro, the Staff and myself, thank you for your ongoing support, to help us continue our mission to provide the residents of Fairview the materials and services that support lifelong learning.

Thank you

Report of Police Chief, Vincent M. Bellucci
Congratulations Everyone. The Fairview Police Department had 15,5523 calls for service, 13,818 traffic summonses issued, 224 arrests, 655 Crash reports 1 being a fatal accident, received grants for drug driving enforcement, click it or ticket, distracted driving enforcement, pedestrian safety enforcement and federal cops grant for two additional officers. In 2023 we continued to exapand community outreach specifically with business and religious organizations

Report of Fire Department by Chief Dennis Licameli
Congratulations to everyone. Congratulations Vinny on your retirement & to our newly elected Mayor Violetta Berisha. The Fire Department had 444 total calls for service, 4 structure fires, purchased 2 new trucks, expecting delivery towards the end of the year. We worked with the state to secure a new radio talkgroup specially for the fire dispatch and purchase and installed new radios for this. We also implemented a new stipend program for 2024 which the ordinance is being introduced tonight. We received american rescue plan grant for new turnout gear.

Swearing in of Fire Department Officers by Mayor Violetta Berisha

Oath of Office for Fire Department

Fire Chief Dennis Licameli

Battalion Chief's
Tiger Hose Co. #1: John Migliaccio
Grandview Co. #1: Douglas Wallace
Hose Co. #3: Mohamed Abdah

Captain's
Tiger Hose Co. #1: Alex Gaudiosi
Grandview Co. #1: Jose Marquez
Hose Co. #3: John Pinzone
Hook & Ladder Co. #2: Rafael Lozano

Lieutenant's
Hose Co. #3: Vincent M. Bellucci
Hook & Ladder Co. #2: Kristian Vera

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Re-Appointments of Special Police & Crossing Guards for 2024

Class I	Class II	Crossing Guards
German Rivas	Michael Decarlo	Hussein Abdouni
Ante Begonja	Forest Wilson	Debra Koslow
Raymond Gratta		Daniel Manzo
Samantha Marroquin		Derya Sehirli
Mohamad Abdah		Luz Fierro
Sophia Gomez		Pablo Herrera
Thomas Hals		Diego Diaz
		Leticia Cotto
		Mirna Abirafeh
		Patrick Cordasco
		Marshall Trommers
		Maryam Yogurtcu
		Medine Aduman

Re-Appointments to Boards

Board of Adjustment
Roxanne Guiness 1/3/24-12/31/27
Hossam Elsamra 1/3/24-12/31/27

Motion to Approve Appointments:
Submitted by: Lukin Seconded by: Burke
Ayes:Martin, Gomez, Lukin, Burke
Nays: None
Absent: Asto
No Vote: None
Table: None
Roll Call Vote Results:4-0-1-0-0

Resolutions *R-24-01 through *R-24-52

***R-24-01 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF $213,946.99**

Account	Debit	Credit
Revenue Admin S/W	$6,634.56	
Employee Group Insurance	$9,773.00	
Municipal Court S/W	$0.08	
General Admin O/E	$72,000.00	
Code Enforcement O/E	$72,000.00	
Streets and Roads O/E	$51,514.96	
Municipal Court S/W	$1,369.45	
Police Department S/W	$684.94	

Total	**$213,976.99**
Finance Admin S/W	$6,634.56
Insurance Prem Other	$9,773.00
Municipal Prosecutor S/W	$0.08
Third Party Ambulance O/E	$195,514.96
Public Defender S/W	$1,369.45
Parking Meters S/W	$684.94
Total	**$213,976.99**

***R-24-02 ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, Section 40A:4-19 provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2023 Budget, temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriation in the 2023 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of $21,516,664; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriation of the 2023 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund, and public assistance, in said 2023 budget is the sum of $5,648,125;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS - 2024

General Government:	
Administrative and Executive:	
Salaries and Wages	$100,000
Other Expenses	50,000
Financial Administration:	
Salaries and Wages	56,000
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	35,000
Assessment of Taxes:	
Salaries and Wages	15,000
Other Expenses	20,000
Collection of Taxes:	
Salaries and Wages	25,000
Other Expenses	5,000
Legal Services and Costs:	
Salaries and Wages	60,000
Other Expenses	20,000
Engineering Services and Costs:	
Other Expenses	4,000
Municipal Court - Public Defender:	

Salaries and Wages	2,700
Other Expenses	125
Municipal Prosecutor:	
Salaries and Wages	$3,500
Other Expenses	200
Public Buildings and Grounds:	
Other Expenses	40,000
Municipal Land Use Act (N.J.S. 40:55D-1):	
Planning Board:	
Salaries and Wages	5,000
Other Expenses	200
Board of Adjustment:	
Salaries and Wages	4,500
Other Expenses	50
Rent Leveling Board:	
Salaries and Wages	2,750
Other Expenses	50
Insurance:	
Group Insurance for Employees	725,000
Other Insurance Premiums	400,000
Public Safety:	
Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983 c. 383):	
Salaries and Wages	30,000
Other Expenses	7,500
Fire:	
Salaries Stipend	35,000
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	45,000
Police:	
Salaries and Wages	1,300,000
Other Expenses	95,000
Special Police:	
Salaries and Wages	40,000
Other Expenses	4,500
911 Communication	2,800
Emergency Management Services:	
Salaries and Wages	3,500
Other Expenses	3,000
Streets and Roads:	
Road Repairs and Maintenance:	
Salaries and Wages	350,000
Other Expenses	40,000
Automotive Fleet Maintenance	30,000
Sanitation:	
Garbage and Trash Removal:	
Other Expenses	80,000
Recycling:	
Other Expenses	42,500
Sewer System:	
Other Expenses	7,500
Sanitary Landfill:	

Tipping Fees	20,000
Waste Water Supervision:	
Salaries and Wages	2,300
Health and Welfare:	
Board of Health:	
Salaries and Wages	35,000
Other Expenses	25,000
Administration of Public Assistance:	
Salaries and Wages	500
Other Expenses	1,100
Redevelopment:	
Other Expenses	7,500
Recreation and Education:	
Parks and Playgrounds:	
Other Expenses	5,000
Recreation:	
Salaries and Wages	50,000
Other Expenses	15,000
Celebration of Public Events:	
Other Expenses	5,000
Senior Citizens:	
Other Expenses	4,500
Uniform Construction Code:	
Appropriations Offset by Dedicated Revenues (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4-17):	
Construction Code Official:	
Salaries and Wages	60,000
Other Expenses	5,000
Utilities:	
Gasoline	20,000
Telephone	45,000
Natural Gas and Electricity	55,000
Fuel Oil	5,000
Heating Oil	500
Street Lighting	32,500
Fire Hydrant Service	25,000
Water	15,000
Municipal Court:	
Salaries and Wages	65,000
Other Expenses	15,000
Maintenance of Free Public Library	
Other Expenses	150,000
Bergen County Utilities Authority	$425,000
Occupation Safety and Health Act:	
Other Expenses	6,000
Hepatitis B	1,000
Parking Meters:	
Salaries and Wages	12,500
Other Expenses	4,000
Third-Party Ambulance Billing:	
Other Expenses	75,000
Code Enforcement	
Salaries and Wages	20,000
Other Expenses	2,000
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal:	
Statutory Expenditures:	
Contribution to:	
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	7,500

Public Employees' Retirement System	464,552
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	90,000
Police and Firemen's Retirement System	184,498
Total Current Fund	$5,648,125
Debt Service:	
Bond Principal	$1,370,000
Bond Interest	395,860
Interest on Notes	411,825
Note Principal	210,000
	$2,387,685
Capital Improvement Fund	$50,000

***R-24-03 SCHEDULING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, at the annual reorganization meeting the Mayor and Council may schedule public meetings for the year; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to schedule their public meetings on the third Tuesday of the month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview will hold its 2024 Caucus meetings as hybrid style meetings with the option of attending in person or remotely, to be held at its meeting room in the Council Chambers located at 59 Anderson Avenue, Fairview, New Jersey, on the dates listed below at 6:00 P.M.

JANUARY 23, 2024	**JULY 16, 2024**
FEBRUARY 20, 2024	**AUGUST 20, 2024**
MARCH 19, 2024	**SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**
APRIL 16, 2024	**OCTOBER 15, 2024**
MAY 21, 2024	**NOVEMBER 19, 2024**
JUNE 18, 2024	**DECEMBER 17, 2024**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview will hold its 2024 Council meetings as hybrid style meetings with the option of attending in person or remotely, to be held at its meeting room in the Council Chambers located at 59 Anderson Avenue, Fairview, New Jersey, on the dates listed below at 6:00 P.M.

JANUARY 23, 2024	**JULY 16, 2024**
FEBRUARY 20, 2024	**AUGUST 20, 2024**
MARCH 19, 2024	**SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**
APRIL 16, 2024	**OCTOBER 15, 2024**
MAY 21, 2024	**NOVEMBER 19, 2024**
JUNE 18, 2024	**DECEMBER 17, 2024**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to all borough department heads, members of the governing body, post on the official bulletin board and to at least two of the borough official newspapers.

BOROUGH OF FAIRVIEW
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
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HELD ON JANUARY 3, 2024 AT 6:15 P.M.

***R-24-04 DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 232, P.L. 1005 requires that notice of meetings be published in at least two newspapers which have been designated as "official newspapers"; and

WHEREAS, at least one of the newspapers designated by this body must have the greatest likelihood of informing the public with the jurisdictional boundaries of this body of such meetings and legal notices.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Record, the Jersey Journal, the Herald News and The Star Ledger, are hereby designated to receive legal notices and meeting notices and have the greatest likelihood of informing the public with the jurisdictional boundaries of this body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Record, Star Ledger, the Herald News and Jersey Journal hereby designated as official newspapers of the Borough of Fairview.

***R-24-05 AUTHORIZATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO INVEST PUBLIC FUND FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Governing Body of the Borough of Fairview, to invest municipal funds not immediately needed for current and other municipal operations, and

WHEREAS, the responsibility in determining the Municipal's financial needs and
the Proper investment of said funds lies with the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, Christopher Rutch is authorized and directed to invest municipal funds in a prudent and judicial manner, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned officer reports to the Governing Body at least quarterly on the activity in this area.

***R-24-06 ESTABLISHMENT OF RATE OF INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the Governing Body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of taxes, assessments, sewer charges and any other municipal liens or charges, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the Governing Body to fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of $10,000.00 who fails to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge for nonpayment of taxes, assessments, sewer charges and any other municipal liens or charges on or before the date when they become delinquent 8% per annum on the first $1,500.00 and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of $1,500.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to charge a 6% penalty for a delinquency over $10,000.00 if not paid prior to the end of the calendar year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable.

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***R-24-07 DESIGNATING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR SIGNATURE PLATE FOR ALL ACCOUNTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a check signature machine together with Facsimile signature plate and security keys, and

WHEREAS, official depositories, custodian of fund and required signature of the various accounts of the Borough of Fairview are designated annually by the Governing Body, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said signature machine, metal facsimile signature plate and all keys pertinent thereto shall be kept in the custody of the Chief Financial Officer, Christopher Rutch, who shall be solely responsible for the supervision and prudent safeguard of said signature plate and keys, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all signatures required on checks of the various accounts may be affixed mechanically and all of the depositories previously established shall honor said checks, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Fairview be directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all official depositories of the Borough of Fairview, together with facsimile signature specimen.

***R-24-08 ESTABLISHING SPENCER SAVINGS BANK AS DEPOSITORY**

Community Development Account
Current Account
Dog License Account
Payroll Account
Agency Account
Capital Account
Trust Other Account
Unemployment Insurance Trust Account
Library Trust Account
Drug Enforcement Forfeiture Account
Fire Penalties Account
Uniform Fire Safety Trust
Online Tax Payment Account

WHEREAS, R.S. 40A:4-63 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies held in trust and shall not be diverted for any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Spencer Savings Bank shall be the Depository for all of the following Borough Fund Accounts:

Community Development Account
Current Account
Dog License Account
Payroll Account
Agency Account
Capital Account
Trust Other Account
Unemployment Insurance Trust Account
Library Trust Account
Drug Enforcement Forfeiture Account
Fire Penalties Account
Uniform Fire Safety Trust
Online Tax Payment Account

The custodian shall be Christopher Rutch, Municipal Chief Financial Officer. All disbursements shall be made by check signed by Violetta Berisha, Mayor, Diane T. Testa, Borough Clerk and Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer.

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***R-24-09 AUTHORIZING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO EFFECTUATE INTERIM DISBURSEMENTS**

WHEREAS, it becomes necessary to disburse public funds to approval by the Mayor and Council at its regular and/or special meetings throughout the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of said expenditures are of an immediate and/or emergency nature such as payrolls, postage, certified mail, investments, reimbursement of petty cash, and for other purposes that may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, together with the Finance Committee Chairperson, or two (2) members of the Finance Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey authorizes the Chief Financial Officer,
Christopher Rutch, together with the Finance Chairperson or two (2) members of the Finance Committee to effectuate such disbursements using prudent and judicious discretion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said disbursements be presented to the Governing Body as soon as practicable at subsequent meetings for verification and certification, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said disbursements be enumerated with proper description and amounts on an "interim claims" resolution with appropriate completed vouchers where applicable, attached thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Finance Chairperson and the members of the Finance Committee, immediately upon its passage.

***R-24-10 ESTABLISHING CONNECT ONE BANK**
Public Assistance Trust I Account
Public Assistance Trust II Account

WHEREAS, R.S. 40A:4-63 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies held in trust and shall not be diverted for any other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ConnectOne Bank shall be the Depository for the Public Assistance Trust Fund I and Public Assistance Trust Fund II Account, and,

The custodian shall be Joann Panzarino and all disbursements shall be made by check signed by Violetta Berisha, Mayor, Diane T. Testa, Borough Clerk, Christopher Rutch Financial Officer.

***R-24-11 ESTABLISHMENT OF PETTY CASH ACCOUNT FOR TAX COLLECTOR TREASURER FOR 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview that a Petty Cash Account be and is hereby established in the office of the Tax Collector-Treasurer from the Current Account, in the sum of $80.00 for the year 2024 and the funds are to be replenished from time to time as the need arises.

***R-24-12 AUTHORIZATION OF ANNUAL TAX SALE**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 mandates each municipality to hold an annual Tax Sale for all delinquent properties having unpaid taxes, assessments, sewer charges and any other municipal liens or charges, excluding properties in bankruptcy, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 states that a property is in arrears after the 11th day of the month of the fiscal year, and said Tax Sale can take any place any time thereafter, and can include delinquencies from prior fiscal years, as well as the current fiscal year, and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 requires the Municipal Tax Collector to hold such sale, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to conduct the annual Tax Sale for the Borough of Fairview, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Tax Sale shall take place any time after the 11th day of the 11th month of the current fiscal year, will include delinquencies for all prior fiscal years except those in bankruptcy, and may include all delinquencies for the current fiscal year except those in bankruptcy.

***R-24-13 ESTABLISHING CONNECT ONE BANK AS A DEPOSITORY FOR TRUST BAIL ACCOUNT & TRUST FINES AND COURT COST ACCOUNT**

WHEREAS, R.S. 40A:4-63 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies held in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ConnectOne Bank shall be the depository for Municipal Court Trust Bail Account, Trust Fines and Court Cost Account and that all deposit and disbursements shall be made by the Municipal Court Judge.

***R-24-14 CASH MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires the Borough of Fairview to adopt a Cash Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview adopts its Cash Management Plan annually; and

WHEREAS, this Cash Management Plan shall be designated to assure to the extent practicable the investment of local funds in interest bearing accounts and may be modified from time to time in order to reflect changes in Federal or State law or regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Fairview Cash Management Plan be continued for 2024.

Cash Management Plan

Objective

The purpose of the Cash Management Plan (the "Plan") is to provide the Borough of Fairview (the "Borough") with maximized current interest income earnings that are consistent with providing liquidity and the preservation of principal. This plan is in compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, which regulates investments by County and local government units and is administered by the NJ Division of Local Government Services.

The Plan establishes the policies and administrative framework regarding cash flow budgeting, investments, and financial institutions including banks and joint government investment programs as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 and P.L. 1997, Chapter 148 enacted June 30, 1997.

Cash Flow Budgeting

The Plan acknowledges that an accurate cash flow budget is a prerequisite to the effective management and utilization of the Borough's cash balances.

Prior to the beginning of each budget year the Borough Treasurer/CFO shall be Prepared with a monthly projection of all anticipated receipts and disbursements for the major operating accounts of the Borough of Fairview for the coming year. During the course of the year, the Treasurer/CFO shall provide in a monthly report an updated cash flow projection for the remainder of the year, by month, as well as a record of actual cash flows of the prior month.

The information derived from the cash flow projections will be utilized by the Treasurer/CFO in designing an investment strategy that is consistent with the projections.

The anticipated cash requirements as evidenced by the projections when considered in conjunction with current and projected market trends for interest rates shall be used to construct an appropriate investment portfolio matrix. The portfolio shall be at all times cognizant of cash needs and market conditions as evidenced by the yield curve of eligible investment instruments.

In all cases of relationships institutions, the Treasurer/CFO shall be aware, through the utilization of an external rating source, that the total amount of funds on deposit or invested with any single institution will be in accordance with parameters adopted annually to establish limits for deposit concentration among designated depositories.

The Borough reserves the right to reject quotations and withhold deposits from any institution deemed by the Treasurer/CFO, based on data from the rating service, to be at financial risk.

Banking Relationships

The Borough acknowledges that banking relationships help form the foundation upon which an effective and efficient cash management program is constructed.

Relationships that involve the provision of specialized or customized services that the Borough deems essential should be evidenced in writing and should include information regarding fees and charges as well as methodology used to compensate the bank providing these services.

As required to implement the Plan, the Borough Treasurer/CFO is authorized to establish account relationships with designated depositories on the Treasurer/CFO's signature in accordance with the Borough's Administrative Code. To securely, efficiently and expeditiously move funds among the depositories accordingly**,** of certain employees that should be authorized to affect transfers between accounts and to affect investment on behalf of the Borough.

Any bank providing documentation of qualification under the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act and having an office in Borough of Fairview shall be a designated depository for Borough Funds. However, the decision as to which bank shall receive those funds and in what concentration shall be made in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the Borough based on information supplied by the external rating agency service utilized by the Borough to ensure maximum safety of those funds.

To assure that the Borough is receiving fair and competitive value from its relationships, the Borough Treasurer/CFO will undertake, at least annually, a review and analysis of those relationships. The review shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of balances, fees and charges, services provided, earnings credited and interest rates paid or allowed on accounts maintained by the Borough. Further, the Borough Treasurer/CFO shall examine at least twice each year the services offered and the charges and rates available for the provision thereof in the banking community to insure a competitive atmosphere for the acquisition of the state of the art services for the Borough.

Reports

Monthly, the Borough Treasurer/CFO shall prepare a report for the Governing Body, which shall include a summary of all investment activity as well as a compilation of deposits by depository and account number. The report shall include all new accounts established, if any.

***R-24-15 APPOINTING VINCENT M. BELLUCCI AS MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bill No. 1774, approved March 27, 1989 establishes a Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview is eligible to receive funding under said program; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 the Borough of Fairview formed a "Municipal Alliance Committee" which shall identify alcoholism and drug abuse prevention, education, and community needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body that the "Municipal Alliance Committee" Chairperson shall be Police Chief Vincent M. Bellucci; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Fairview be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor's Alliance Committee and Chief Vincent M. Bellucci immediately upon approval.

***R-24-16 APPOINTING DIANE T. TESTA AS REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS**

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Vital Statistics retired from her position with the Borough of Fairview on September 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 26:8 et seq. requires that a municipality shall have a Registrar of Vital Statistics with a term of office of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, Diane Testa has received certification from the Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics the Registrar of Vital Statistics and Registry for this position; and

WHEREAS, the personnel committee recommends that Diane Testa be appointed to the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics to process marriage licenses, death certificates and birth certificates and any other duty as Registrar of Vital Statistics; and

WHEREAS, the personnel committee recommend that Diane Testa be compensated for the additional work that she will undertake for the Borough of Fairview; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to increase the base salary of Diane Testa the sum of $20,000.00 effective September 1, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that it does hereby appoint Diane Testa as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the base salary of Diane Testa shall be adjusted to compensate her for the additional work that she has undertaken for the benefit of the Borough ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the base salary of Diane Testa shall be increased by $20, 000.00 per year effective September 1, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator/Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the finance departments and a copy of same placed in her personnel file immediately upon its passage.

***R-24-17 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF STREET SWEEPER THROUGH STATE CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview is in need of a street sweeper as the current sweeper is a 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Superintendent of Public Works/Engineer has researched sweepers and recommends the purchase of a Odra Sweeper; and

WHEREAS, Wittke Sanitation Equipment Corp. is the provider of the Odra Sweeper with Isuzu NRR chassis through ESCNJ Contract Co#ESCNJ23/24-04 Class 4-8 Truck and NJ State Contract 65MCESCCPS; and

WHEREAS, the quote provided by Wittke Sanitation Equipment is $286,657.40 for the sweeper; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby approves the purchase of the Odra Sweeper with Isuzu NRR chassis for the price of $286,657.40.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey hereby approve the purchase of the Odra Sweeper with Isuzu NRR chassis grant in the amount of $286,657.40, through the State of New Jersey, Contract #65MCESCCPS and ESCNJ Contract #ESCNJ 23/24-04 Class 4-8 Trucks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator/Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Acting Superintendent of Public Works and Wittke Sanitation Equipment Corp. immediately upon its passage.

***R-24-18 APPOINTING MICHAEL CANDELMO, ESQ. AS PROSECUTOR FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Prosecutor as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19;44A-20.5 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Michael Candelmo, Esq. as the Borough Prosecutor for the year 2024 at an annual salary of $10,608.00 which shall be paid by monthly voucher incident thereto for Professional Services of Borough Prosecutor; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $12,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Prosecutor under the above line item Borough Prosecutor 25-7571.

***R-24-19 APPOINTING CARL M. LOSITO, ESQ. AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Public Defender as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19;44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Carl M. Losito, Esq. has submitted a proposal dated December 10, 2023 indicating he will provide the Professional Services as Public Defender at an annual salary of $9,894.00; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, knowledge of New Jersey laws, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of municipal law; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Carl M. Losito, Esq. as the Borough Public Defender for the year 2023 at an annual salary of $9,894.00 which shall be paid by monthly voucher incident thereto for Professional Services of Borough Public Defender; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $12,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Public Defender under the above line item Borough Public Defender 42-8561.

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HELD ON JANUARY 3, 2024 AT 6:15 P.M.

***R-24-20 APPOINTING LUKE EYERMAN, M.D AS MUNICIPAL DOCTOR FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough of Fairview to appoint a municipal doctor; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee recommends the appointment of Luke Eyerman, M.D as the Municipal Doctor for the Borough for one (1) year term from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Luke Eyerman is imminently qualified to act in the capacity of municipal doctor; and

WHEREAS, this award is made as a professional service and therefore pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4A:11-5 (1) (a) (1) necessities the passage of a resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Luke Eyerman, M.C. shall be appointed as the municipal doctor for a one (1) year term from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024;and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service;and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $2,000.00;and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview that Luke Eyerman, M.D., 175 Bergen Blvd., Fairview, NJ 07023 be appointed as municipal doctor for the Borough of Fairview for 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Dr. Luke Eyerman and Chief Financial Officer immediately upon its passage.

***R-24-21 APPOINTING BRUCE BONAVENTURO AS WASTEWATER CONSULTANT FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey mandates that each municipality have a waste water consultant employed in case of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview recommend that Bruce Bonaventuro be appointed to the position of wastewater consultant for the year 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Bruce Bonaventuro whose address 442 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604, be appointed to the position of waste water consultant for the Borough of Fairview with an annual salary of $8,647.00

***R-24-22 APPOINTING NEGLIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES AS SPECIAL PROJECT ENGINEERING FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Special Projects Engineer as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Neglia Engineering Associates has submitted a proposal dated December 13, 2021 indicating he will provide the Professional Services as Special Projects Engineer in the amount of $99.00 - $198.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and,

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of engineering, planning, grant coordination and requirements, project management and schedules; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Neglia Engineering Associates as Special Projects Engineer for the year 2019 at an hourly rate of $99.00 - $198.00 plus disbursements; and,

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial authorization of this cost shall not exceed the amount of $25,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Special Projects Engineer under the above line item Special Projects Engineer 01-2010-207152030.

***R-24-23 APPOINTING REMINGTON & VERNIK ENGINEERS AS BOROUGH ENGINEER FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Borough Engineer as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19;44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineering has submitted a proposal dated December 13, 2021 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Borough Engineer in the amount of $80.00 -$190.00 per hour plus disbursements incidental thereto; and,

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, knowledge of New Jersey engineering laws, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of municipal law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Remington & Vernick Engineers as the Borough Engineer for the year 2024 in the amount of $80.00 -$190.00 which shall be paid by monthly voucher incident thereto for Professional Services of Borough Engineer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $125,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Engineer under the above line item Borough Engineer 01-2010-22-7152.

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***R-24-24 APPOINTING GJEM INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. AS RISK MANAGER CONSULTANT FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview is a member of the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the bylaws of said funds require that the municipality appoint a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the bylaws; and,

WHEREAS, the bylaws for the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund and the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund indicates a minimum fee equal to six percent (6%) of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents a reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for these Funds; and,

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Risk Management Consultant's duties renders competitive bidding impractical; and,

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the GJEM Insurance Agency, Inc. submitted a proposal dated December 14, 202; and,

WHEREAS, GJEM Insurance Agency is imminently qualified to act in the capacity and is a licensed insurance agent in the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Fairview does hereby appoint Ezio Altamura of GJEM Insurance Agency, Inc. as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, at a minimum fee equal to and not to exceed 6% of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents a reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for these Funds set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $35,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Consultant's Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Risk Manager under the above line item Borough Risk Manager Consultant 01-2010-22-7311-004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Attorney, Chief Financial Officer and to GJEM Insurance Agency, and

that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

***R-24-25 APPOINTING STEVEN L. ROGUT, ESQ. OF ROGUT MCCARTHY, LLC AS BONDING ATTORNEY FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Bond Counsel as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19;44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Stephen Rogut, Esq. of the Law Firm of Rogut McCarthy LLC has submitted a proposal dated December 2, 2021 indicating he will provide the Professional Services for Bond Counsel for individual services in addition to an hourly rate of $125.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price in conjunction with other factors, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Budgeting, Bond and Finance Laws; and,

WHEREAS, Rogut McCarthy LLC is imminently qualified to act in the capacity of Bond Counsel in the State of New Jersey, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Stephen Rogut, Esq. of Rogut McCarthy LLC, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ 07016 as the Bond Counsel for the year 2023 at an hourly rate of $125.00 per hour, for Professional Services of Borough Bond Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $20,000.00, and

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Bond Counsel under the above line item Legal 01-2010-23-7123-011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Attorney, Chief Financial Officer and to Rogut McCarthy LLC.

***R-24-26 APPOINTING WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC AS BOROUGH AUDITOR FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Borough Auditor as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has complied with the Pay for Play Regulation and the contract is awarded as an open and fair contract under the Pay for Play Statute, and

WHEREAS, Stephen Wielkotz is imminently qualified to act in the capacity and is a licensed certified municipal auditor in the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Steven Wielkotz of Wielkotz & Company, LLC. has submitted a proposal dated December 15, 2022 indicating he will provide the Professional Services for Borough Auditor in an hourly amount of $60.00-$185.00 per hour plus disbursements; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Auditing and Finance Laws; and

Whenever, the award is made as a professional service and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4A:11-5 (1) (a) (I) necessities the passage of a resolution, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Steven Wielkotz of Wielkotz & Company, LLC 401 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes NJ 07442, as Borough Auditor for the year 2024 at an hourly rate of $60.00-$185.00 plus disbursements incident thereto; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $100,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney, the Chief Financial Officer and to Stephen Wielkotz at the Firm of Wielkotz & Company, LLC.

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Auditor under the above line item 01-2030-207052-045.

***R-24-27 APPOINTING BARBARA CRUZ-DOMINGUEZ AS DEPUTY TREASURER FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, there exists a need in the Borough for a Deputy Treasurer in Tax Collector/Treasurer's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee recommends that Barbara Cruz Dominguez be appointed to the position of Deputy Treasurer effective January 1, 2024 at a salary consistent with the present Salary Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Barbara Cruz Dominguez be and she is hereby re-appointed to the position of Deputy Treasurer for a one (1) year term from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at a salary consistent with the present Salary Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator/Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Barbara Cruz Dominguez immediately upon its passage.

***R-24-28 APPOINTING NEGLIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES AS ENGINEER FOR THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for A Board of Adjustment Engineer as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Neglia Engineering Associates has submitted a proposal dated December 13, 2021 indicating they will provide the Professional Services as Engineer for the Board of Adjustment in the amount of $ 99.00-$198.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of engineering, planning, grant coordination and requirements, project management and schedules; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Neglia Engineering Associates as Engineer for the Board of Adjustment for the year 2023 at an hourly rate of $ 99.00-$198.00 plus disbursements ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $10,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Engineer for the Board of Adjustment under the above line item Engineer for the Board of Adjustment 01-203020-7151-010.

***R-24-29 APPOINTING NEGLIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES AS ENGINEER FOR THE PLANNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for an Engineer for the Planning Board as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Neglia Engineering Associates has submitted a proposal dated December 13, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services as Engineer for the Planning Board at in the amount of $65.00-$190.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and,

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability, accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of engineering, planning, grant coordination and requirements, project management and schedules; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Neglia Engineering Associates as Engineer for the Planning Board for the year 2023 at an hourly rate of $65.00-$190.00 plus disbursements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $50,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Engineer for Planning Board under the above line item Engineer for Planning Board 01-2030-23-7151-010.

***R-24-30 APPOINTING CARMINE ALAMPI, ESQ. AS PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Bond Counsel as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19;44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Carmine Alampi, Esq., One University Plaza, Suite 404, Hackensack, NJ 07601 has submitted a proposal dated December 9, 2021 indicating he will provide the Professional Services for Planning Board Attorney for individual services in addition to an hourly rate of $125.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price in conjunction with other factors, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of Municipal Law; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Carmine Alampi, Esq. One University Plaza, Suite 404, Hackensack, NJ 07601 as Planning Board Attorney for the year 2023 at an hourly rate of $125.00 per hour, for Professional Services of Planning Board Attorney; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $20,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Planning Board Attorney under the above line item Legal 01-2010-23-7123-011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Attorney, Planning Board, the Chief Financial Officer and to Carmine Alampi, Esq.

***R–24-31 APPOINTING ALBERT BIRCHWALE, ESQ. AS ZONING BOARD ATTORNEY FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Zoning Board Attorney as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Albert Birchwale, Esq. of the Law Firm Basile, Birchwale and Pellino, 865 Broad Avenue, Ridgefield, NJ 07657 has submitted a proposal dated November 23, 2022 indicating he will provide the Professional Services for Zoning Board Attorney for individual services in addition to an hourly rate of $125.00 per hour; and,

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price in conjunction with other factors, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of Municipal Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Albert Birchwale, Esq. as Zoning Board Attorney for the year 2019 at an hourly rate of $125.00 for Professional Services of Zoning Board Attorney; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $20,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Zoning Board Attorney under the above line item Zoning Legal No. 01-2010-22-7232.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Attorney, Board of Adjustment, the Chief Financial Officer and to Albert Birchwale, Esq., and

***R-24-32 APPOINTING BOROUGH HISTORIAN FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough of Fairview to re-appoint a municipal historian, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body recommends the re-appointment of Patricia Mazzeo as municipal historian for one (1) year term from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Patricia Mazzeo be and she is hereby re-appointed as municipal historian for a one (1) year term from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Patricia Mazzeo, 420 Sheridan Place, #7, Fairview, NJ 07023 be re-appointed as municipal historian for the Borough of Fairview for 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Patricia Mazzeo immediately upon its passage.

***R-24-33 APPOINTING NEGLIA ENGINEERING AS BOROUGH PLANNER FOR 2024**
WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Borough Planner as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Neglia Engineer has submitted a proposal dated December 13, 2021 indicating they will provide the Professional Services as Borough Planner for an hourly rate of $125.00 for a total cost which not to exceed $17,500 plus disbursements therein; and,

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of New Jersey Planning and Engineering; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Neglia Engineering as Borough Planning Consultant for the year 2023 at an hourly rate of $125.00 plus disbursements incident thereto; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed $17,500.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, the Borough Attorney, the Chief Financial Officer and Neglia Engineering.

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding will be paid through Developers Escrow Funds.

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***R-24-34 APPOINTING DIANE T. TESTA AS CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, each year the Borough of Fairview receives a Clean Communities Grant which requires the appointment of a Clean Communities Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee recommends that Diane T. Testa be appointed as the Clean Communities Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the salary for the Clean Communities Coordinator is fully funded through the Clean Communities Grant

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Diane T. Testa be and he is hereby appointed to the position of Clean Communities Coordinator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to immediately upon its passage.

***R-24-35 APPOINTING CESAR GUERRA AS IT CONSULTANT FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview is desirous to enter into an agreement with Cesar Guerra, to provide professional services as IT Consultant for the Calendar year 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney, and the Borough Administrator have reviewed the Agreement between the Borough of Fairview and Cesar Guerra, and recommend its approval; and

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding will be paid through Developers Escrow Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the Agreement between the Borough of Fairview and Cesar Guerra, herein by reference be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed $12,000.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution and signed Agreement to Cesar Guerra.

***R-24-36 APPOINTING CROSSING GUARDS FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview is in need of Crossing Guards to supplement the Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview wish to fill this position; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Committee recommends the reappointment for 2023 of Hussein Abdouni, Debra Koslow, Daniel Manzo, Derya Sehirli, Luz Fierro, Pablo Herrera, Diego Diaz, Leticia Cotto, Mirna Abirafeh, Patrick Cordasco, Marshal Trommers, Maryam Yogurtcu and Medine Aduman

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey and that Hussein Abdouni, Debra Koslow, Daniel Manzo, Derya Sehirli, Luz Fierro, Pablo Herrera, Diego Diaz, Leticia Cotto, Mirna Abirafeh, Patrick Cordasco, Marshal Trommers, Maryam Yogurtcu and Medine Aduman

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator/Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Police Chief immediately upon its passage and that Hussein Abdouni, Debra Koslow, Daniel Manzo, Derya Sehirli, Luz Fierro, Pablo Herrera, Diego Diaz, Leticia Cotto, Mirna Abirafeh, Patrick Cordasco, Marshal Trommers, Maryam Yogurtcu and Medine Aduman

***R-24-37 APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146 enables the Governing Body to appoint Special Police Persons for a term not exceeding one (1) year, whenever they deem it necessary; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146 provides for the appointment of Special Police Persons; and,

WHEREAS, said statute further requires that before any special appointment is made, the Police Chief is to ascertain the eligibility and qualifications of the applicant and report thereon to the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended that in accordance with the aforesaid statute the following be appointed:

Special Police Class I:

German Rivas	Ante Begonja	Raymond Gratta
Samantha Marroquin	Mohamad Abdah	Sophia Gomez
Thomas Hals	Sebastian Osorio	

Special Police Class II:

Michael DeCarlo
Forest Wilson

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are desirous of appointing the above mentioned individuals as Special Police Persons in accordance with the aforesaid statute; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has considered the term of these appointments to be until December 31, 2024 at a salary to be paid per salary ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview that the following be and they are hereby appointed Special Police Persons until December 31, 2024; effective immediately at a salary per salary ordinance.

***R-24-38 ESTABLISHING CONNECT ONE BANK AS DEPOSITORY FOR COAH ACCOUNT**

WHEREAS, R.S. 40A:4-63 provides that monies held in any separate fund shall be treated as monies held in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Connect One shall be the depository for all of the following Borough Fund Account set forth:

COAH RCTF Alpine
COAH RCTF Closter
COAH RCTF Harrington Park
Affordable Housing

The custodian shall be Christopher Rutch, Municipal Chief Financial Officer. All disbursements shall be made by check signed by Violetta Berisha, Mayor , Diane T. Testa, Borough Clerk and Christopher Rutch, Financial Officer.

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***R-24-39 REGARDING COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:88-2 provides that the Mayor and Council at its annual meeting, by a vote of a majority of said Council, elect a President of said Council, who shall preside at all its meetings when the Mayor does not preside; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid statute provides for the term of the Council Presidency for one (1) year, and until the next annual meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, that Councilperson Stephen Burke shall be and is hereby elected as President of the Council of the Borough of Fairview for a period of one (1) year, and until the next annual meeting.

***R-24-40 REGARDING COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview that the Borough of Fairview be and is hereby authorized to participate in cooperative purchasing with the State of New Jersey and the County of Bergen without the necessity of advertising for bids for any materials, supplies, and equipment which are available through this program in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-5.

***R-24-41 REGARDING MUTUAL AID PLAN & RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the police departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jailor prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other Jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the plan submitted by the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview that the Police Department of the Borough of Fairview, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Commissioners, the County Prosecutor, the County Chief of Police, and all Bergen County Municipalities.

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***R-24-42 REGARDING PURCHASING GUIDELINES**

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to establish clear and concise guidelines to assist in the purchase of necessary goods and services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview that the Governing Body does hereby delegate the power to negotiate and/or award the purchase, contract, or agreement for the furnishing or hiring of materials or supplies to the various municipal department heads in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. The cumulative cost or price of any purchase or sum of purchases together with any other sums expended for the performance of any work or services in connection with the same immediate program during the SAME FISCAL YEAR shall not exceed the total sum of $17,500.00.

2. Every department head is hereby delegated by the power to make, negotiate or award purchases, contracts and/or agreements in an amount not to exceed $2,625.00.

3. Every department head seeking to make, negotiate, or award purchases, contracts and/or agreements in excess of $2,625.00 and less than $17,500.00, shall first secure not less than three written quotations on any purchase, contract, and/or agreement and shall forward such quotations to the Finance Department and the Borough Administrator. .

4. The Finance Department, after ascertaining from the Chief Financial Officer that funds are available for such purchase, contract and/or agreement, shall issue a Purchase Order Number.

5. Any contract or agreement for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies the cost price thereof is in excess of $17,500.00 shall be made or awarded solely by the Governing Body after public advertising for bids as provided in the Local Public Contracts Law

***R-24-43 AWARDING CONTRACT TO MILLENIUM STRATEGIES AS GRANT CONSULTANT FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have nominated Millennium Strategies as the Grants Consultant for the year 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has complied with the Pay for Play Regulations and this contract is awarded as an open and fair contract under the Pay for Play Statute; and

WHEREAS, Millennium Strategies has submitted a proposal dated December 7, 2021 indicating they will provide the Professional Services as Grant Consultant for a flat rat of $3,500.00 monthly for a total cost which not to exceed $48,000 plus disbursements therein; and,

WHEREAS, Millennium Strategies is imminently qualified to act in this capacity in the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, this award is made as a professional service, and therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4A:11- 5(1) (a) (I) necessitates the passage of a Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the service of Grant's Consultant; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council are authorized to enter into a contract with Millennium Strategies, 60 Columbia Road, Bldg. B, Ste. 230, Morristown, NJ 07960 to act as the Grants Consultant for the Borough of Fairview for the year; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $48,000.00, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper, a notice of this Resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service, and authorization amount of the Contract, and further setting forth this Resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, the Borough Attorney, the Chief Financial Officer, and to Millennium Strategies.

***R-24-44 AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP,INC. TO SERVE AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR THE BOROUGH OF FAIRVIEW**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has the need for professional financial advisors and to assist in issuing long term debt to replace some short term notes. The scope of work will include:

- Bond Issuances and Structuring
- Cash-flow/ Rate Modeling
- Market Monitoring
- Debt Management policy
- Rating Strategies
- Credit Enhancement.

WHEREAS, Acacia Financial Group, Inc. has submitted a proposal dated December 15, 2021 indicating they will provide the Professional Services as Financial Advisors for the Borough of Fairview as set forth in the Agreement for a total cost which not to exceed $17,500 plus disbursements therein; and,

WHEREAS, on the recommendation of the Borough Administrator, the Borough Council has determined, based on professional experience, expertise and reputation, to award a contract for such services to Acacia Financial Group, Inc., 601 Route 73 North, Suite 206, Marlton, New Jersey 08053 pursuant to NJ.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 as other than a “Fair and Open” contract as defined therein; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 1 1-1 et. seq.) authorizes the award of such professional services contracts without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined the value of this contract for the scope of services as stated above and in the attached proposal, is not to exceed $17,500.00 for a one-year contract;

WHEREAS, Acacia Financial Group, Inc. will complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Political Contribution Disclosure Form certifying that the firm has not made or will make any reportable contributions that would bar the award of this contract under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available to award this contract and a copy of said certification is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, Bergen County, State of New Jersey that a professional services contract is hereby awarded to Acacia Financial Group, Inc. to serve as professional financial advisors for the Borough of Fairview;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the within resolution, together with a copy of the Agreement and that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value, be on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk and be available for public inspection during regular business hours; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a brief notice to be published once in the Record newspaper stating the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract and that the resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of municipal clerk.

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***R-24-45 APPOINTING BITTIGER ELIAS & TRIOLO P.C. AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for Tax Appeal Attorney as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Bittiger Elias & Triolo P.C has submitted a proposal dated December 6, 2021 indicating they will provide the Professional Services for Tax Appeal Attorney for individual services in addition to an hourly rate of $125.00 per hour for a total cost which shall not exceed $20,000.00 plus disbursements therein; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price in conjunction with other factors, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of Municipal Tax Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Bittiger Elias & Triolo, P.C., 12 Route 17 North, Suite 206, Paramus, NJ 07652 as Tax Appeal Attorney for the year 2023 at an hourly rate of $125.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial authorization of this contract shall not exceed the amount of $20,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Zoning Board Attorney under the above line item Tax Appeals No. 01-2010-20-712-01.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Attorney, Tax Assessor, the Chief Financial Officer and to Bittiger Elias & Triolo, P.C., and

***R-24-46 APPOINTING BOSWELL ENGINEERING AS SPECIAL PROJECT ENGINEERING FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a need to acquire the Professional Services for a Special Projects Engineer as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year beginning in January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has submitted a proposal dated December 13, 2022 indicating they will provide the Professional Services as Special Projects Engineer in the amount of $65.00 - $190.00 per hour plus disbursements incident thereto; and,

WHEREAS, upon review by the RFQ Committee, the award by the Governing Body is based on price, experience, knowledge of community, availability and accessibility, and demonstrates knowledge of engineering, planning, grant coordination and requirements, project management and schedules; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to engage the services of Boswell Engineering as Special Projects Engineer for the year 2023 at an hourly rate of $65.00 - $190.00 plus disbursements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial authorization of this cost shall not exceed the amount of $25,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to publish in the official newspaper within ten days of its passage a notice of the resolution setting forth the nature, duration, service and authorized amount of the contract and further setting forth this resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for public inspection at regular hours.

WHEREAS, I Christopher Rutch, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that funding is available for the Professional Services of Special Projects Engineer under the above line item Special Projects Engineer 01-2010-207152030.

***R-24-47 ESTABLISHMENT OF PETTY CASH ACCOUNT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview that a Petty Cash Account be and is hereby established in the Police Department from the Current Account, in the sum of $350.00 for the year 2024 and the funds are to be replenished from time to time as the need arises.

***R-24-48 ESTABLISHMENT OF PETTY CASH ACCOUNT FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview that a Petty Cash Account be and is hereby established in the Fairview Public Library from the Current Account, in the sum of $50.00 for the year 2024 and the funds are to be replenished from time to time as the need arises.

***R-24-49 RE-APPOINTING DIANE T. TESTA AS THE BOROUGH'S PUBLIC AGENCY OFFICER FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Training Division of Purchase and Property Contract Compliance Audit Unit EEO Monitoring Program requires the municipality to designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.); and

WHEREAS, Diane T. Testa has been designated as the Borough of Fairview's Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey does hereby reappoint Diane T. Testa, as the Borough of Fairview's Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.).

***R-24-50 APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE SOUTH BERGEN MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview, is a member of the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the FUND required that each Municipality appoint a member of the governing body or a municipal employee to serve as Fund Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview recommends the appointment of Borough Administrator Diane T. Testa to serve as Fund Commissioner in accordance with the FUND Bylaw

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Fairview that it does hereby appoint Diane T. Testa as Fund Commissioner to the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

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***R-24-51 AUTHORIZING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fairview has a volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the below-mentioned have completed an application, submitted to being fingerprinted, drug tested and background check; and

WHEREAS, the Background Check and Drug Test are satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, the Fairview Fire Department Chief recommends the below-listed individuals be added to the roster of the Volunteer Fairview Fire Department; and

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ANDREA MACANCELA **SEBASTIAN ANGARITA**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the above mentioned individuals be added to the list of Volunteer Firefighters

***R-24-52 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF HEALTH BENEFITS**

WHEREAS, Police Sergeant Anthony Schmitt has waived medical and prescription drug coverage with the State Health Benefits Program to which he is entitled as he is covered under other health coverage; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State of New Jersey State Health Benefits Program Sergeant Schmitt is entitled to payment of not more than 25 percent of the amount saved by the Borough because of the waiver or $5,000.00 whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Schmitt waived health benefits from January 2023 through September 30, 2023, accordingly he is entitled to payment not more than 25 percent of the amount saved by the Borough because of the waiver or $3,750.00 whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the waiver of benefits Sergeant Schmitt is entitled to the following: $3,330.58 monthly premium x 9 months = $29,975.22 – ($1165.70 per month contribution by employee x 9 = $10,491.33) = $19,483.89 x 25% = $4,870.97; and

WHEREAS, the employee is entitled to a payment of 25% of the amount saved by the employee or $3,750.00 whichever is less.

WHEREAS, employees are required to contribute to the cost of health benefits as set forth In Chapter 78; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did not receive an invoice for Sergeant Schmitt until November 2023 for health benefits commencing October 1, 2023, and his contribution of $271.09 per week did not take effect until October 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the sum of $813.27 ($271.09 x 3= $813.27) shall be deducted from the payment to Sergeant Schmitt in lieu of health benefits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Fairview approve the payment in the amount of $3,750.00 minus $813.27 contribution to health benefits for a total of $2,936.73 to Sergeant Anthony Schmitt for 9 month waiver of health benefits in 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue payment of $2,936.73 to Sergeant Anthony Schmitt.

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Motion to Approve Resolutions *R-24-01 through *R-24-52 as set forth on the agenda.

Moved by: Lukin Seconded by: Burke
Ayes: Martin, Gomez, Lukin, Burke
Nays: None
Absent: Asto
No Vote: None
Table: None
Roll Call Vote Results: 4-0-1-0-0

Ordinances

24-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II SECTION 35 ENTITLED "FIRE DEPARTMENT" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIRVIEW

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fairview, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that those portions of the aforesaid set forth below are hereby amended as follows and that said amendments are to be effective immediately upon the passage of this Ordinance and that those sections not set forth below shall remain unchanged.

23-35.16 Stipend

A. Stipend Benefit. All members will be entitled to receive a monthly stipend issued by the Borough if they meet the following requirements.

1. A member must be considered an active member and respond to a minimum of 35% of the total fire calls for the month.

2. Duty Nights: Each month 4 companies will rotate weekly. Each company will schedule two nightly duty nights. First shift shall be from 7pm to 12AM and second shift duty night from 12 AM to 5 AM, Monday through Sunday. A Duty Night shift should consist of 2 firefighters and a chauffeur but no more than 3 firefighters and a chauffeur shall be scheduled or be given credit for any duty night. If a company cannot fill a duty night with its current members it shall use other company's members to fill the vacancies. The Chief of Department has discretion on the company rotation and duty night scheduling. Only those fire fighters with a Firefighter 1 certification or greater can be scheduled for duty nights.

3. Points System, when members respond or attend the following

- 2 points will be awarded for all fire department dispatched calls, drills, functions such as Funerals, Wakes, National Night Out, Chiefs Inspection, Exempt Memorial Services, Christmas Tour, 9-11 Services or other such functions.
- 1 point will be awarded for any time a member performs a duty night shift
- Percentage will be calculated by taking the member's points accrued plus the member's duty night points and dividing all points for all fire department dispatched calls, drills, functions such as Funerals, Wakes, National Night Out, Chiefs Inspection, Exempt Memorial Services, Christmas Tour, 9-11 Services or other such functions

4. Stipend Committee. The stipend percentages each month will be submitted by each Battalion Chief who then submits to the Department Chief. The Chief of Department will implement a system to monitor and calculate the monthly stipend.

5. Upon completing the 35% A month:

Probationary Firefighters shall receive $400.00
Firefighters shall receive $800.00

B. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

C. Repeal of Prior Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

D. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

The Public Hearing of Ordinance 24-01 is scheduled to be heard at the Regular Meeting on January 23, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. The Mayor and Council will consider the final passage of said Ordinances and all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Roll Call to Adopt Ordinance on First Reading:
Moved by: Lukin Seconded by: Burke
Ayes: Martin, Gomez, Lukin, Burke
Nays: None
Absent: Asto
No Vote: Burke
Table: None
Passed First Reading: 4-0-1-1-0

Motion to Advertise:
Moved by: Lukin Seconded by: Burke

Attorney's Report
No report.

Mayor's Report
No report.

Council Report
Good & Welfare
Motion to Open: Lukin Seconded by: Gomez

Motion to Close: Lukin Seconded by : Gomez

Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn: Lukin Seconded by: Burke

ATTEST: **BOROUGH OF FAIRVIEW**

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Diane T. Testa, Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Violetta Berisha, Mayor

Minutes approved at a regularly scheduled council meeting on:

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