

Fair Lawn, N.J.
June 2, 1924.

The Organization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough Of Fair Lawn was held in the Fire House River Road on the second day of June 1924.

There were present Mayor, Robert A. Smith, Councilman William M. Croucher, Jr., Richard Shortway, Andrew E. Fox, James N. Hyslop, Garret Houtsma and William F. Hill, Collector of Taxes Harry T. Shannon and Assessor Lukas Kuiken.

All Officials were duly sworn in and qualified.

Mayor Robert A. Smith delivered the following address.

Gentlemen of the Council:

It now becomes our duty to launch the new ship of State, "The Borough of Fair Lawn" upon its voyage into the great unknown future, with yourselves as the crew and I as your Captain and I sincerely pray, That with the help of God, that we may guide our craft through the many shoals and channels of civil life in safety, so that when we return to our port, our fellow men and women will say "Well done thou good and faithful servant".

I need not remind you at this time, that the eyes of our townfolks, are, and will be, for sometime to come upon us, to see how we care for and nourish the infant municipality that has been placed in our custody; for I am sure that you are well aware of that fact.

However, I do want to impress upon you the necessity of sound sense, careful and practical deliberation upon your future ministering to its needs and requirements in order that it may develop and grow to a healthy and prosperous town second to none in the County of Bergen and be worthy of its Title "The Garden Spot of New Jersey".

To you the administration of Public affairs is something that you have never before been engaged in, but you have been placed here by our townspeople because you bear reputations of honesty, ability and fair dealing in your various vocations and you are expected to apply those qualities in the administration of the business affairs of our Borough with the same reasoning and jurisprudence as you do to your own business.

Your path is not going to be one of roses. You are going to meet with obstacles, which at times are going to be hard to overcome; in fact many of them will sorely try your patience. You will meet with rebuffs, criticism, and very often abuse that will test every fiber and caliber of your manhood to the extremes of endurance, and the manner in which you meet these barriers and overcome them shall determine your future right to leadership among your constituents.

You will be approached from all sides; both, within and without the Council Chambers, by individuals and small coteries, for special favors and requests that will be represented to you as being the desires of the Public at large and I wish to take this opportunity of advising you against the making of any pledges for the support of these projects, until you have first assured yourselves and determined that there is a public and popular demand on the part of the general public for the same; in other words "Be Sure You're right, then go ahead".

It becomes your duty to legislate wisely for the benefit of the people within the territorial limit of the Borough. All ordinances, Street maintenance, Repairs, Lighting, Expenditures, Improvements, taxations and the supervision of the routine business of the Borough shall come within your jurisdiction.

It becomes my duty to consult and advise you upon these matters, to peruse and scrutinize the wisdom of your actions and proceedings upon all matters pertaining to the Public and I sincerely hope that we shall co-operate with each other for the mutual benefit of all.

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Remember, Gentlemen of the Council, that we have been elected to our respective office, upon a platform of economy with which you are all familiar and I herewith charge you with the specific performance of your duties in accordance therewith.

In closing Gentlemen, let me suggest, that we all put our shoulders to the wheel, with the foreword "ONWARD" for a greater, bigger and more prosperous BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Robert A. Smith
Mayor.

Dated June 2, 1924.

THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR.

Gentlemen of the Council:

With your advise and consent I, hereby nominate and appoint Jasper Van Hook Jr., as Borough Clerk.

By Councilman Fox:

Resolved:

That the above nomination and appointment be confirmed, seconded by Councilman Croucher and unanimously carried.

Gentlemen of the Council:

With your advise and consent I, hereby nominate and appoint Robert Schuerer as Borough Treasurer.

By Councilman Croucher:

Resolved:

That the above nomination and appointment be confirmed, seconded by Councilman Hyslop and unanimously carried.

Gentlemen of the Council:

With your advise and consent I, hereby nominate and appoint Mackay and Mackay as Borough Attorneys.

By Councilman Fox:

Resolved:

That the above nomination and appointment be confirmed, seconded by Councilman Hyslop and carried.

Gentlemen of the Council:

With your advise and consent I, hereby nominate and appoint Robert P. Zoerner as Borough Engineer.

By Councilman Houtsma:

Resolved:

That the above nomination and appointment be confirmed, seconded by Councilman Croucher and carried.

Gentlemen of the Council:

With your advise and consent I, hereby nominate and appoint the following as Borough Marshalls:

Michael Vanore,	Chief Marshall
Samuel Greydanus,	Marshall
Harry Asher,	"
Charles LaGrossa,	"
Milton D. Sindle,	"
William Wachter,	"

By Councilman Fox:

Resolved:

That the above nomination and appointment be confirmed, seconded by Councilman Houtsma and unanimously carried.

Gentlemen of the Council:

With your advise and consent I, hereby nominate and appoint the following as members of the Sinking Fund Commission, and that they be required to furnish Surety Bond in the amount of \$2000.00 each.

Mr. Robert Schuerer
Mr. Walter Bogert
Mr. George Vogel

By Councilman Fox:

Resolved:

That the above nomination and appointment be confirmed, seconded by Councilman Houtsma and carried.

Gentlemen of the Council:

With your advise and consent I, hereby nominate and appoint the following as members of the Board of Health.

Miss Mary L. Gledhill
Mr. Walter Burke
Mr. William Toepfer
Mr. Cornelius Bogertman
Mrs. Marguerite Comstock

By Councilman Croucher:

Resolved:

That the above nomination and appointment be confirmed, seconded by Councilman Shortway and carried.

R E S O L U T I O N S

By Councilman Fox:

Resolved:

That the salary of the Borough Clerk for the remainder of the ensuing year 1924 be and is hereby fixed at the sum of \$300.00, seconded by Councilman Houtsma and carried.

By Councilman Croucher:

Resolved:

That the salary of the Borough Treasurer for the remainder of the ensuing year 1924, be and is hereby fixed at the sum of \$150.00, seconded by Councilman Fox and carried.

By Councilman Fox:

Resolved:

That the salary of the Borough Collector for the remainder of the ensuing year 1924, be and is hereby fixed at the sum of \$400.00 seconded by Councilman Croucher and carried.

By Councilman Fox:

Resolved:

That the salary of the Borough Assessor for the period June 1, 1924 to July 1, 1925, be and is hereby fixed at the sum of \$600.00, seconded by Councilman Croucher and carried.

By Councilman Houtsma:

Resolved:

That the Collector of Taxes be required to furnish Surety Bond in the amount of \$20,000.00, seconded by Councilman Hyslop and carried.

By Councilman Houtsma:

Resolved:

That the Treasurer be required to furnish Surety Bond in the amount of \$20,000.00, seconded by Councilman Hyslop and carried.

By Councilman Croucher:

Resolved:

That the Borough Attorney be allowed a retainer fee of \$50.00 for the remainder of the ensuing year 1924, and be allowed \$10.00 for every meeting he is requested to attend, seconded by Councilman Houtsma and carried.

By Councilman Hyslop:

Resolved:

That the Borough Engineer be allowed a retainer fee of \$25.00 for the remainder of the ensuing year 1924, and be allowed \$5.00 for every meeting he is requested to attend, seconded by Councilman Houtsma and carried.

By Councilman Hill:

Resolved:

That Councilman Croucher be appointed President of the Council, seconded by Councilman Shortway. On question of the motion Councilman Croucher made a resolution,

Resolved:

That Councilman Houtsma be appointed President of the Council, seconded by Councilman Hyslop, Roll call was taken and Councilman Houtsma was elected President of the Council.

Roll call showed	Councilman Houtsma	4
	" Croucher	2

By Councilman Hyslop:

Resolved:

That the time and place of meetings of the Mayor and Council shall be held at the Fair Lawn Fire House, River Road on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 O'clock, seconded by Councilman Croucher and unanimously carried.

By Councilman Houtsma:

Resolved:

That the Citizens Trust Company of Paterson, N.J. be and is hereby designated as the Official Depository of all Borough Funds, seconded by Councilman Hyslop and carried.

By Councilman Houtsma:

Resolved:

Whereas, the Honorable Mayor Arthur Rhodes of the Borough of Hawthorne extended his hearty greetings on behalf of the Commissioners and the Public which he represents to our newly created Borough of Fair Lawn, and, inasmuch as, we believe these greeting in their sincerity represent the feelings of the citizens and people of the Borough of Hawthorne at large.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we accept these greetings in the same manner in which they were extended and give our thanks for same.

Be it further resolved, that we reciprocate by extending our best wishes for success to the Honorable Mayor Arthur Rhodes, his Commissioners, and the people which they represent.

Be it lastly resolved, that these resolutions be spread in full upon our records and that a copy of same be sent to each the Honorable Mayor Arthur Rhodes and the Hawthorne News, in which paper said greetings were extended, seconded by Councilman Hyslop and carried.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Mayor.

STREETS AND STREET LIGHTING

Councilman Houtsma,	Chairman
"	Shortway,
"	Croucher

POLICE AND FIRE

Councilman Croucher,	Chairman
"	Hyslop
"	Shortway

Committees continued:

TAXATION

Councilman Hill, Chairman
" Fox
" Houtsma

STATIONERY, ADVERTISING & PRINTING

Councilman Shortway, Chairman
" Hyslop
" Fox

UTILITIES

Councilman Hyslop, Chairman
" Croucher
" Hill

FINANCE

Councilman Fox, Chairman
" Houtsma
" Hill

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Councilman Croucher, Chairman
" Hill
" Houtsma

By Councilman Croucher:

Resolved:

There being no further business to be transacted I move we adjourn, seconded by Councilman Fox and carried. Time 9.30 O'clock.

Respectfully submitted.

Jasper Van Hook Jr.
Borough Clerk.