

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
March 8, 2018
7:00 PM**

Mayor Fosdick announced that this meeting is being held in accordance with the “Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10 4-6 et seq.” notice of which was sent to the Record, and the Star Ledger on December 28, 2017 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian (7:03pm), Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the chair.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent; Charles Gneiding, Police Captain and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to approve the minutes of the Caucus and Closed Session Meetings of February 22, 2018.

On roll call, Commissioners Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

DISCUSSION

Park Street Municipal Parking Lot

An Lam, owner of Exquisite Wine and Liquor was in attendance. Mr. Lam advised he was present at a meeting in the fall regarding the parking spaces behind the businesses on Main Street off of Park Street. Customers have stated they do not know how to use the parking machine and take their chances when parking. If they get ticketed, they don’t come back to his store. They go to places where parking is free. If you notice, the IGA and Dunkin Donuts spots are always full. In the fall, there was talk of putting back meters or assigning dedicated spaces for free parking. If this can’t be done, he would like to lease spaces from the Village. Commissioner Anlian agreed the parking machine is too confusing and would like 5 spots designated for free parking with a 30 minute time limit. Commissioner MacNeill stated he would like meter heads re-installed. Capt. Gneiding advised the ordinance would need to be amended for free parking spots. Mayor Fosdick advised the parking lot has been discussed and the general consensus is to install meter heads in all parking spots or all but a few spots which would be designated for free parking. He stated the Commissioners will work out the details. Mr. Lam stated free parking would be great for Main Street.

At this time, Mr. Lam left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

02-15 NJLM - Legislative Alert - Informational

02-16 Sen. Paul Sarlo – Hackensack Avenue - Informational

02-17 NJLM – Weekly Update - Informational

02-18 Boggia & Boggia – Inclusionary Developments & Mandatory Set-Asides – The Village Planner must be informed of all development applications to ensure appropriate number of affordable units are constructed.

02-19 Gary Schaer, Assemblyman – DOT Municipal Aid Program – Informational

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- 02-20 Diane Gutierrez-Saccetti, Dept. of Transportation – DOT Municipal Aid Program - Informational
- 02-21 Irish-American Celebration & Flag Raising Ceremony - Informational
- 02-22 Greek Independence Day and Flag Raising Ceremony - Informational
- 02-23 Thomas Rose, Bergen County Dept. of Health – Radon Action Month - Informational
- 02-24 4th of July Committee – Grand Marshal Nominations - Informational
- 03-01 NJLM – Weekly Update - Informational
- 03-02 Sample Marijuana Ordinance - Informational
- 03-03 NJLM – Mayor’s Newsline - Informational
- 03-04 Eric Koenig – 2018 Commencement Ceremony – Mrs. O’Grady will send letter of approval
- 03-05 Cory Booker, US Senator – Investing in Opportunity Act - Informational
- 03-06 NJ Marijuana Retailers Association – Opportunity to Meet – to be discussed at a later date
- 03-07 Rutgers – National Poison Prevention Week – Proclamation for Tues. March 13
- 03-08 Boggia & Boggia – Performance Guarantees Ordinance – Ordinance Introduction on Tues. March 13

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

OLD BUSINESS

Municipal Building Parking Lot Ordinance

The original intent for the Municipal Building parking lot was to have metered parking for the public. This is no longer the case. There will be spaces designated for visitors conducting municipal business. Parking will be restricted to employees and Municipal Building visitors from 2am-5pm. Attorney Boggia will re-draft the ordinance for review.

2018 Salary Ordinance

Mrs. O’Grady will revise the ordinance and distribute for review.

REPORTS

Commissioner Poli advised he attended an Ambulance Corps. Meeting with 3rd party billing as the main discussion.

Commissioner MacNeill is scheduling a meeting with Steve Rogut, Vince Buono and Frank DiMaria to discuss the Capital Budget.

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Commissioner Anlian advised Mark Olson would like to attend an upcoming Caucus meeting to discuss Sustainable NJ.

Mayor Fosdick reminded all March 20th is the Insurance Seminar in Hillsdale. He will draft a letter to Loretta Weinberg regarding OPRA requests. He would like Ken Ochab and the Methodist Church to possibly attend the April 5th Caucus meeting.

Clerk O’Grady advised Harrington Park is hosting the Insurance seminar on March 12th. The Shade Tree Commissioner is having Paul Cowie and Associates conduct an inventory of trees in the Village parks.

Superintendent O’Grady advised the problem the DPW encountered during the last storm was not the snow. The problem was the trees. He complimented the dispatcher on duty and the young officers that assisted the DPW. One of his employees would like to re-landscape the Euclid Avenue plaza.

Captain Gneiding advised 17 tickets were issued and 5 vehicles towed during the last snow storm. The DPW did a great job and parking on streets is permitted.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2018-019 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the public portion of the meeting recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7, 8) Labor Negotiations, Development of Meadowlands, Personnel,

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:55 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Absent
Commissioner Anlian

/s/Theresa A. Kohles
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady

Village Clerk

Approved on March 22, 2018