

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
May 17, 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, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the chair.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of May 3, 2018.

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Leslie Olson, resident and Green Team Representative, advised an 87 page document from Morristown was received regarding a percentage of construction fees being slated for their arts district. Page 45 of this document is what the Green Team is looking to do. Mrs. O’Grady will distribute. Mrs. Olson offered to hang various plaques throughout the Municipal Building.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Fosdick announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2018-043 Authorize Receipt of Bids for Improvements to Hackensack Avenue and Lincoln Avenue
- 2018-044 Approve Liquor License Renewal
- 2018-045 Award Professional Services Contract
- 2018-046 Authorize Issuance of Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- 05-03 State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection – FY2018 Annual Fee Report and Assessment of Fees for the NJ Pollutant Discharge Elimination System - Informational
- 05-04 Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund – 2019-2020 Employment Practices Liability Program - Informational
- 05-05 James Tedesco, County Executive – Military Appreciation Month - Informational

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CORRESPONDENCE – cont.

- 05-06 Local Finance Notice 2018-15 – Senate Bill 1893 “SALT” Charitable Contribution Law - Informational
- 05-07 Twp of Toms River – Sustainable & Resilient Communities Guidance for Municipalities Report - Informational
- 05-08 James Tedesco, County Executive – 2018 Bergen County Open Space Workshop – Commissioner Anlian advised a new application will not be submitted since the Village is receiving funds from last year’s application.
- 05-09 NJLM – Daily Update - Informational
- 05-10 William Betesh – Proposed Tax Appeal Settlement – Resolution to be prepared for May 22, 2018 meeting.
- 05-11 NJLM – Weekly Round-Up - Informational
- 05-12 Bergen County Division of Disability Services – 40th Anniversary Luncheon - Informational
- 05-13 Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office – May 22 Community Meeting - Informational
- 05-14 Bergen County League of Municipalities – Charitable Trust Solution for “SALT” - Informational
- 05-15 Matthew Shin, Bergen County Department of Parks – Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Public Hearing – the hearing will take place June 14, 2018.
- 05-16 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration - Informational
- 05-17 NJLM – Daily Update - Informational
- 05-18 NJLM – Weekly Update - Informational
- 05-19 Deborah Yankow, Bergen County Department of Health Services – Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer - Informational
- 05-20 Bergen County Improvement Authority – Pooled Government Loan Program – Commissioner MacNeill will contact the Auditor.
- 05-21 Elks Club – Annual Flag Day Service - Informational

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Fosdick advised the VFW dedication ceremony is this Saturday with refreshments following at the Rescue Squad. Memorial Day Services are Monday, May 28th – 9:30am Fire Dept. and 11am VFW/American Legion. This weekend is Earth Day weekend at the New Overpeck County Park.

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Clerk O’Grady advised Joanne Bruno, Palermo’s Bakery was unable to attend tonight’s meeting due to a family emergency. She will attend the next Caucus meeting. Mrs. O’Grady inquired about having \$5 jeans day for charity once a month. Commissioners thought it would be a great idea.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Katie Sobko, Reporter with The Record, asked about resolution 2018-046 and the Pedestrian Bridge. The Mayor gave a synopsis of the court decision and where the Village presently stands with the Pedestrian Bridge issues

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2018-047 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 (4, 8) Contract Negotiations, Personnel

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:25 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/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 June 7, 2018