

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK**

**July 19, 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; 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 Anlian to approve the minutes of the Caucus and Closed Session Meetings of June 21, 2018.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the minutes of the Caucus and Closed Session Meetings of July 5, 2018.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Hose Co. No. 3 – New Members

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, Carmine Andriola was accepted as new members of the Village of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department subject to approval by the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association.

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

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:

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| 2018-071 | Authorize Cooperative Pricing Agreement |
| 2018-072 | Authorize Acceptance of Grant Funds and Authorizing Participation in the FY16 National Crime Statistics Exchange Grant Program |
| 2018-073 | Awarding Lincoln Avenue and Hackensack Avenue Improvements Contract |

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Kohles that Resolutions 2018-071 through 2018-073 be approved.

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

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 07-06 NJLM – Weekly Round-Up - Informational
- 07-07 Matthew Saraceno, Cushman & Wakefield – Urban Land Institute Suburban/Urban Marketplace - Informational
- 07-08 Congressman Bill Pascrell Jr. – Firefighter Cancer Registry Act - Informational
- 07-09 State of NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection – 4th Quarter Methane Monitoring Progress Report – Report good for the Village
- 07-10 James Tedesco, County Executive – Colombia Independence Day & Flag Raising Ceremony – Event had taken place
- 07-11 NJLM – Weekly Round-Up - Informational
- 07-12 Thomas Cunningham, Director DLGS – FY2019 Increase in School Aid – Informational. Mrs. O’Grady advised the Interim Business Administrator advised the Board of Education’s tax levy will not be reduced by the additional state aid.
- 07-13 Boswell Engineering – Improvements to Lincoln & Hackensack Avenues – Approved in Consent Agenda
- 07-14 Keith Danish – Pedestrian Bridge – Pedestrian Bridge to be discussed in closed session
- 07-15 Ted Knapp, Rock Our Vets – Fire Watch Festival - Informational
- 07-16 Anthony Suarez, Mayor of Ridgely – Proposed North Bergen Power Plant – Commissioners will review documentation
- 07-17 Stephen Mazzella – Online Neighborhood News – tabled to next Caucus
- 07-18 Boggia & Boggia – Bid Review and Recommendation of Award – Approved in Consent Agenda
- 07-19 RP Police Dept. – Coffee with a Cop - Informational
- 07-20 James Tedesco, County Executive – Indian Independence Day & Flag Raising Ceremony - Informational
- 07-21 James Tedesco, County Executive – Korean Independence Day & Flag Raising Ceremony – Informational

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

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OLD BUSINESS

Municipal Building Parking Lot Ordinance

Commissioner Anlian advised meter heads need to be installed on 5 spaces in the Park Street parking lot with a limit of 30 minutes. Mayor Fosdick advised this needs to get done.

Food Trucks

Mrs. O'Grady advised there has been a growing interest in food trucks in the Village. The Waffle Wagon has been properly licensed and is currently located on Bergen Turnpike. KABR provides food trucks for Samsung employees as an amenity. Steve's Hot Dog Truck, which has been inactive for many years, may re-apply for a license. The Commissioners are all in agreement that an ordinance on food trucks needs to be done.

Airbnb

Not an issue at this time.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Poli advised a citizen called who would like the trees on Main Street pruned. Commissioner Anlian will have the Shade Tree Commission follow up. 25 Edison Street has beds in the living room, looks like a boarding house.

Commissioner Kohles stated neighbors of the Brinkerhoff Street house fire have advised there are rats in the house. Commissioner MacNeill advised the Building Dept. is dealing with the Mortgage Company. The Waffle Wagon would like to be available to the camp children at the pool since the concessionaire doesn't open early.

Commissioner MacNeill stated the auditor advised the adoption of the budget will take place at the 1st meeting in August as long as no amendments need to be done. There is a proposed 10 unit apartment building on Teaneck Road/Brinkerhoff Street.

Mayor Fosdick made reference to a letter received from Diane Maglione. Mrs. O'Grady will provide a copy to the Police Department. Also, a letter was received from a DPW employee asking for a leave of absence. Mr. O'Grady believes the intent for a leave of absence is for medical reasons, military duty, etc. The Board of Commissioners will not grant a leave of absence.

Clerk O'Grady advised the RP Moms are organizing a school supply drive and would like to leave a collection box in the Municipal Building. The Board of Commissioners granted permission. The Waffle Wagon would like to open during the concert series at McGowan Park. The Commissioners granted permission as long as the generator isn't too loud. "Midge" notice was placed on the website after numerous calls and complaints.

Superintendent O'Grady advised Boswell's estimate is a lot higher than what the actual bid and estimated costs are. The Environmental Protection Agency conducted an 8 hour evaluation on the sewer system. The Village passed and is up to date on all reports. Next deadline is July 2020.

Captain Gneiding advised the Police Dept. is aware of the 4th Street situation and keeping an eye on the situation.

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CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2018-074 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, 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) Pedestrian Bridge, 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 7:40 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, 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.

/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 August 9, 2018