

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK**

October 4, 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, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the chair.

Absent: Commissioner Kohles

Also present: William Betesh, Village Attorney; 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 September 20, 2018.

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

Absent: Commissioner Kohles

DISCUSSION

John Tymon, 4th of July Chairman, was in attendance to discuss ideas for the 125th anniversary of the Village’s 4th of July parade next year. There was discussion on having a committee float honoring the anniversary, past grand marshals will be asked to participate in the parade, a time capsule, evening concert and the possibility of fireworks. The Board of Commissioners was receptive to the ideas. Mayor Fosdick did advise the only issue would be the budget – Police and DPW overtime costs and security measures. Mr. Tymon wanted the Commissioners to know the 4th of July Committee did not want to overstep without consulting with them first.

At this time, Mr. Tymon left the meeting.

Marijuana Ordinance

Mayor Fosdick advised as per the Westwood Police Chief – according to NJ State Law – if you approve a medical dispensary facility, you automatically grant a recreational use dispensary. The Board of Commissioners want clarification on this – Bill Betesh will research.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

2018-098 Authorize Application for Sustainable Jersey Grant

Mark Olson, Ridgefield Park Green Team, was in attendance to discuss the Sustainable Jersey Grant. The Bergen Hub of Green Teams needs a fiscal agent for this grant. Ridgefield Park will be the agent. Styrofoam can be recycled. The BCUA currently does not have the capacity to handle Styrofoam recycling. There will be 12 stations in Bergen County collecting the Styrofoam over the next 18 months and it will be delivered to a company in Springfield. The thought is to create a program that the BCUA would eventually take over.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli, that Resolution 2018-098 be approved.

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

Absent: Commissioner Kohles

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CORRESPONDENCE

09-14 NJLM – Weekly Round-Up - Informational

09-15 Laurie Ludmer – Meadowlands Power Plant – Ken Dolsky and Laurie Ludmer, representatives of the coalition to stop the Meadowlands Gas Plant were in attendance. Mr. Dolsky stated the plant needs an air quality permit from the DEP. Ozone credits can be purchased from companies that have shut down. They will probably receive the permit. The gases that would be released from this plant are methane, CO₂, nitrous oxides, sulfur oxides, etc. Mr. Dolsky advised if the Board approves a resolution, it will have a meaningful impact. 10 towns in Bergen County have passed resolutions opposing the plant. Ms. Ludmer added the plant is of no benefit to the State of NJ; only added pollution and premature death. Commissioner Anlian thanked Mr. Dolsky and Ms. Ludmer for being advocates for the environment. Mayor Fosdick advised the Commissioners are in the process of making inquiries. They would like to hear both sides before making a decision. Discussions on this matter will continue.

At this time, Mr. Dolsky and Ms. Ludmer left the meeting.

09-16 PSE&G – Awareness Program for Emergency Officials - Informational

09-17 NJLM – Weekly Round-Up - Informational

10-01 Boggia & Boggia – VRP v. COAH Request for Extension of Immunity - Informational

10-02 Boggia & Boggia – Letter to William McTear, If it's Water, Inc. - Informational

10-03 Sajid Khan – Brainset Day - Informational

10-04 Eileen Ortiz, Pasteles Y Mas – Anniversary Party – Resolution to be prepared for October 9th meeting. Ms. Ortiz is to notify the neighbors of the street closure.

10-05 Mott MacDonald – CSO Long Term Plan – Boggia & Boggia will reach out the developer's attorney

10-06 Zoning Board – SP Equity Consulting, 53 Bergen Turnpike – see 10-05

10-07 NJLM – 21st Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame - Informational

10-08 Local Finance Notice 2018-25 - Informational

10-09 Mark Olson – 1% for Arts – Mark Olson stated Morristown adjusted their Master Plan. Commissioner Anlian stated the concept is a good idea.

10-10 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances - Informational

10-11 Zoning Board – 245-249 Teaneck Road - Informational

10-12 RP Environmental Commission – 53 Bergen Turnpike – see 10-05

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COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner MacNeill stated he shut down the Lincoln Avenue job. The contractor is so bad. Mayor Fosdick will call Mike Kelly.

Commissioner Anlian advised he will not be at the next Caucus.

Mayor Fosdick advised the Pedestrian Bridge meeting with the County Executive and the Turnpike Authority has been postponed until November 19th. At the Nature Preserve “check presentation”, County Executive Tedesco stated the County is 100% behind the Pedestrian Bridge, whatever the cost. The Board of Commissioners discussed the NJLOM Conference – one (1) professional development day will be granted to non-department head personnel attending the conference. The Masons/Knights softball game is Saturday at 10am, luncheon to follow at Masonic Temple.

Captain Gneiding advised the “Cop Card” program started. The police officers will be wearing ping t-shirts for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Absent
Commissioner Anlian

Abstain
Commissioner Kohles

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on October 18, 2018