

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK**

**August 20, 2015
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 31, 2014 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Joseph Voytus Esq., Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting and Closed Session Meetings of August 6, 2015.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, 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

2015-097 Approve Liquor License Renewals

2015-098 Approve Employment Contract with PBA Local 86 and Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract on Behalf of the Village of Ridgefield Park

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

08-03 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances - Informational

08-04 NJLM – League’s Annual Audit Statement - Informational

08-05 State of NJ, Department of Transportation – 2016 State Aid Programs – Mr. O’Grady advised the application is for Challenger Road and East Winant sidewalks. Commissioner MacNeill suggested to Mr. O’Grady to inquire if the bike paths can be redone.

08-06 Charles Liebling – Matrix Reinstatement – The Board of Commissioners position has not changed. Mr. Boggia advised that Matrix would like to meet with the Village’s professionals.

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- 08-07 Tony Noce – High School State Report – Mayor Fosdick had told Mr. Boggia to contact Mr. Noce and advise him to meet with Dr. Richardson, Mr. Koenig and the Board of Education regarding the report. The Mayor also advised he is meeting with Dr. Richardson and Mr. Koenig with regards to the residents questions/issues with Mr. Kilmurray's camp.
- 08-08 George Stafford, NJ Highlands Coalition – Resolution of Support – Commissioner Anlian stated the resolution is only in support of the NJ Highlands Act. Commissioner Boyd felt passing the resolution may raise a flag due to the existing sewer issues. Commissioner Poli stated the Village should conduct more research. Mr. Voytus will reach out to Montvale.

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to suspend the order of business. All present in favor, none opposed.

Joseph Taylor, President of Matrix was in attendance. Mr. Taylor is requesting approval from The Board of Commissioners for Matrix's professionals to meet with Ken Ochab on the Village's COAH obligations for the Challenger Road sites. Mr. Taylor did state that Matrix will pay for the interactions and hopes to get re-instated as developer.

Commissioner MacNeill advised the Village has not obtained new information on the obligations.

Mr. Voytus advised the Village's first case management conference is scheduled for September 2nd.

Commissioner Boyd advised Mr. Taylor that since Mr. Ochab is on vacation; perhaps a meeting should be scheduled for after Labor Day and after the court conference.

The Board of Commissioners has agreed to allow Matrix to meet with Mr. Ochab.

At this time, Mr. Taylor left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE – cont.

- 08-09 Christine Sanz – Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board Meetings Cancelled - Informational
- 08-10 NJ Alliance for Immigration Justice – Supporting Expanding Access to Drivers Licenses to Undocumented New Jerseyans – The Board of Commissioners discussed and will not take a position on this issue.
- 08-11 Bill Pascrell, Jr. – 2015 Congressional Health Fair - Informational
- 08-12 NJLM – 2015 League Conference Resolutions - Informational
- 08-13 Adam Altman, KABR – Challenger Road Vacant Parcels - see Resolution 2015-099

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CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2015-099 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, 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) Development of Meadowlands

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:20 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd advised the County Tax Court judgements have been received. There is \$150,000.00 in tax appeals; \$115,000.00 is Challenger Road appeals. She also advised all the Pool Manager is very ill and have lost her for the season.

Commissioner Poli discussed a resident's issue regarding a sewer problem.

Commissioner MacNeill advised renovations have begun on the Veterans Park bathrooms.

Mayor Fosdick stated the portion of Challenger Road that is owned by the Village needs repair. Mr. O'Grady advised the DPW has repaired some potholes. The Mayor advised the Hackensack Riverkeeper Awards Ceremony is the same date as an October Caucus Meeting. The Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner is Sept. 25th. He will be hosting a Cocktail Party on Sept. 26th. He suggested the Board of Commissioners pass a resolution to sell the old Hose Co. No. 4 on Gov.com. Boggia & Boggia will prepare the resolution. The Mayor also stated Industrial Avenue is a disaster and needs work.

DPW Superintendent O'Grady advised the concrete work has begun on Hazelton Street. The paving will take place after Labor Day. He stated some Hazelton Street residents have inquired about possible reimbursement for concrete work they have had done.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Absent
Commissioner Anlian

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner Poli

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on September 3, 2015