

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK**

**July 9, 2015  
7:00 PM**

Commissioner Anlian 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: Philip Boggia Esq., Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent; Ed Rose, Chief of Police 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 the Closed Session Meeting of June 18, 2015.

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

**NEW BUSINESS  
RESOLUTION**

2015-082      Authorize Termination of Matrix Development Group as Redeveloper for the Challenger Road Parcels

Mr. Boggia advised Matrix would like another extension without posting additional funds. Commissioner MacNeill stated Matrix has been given more than enough time and must turn over all reports if terminated.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, that Resolution 2015-082 be approved.

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

**DISCUSSION**

John Mosca of Donohue, Gironde, & Doria advised December 18<sup>th</sup> is the last pay date in 2015. According to the 2015 pay date schedule, employees are currently being paid for hours they have not worked. The first pay period in 2016 should be closer to the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. Clifton is currently going through the same issue and has changed their pay periods to bi-monthly instead of bi-weekly. Commissioner Boyd added if the Village changes to bi-monthly, less paychecks but larger paycheck amount. Mr. O’Grady inquired how the DPW would be paid since they are hourly employees. He added, when DPW employees were hired, their first weekly paychecks were held back a week and are still owed this money. December 18, 2015 to January 15, 2016 is too long of a stretch to go without a paycheck. Mr. Mosca stated one option is to phase in the new pay schedule by staggering the pay dates. Chief Rose advised the pay date is stipulated in the PBA contract. Mr. Mosca suggested meeting with all Department Heads to discuss a plan of action which would be fair to the employees.

At this time, Mr. Mosca left the meeting.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 06-44 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – "Roadmap to Resolution" – The League would like municipalities to complete a survey on medical coverage
- 06-45 Craig Bossong Esq. – River Road Drainage – Mayor Fosdick will draft a letter to Mr. Bossong. Mr. O'Grady advised he is attending a County meeting next week with Bogota and Boswell Engineering.
- 06-46 Francis Cavallone – 131 Bergen Turnpike – Mrs. O'Grady to print lien information and research contact information for Mr. Cavallone.
- 06-47 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Bottled Water Recall - Informational
- 06-48 Tyree Environmental Corp. – 125 Railroad Avenue - Informational
- 06-49 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Legislative Update - Informational
- 06-50 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Sunset of certain provisions of c. 78 Pension & Healthcare Reform – Resolution to be prepared for July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting confirming state law on health benefits
- 06-51 Phil Boggia – Letter to Daekyo, 105 Challenger Road – Mr. Boggia stated he has received a response
- 06-52 Phil Boggia – Matrix – Moot point
- 06-53 Mike Kelly – Letter to FEMA – Flood Mapping – Informational
- 06-54 Phil Boggia – Real Estate Purchase Agreement – 70 Challenger Road - Informational
- 06-55 John Rolak – Skymark - Informational
- 06-56 Gary Brown, RT Environmental Services – Review of Environ Report on Matrix – Moot point
- 07-01 State of NJ, Dept. of Environmental Protection – CSO Stay Request – Mr. Boggia to contact Lou Goldshaw to schedule a meeting. Mayor Fosdick stated the government should go after everyone, not just the CSO municipalities. "Run-off" is the main cause of pollution.
- 07-02 State of NJ, Dept. of Environmental Protection – Adjudicatory Hearing – Hearing has been granted.
- 07-03 Phil Boggia – Letter to Matrix – Methane Investigation & Analysis – Moot point
- 07-04 State of NJ, Department of Transportation – Safe Streets – Informational
- 07-05 James Tedesco, County Executive – Grants for Disaster Recovery - Informational
- 07-06 Bergen Record Article – Pay Periods – See Discussion
- 07-07 Charter Communications/Time Warner – Cable Franchise - Informational

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**CORRESPONDENCE – cont.**

07-08 Boggia & Boggia – Don Epstein Letter, Matrix – Moot point

07-09 Michael Pagan – Bergen County 2015 Concert Series - Informational

07-10 Boggia & Boggia – COAH, Complaint for Declaratory Judgement - Informational

07-11 Boggia & Boggia – Response to Don Epstein, Matrix – Moot point

07-12 Starplex Cinemas – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Gross Receipts - Informational

07-13 Joseph Baumann Jr email – COAH – To be discussed in closed session

07-14 Ken Ochab email – Skymark – To be discussed in closed session

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No citizens present.

**REPORTS**

**Commissioner Boyd** distributed grant reserves reports. The funds should be spent. Chief Rose advised the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund is governed by the state. Discussion on the Personnel Policy will be at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Caucus meeting. Commissioner Boyd inquired if there has been a response to the Boggia & Boggia letter sent to 105 Challenger Road. Mr. Boggia advised not at this time.

**Commissioner Poli** advised he attended the BMED (Bergen Municipal Employees Benefit Fund) meeting. There is a new prescribed cholesterol drug the BMED is against covering. Also, new municipalities have joined the fund. The Village is rated 17 out of 23 on the loss frequency report. He advised emphasis should be placed on safety.

**Commissioner MacNeill** advised the new lights at Veterans Park are operational. The track is lit every night.

**Commissioner Anlian** advised he attended the Planning Board meeting on Monday with Skymark being the main topic of discussion. Mr. O’Grady stated their “Impact Study” reflects no impact to the DPW – does not feel that is realistic. Commissioner Anlian stated if the Village accepts the new roads, there will be an impact. If the roads are to be private, it should be stated in writing the Village is not responsible.

**Mayor Fosdick** announced FEMA has approved a grant for the firehouse generators. There will be a Mutual Aid drill in the County Park this weekend. Monday begins the County’s “Table-Top” drills on the crude oil. He advised the County would like to meet to discuss the Fire Department’s use of the County Park. The Bogota Billboard hearing has been postponed. With regards to the newspaper article on the Board of Education’s Credit Rating, Mayor Fosdick stated he has been advised the reason for the decrease was due to the use of their surplus for the St. Francis project and buses instead of going out to bond. Teterboro BBQ is July 22<sup>nd</sup>. August 12<sup>th</sup> – The Mayor will be hosting the Rotary meeting. Mayor Fosdick asked Mrs. O’Grady to respond to the acknowledgement from the Port Authority of NY & NJ of the forming of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Teterboro Airport Part 150 Study.

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**Clerk O’Grady** advised the County is accepting applications for the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program. The deadline to file is September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Superintendent O’Grady** stated he has spoken to Larry Stefanile, and improvements to the Little League Field and the Veterans Park Baseball Field would qualify for the Open Space Grant.

**Chief Rose** advised the pay stations should be operating soon. A full-time dispatcher is leaving and the new Parking Enforcement Officer will be taking that position resulting in the need to hire a Parking Enforcement Officer.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Resolution:

2015-083 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, 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 8:30 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Absent

Commissioner Anlian

/s/Margaret R. Boyd

Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill

Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli

Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick

Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady

Village Clerk

Approved on July 23, 2015