

COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
May 21, 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: Philip Boggia Esq., Village Attorney 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 of May 7, 2015.

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

DISCUSSION

Ken Ochab was in attendance to discuss COAH.

Mayor Fosdick stated homes in Ridgefield Park were built prior to zoning laws. In 2010, it was reported 38% of homes in the Village were 100+ years old. The per capita income is below the assembly district. The Village is affordable already and has been in compliance.

Mr. Ochab advised the Village has to submit their plan by the end of June. The courts will then rule on the Village’s obligation. He advised the Village can’t avoid the “growth aspect”. Skymark and Matrix will be part of our growth component and will be responsible to comply.

Commissioner Anlian stated Ridgefield Park far exceeds affordable housing already. The Village should get credit for affordability of housing it already has.

Mr. Boggia advised the Village has to protect itself against a lawsuit which could tie up the development of Skymark and Matrix. The problem is “growth share.” The Village needs a back-up plan.

Mr. Ochab will submit to the courts that Ridgefield Park has already met their requirements for affordable housing.

At this time Mr. Ochab left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

05-15 Mike Kelly, Boswell Engineering – FEMA Flood Maps – Revisions are to made in the letters to residents

05-16 Samsung Electronics – Use of Vacant Lot – Mrs. O’Grady will contact Samsung they could use the lot on June 5th

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- 05-17 Bob Olson, Historic Preservation Commission – “Welcome to RP” Signs – to be forwarded to DPW
- 05-18 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – COAH - Informational
- 05-19 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Weekly Policy Update - Informational
- 05-20 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Resolutions - Informational
- 05-21 Stephen Quinn – Snow Removal - Informational
- 05-22 State of NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection – Request for Adjudicatory Hearing – Informational
- 05-23 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Deptford v Police Camera Mandate - Informational
- 05-24 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Verizon - Informational
- 05-25 Mark Olson – Highland Place Block Party – Resolution to be prepared for May 26th meeting
- 05-26 Mayor Fosdick’s Draft – FEMA Letter to Residents – see 05-15
- 05-26A Mike Kelly, Boswell Engineering – 2015 Road Improvement Project - Resolution to be prepared for May 26th meeting
- 05-27 Zoning Board of Adjustment – 5-19-15 Agenda - Informational
- 05-28 Larry Stefanile – Sustainable Jersey – Commissioner Anlian to forward to Environmental Commission
- 05-29 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Weekly Policy Update – Informational
- 05-30 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Changes - Informational
- 05-31 Mark Cacciabarne – Pine Street Block Party - Resolution to be prepared for May 26th meeting
- 05-32 Teterboro Airport – Fleet Week - Informational
- 05-33 Planning Board – 100 Challenger Road – Mr. Boggia advised KABR is adding additional parking spaces
- 05-34 Carlos Cifuentes – 164 Overpeck Avenue – Mr. Boggia will contact the property owner

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ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2015-06

2015-06 CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE VILLAGE'S RESERVE FROM SALE OF MUNICIPAL ASSETS.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner Boyd read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on June 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner MacNeill.

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Poli read the Loss Time Frequency Report.

Commissioner Anlian announced Andy Ranaudo is this year's 4th of July Grand Marshal.

Mayor Fosdick reminded all the Memorial Day Services are Monday – 9:30am is the Fire Department Service and 11:00am is the Veterans Service. The League of Municipalities awarded Roosevelt School \$1,000 for participating in the Mayor's Book Club. He advised he attended the High School Academic Awards Ceremony.

Attorney Boggia advised he reached out to Louis Goldshore, an Environmental Attorney, regarding the Village's CSO issue.

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

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on June 4, 2015