

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
February 19, 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 (7:05), 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 Closed Session Meeting of February 5, 2015.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$5,491,907.40.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

DISCUSSIONS

Combined Sewer Overflows

Steven Rogut, Rogut McCarthy LLC, was in attendance. Mayor Fosdick explained the Village has been in compliance with the State and has spent millions of dollars over the years doing so. The State and EPA would like all CSOs eliminated. However, there would be no measurable impact on water quality. There are three possible plans of action: separate the sewer system, end of pipe disinfection, holding tanks. There will be a long term financial impact to the community since the total cost of implementation could reach \$50-\$100 million dollars. This year, \$200,000 will be added to the budget to cover the GIS Mapping, signage, and public notifications. If efforts are joined with Fort Lee and Hackensack, the Village will save time and money. Mr. Rogut stated he has a call into the State Trust Funding Group for their plans with assisting municipalities. He also stated he will assist in contacting Fort Lee and Hackensack.

Skymark

Tony Noce, Skymark, was in attendance. Mr. Noce advised the Board of Commissioners that Skymark has met with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission. The south end of the property, eagle nest area, is untouchable. An alternate nesting tower must be put in place per the State. Skymark’s plans have been re-designed adding two floors to the residential buildings. The development will consist of metal studs instead of wood framing. They have also met with the NJ Transit Authority. Two bus stops are planned for the complex with the possibility of a park & ride lot. The site plan is being prepared for approval for next month. The sale of the Turnpike property will be on the Turnpike’s March meeting agenda.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 02-11 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinance Introductions - Informational
- 02-12 Bill Betesh – Holy Name Real Estate Corp. Tax Appeal – Minutes/resolution from original agreement with Holy Name are to be reviewed before approval.
- 02-13 Property Tax in NJ - Informational
- 02-14 Boggia & Boggia – Parking Vehicles on Skymark Property - Informational
- 02-15 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Complimentary Visit by NJ Hall of Fame - Informational
- 02-16 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Transportation Trust Fund - Informational
- 02-17 PJ Lonnema email – Litter Ordinance – Ordinance to be reviewed prior to a response
- 02-18 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinance Adoption - Informational
- 02-19 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – League Professional Development Program – OPRA - Informational
- 02-20 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – League Professional Development Program – Disciplinary Actions in Public Sector - Informational
- 02-21 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Weekly Policy Update - Informational
- 02-22 Cindy Randazzo, DEP – National Disaster Relief Competition Application Public Hearings - Informational
- 02-23 Troop 3 – Eagle Scout Ceremony – Mrs. O’Grady to prepare proclamation and order plaque
- 02-24 Eileen Machesy-Karpoff – Library Parking – Chief Rose stated unless the Commissioners want to change the ordinance, parking regulations will be enforced. The Police Department has met and offered visitor parking passes to alleviate the parking problems with the Library Director.
- 02-25 Bill Betesh – Tax Appeal – 36 Mt. Vernon Street – Resolution to be prepared for the February 24, 2015 meeting.
- 02-26 State of NJ Council on Affordable Housing – 2014 COAH Monitoring - Informational
- 02-27 Boggia & Boggia – Dr. Robert Forte, Rialto Theatre - Informational
- 02-28 Borough of Bogota – CBS Billboard Hearing – Mr. Boggia advised the Village will be represented at the hearing.
- 02-29 Kevin Kelly – 55 Challenger Road Parking – Mr. Boggia advised the parking of cars will be short term.

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CORRESPONDENCE – cont.

02-30 Boggia & Boggia Email – Challenger Road Pothole Problems – Mr. O’Grady advised the County is paving Challenger Road in the spring.

02-31 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Police Car Camera Mandate – the Police Department is in compliance.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd stated the Employee Handbook will be discussed at the next Caucus meeting. The Annual Street Fair will be held on September 19, 2015. The Police Department will have to add the maintenance of the parking meters to their budget.

Mayor Fosdick advised the Alumni Homecoming will be the weekend of September 26, 2015 and the Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner on September 25, 2015. He advised that all received a memo from Donna Rose-McEntee regarding the website and an event calendar. Commissioner Boyd advised Wes Hudson has offered to design and maintain the website. Mayor Fosdick stated the Soccer Dance is next Saturday night. The Elks Citizen of the Year is Dave Cathcart and the dinner is Saturday, March 14. He announced Rick Lutz is retiring. The Village will attempt to sell the old Hose Co. No. 4 fire truck, if not, will donate.

Superintendent O’Grady advised the street lights on Main Street are out due to PSE&G cutting the line. They should not be able to start up their project until the line is repaired. He also advised the BCUA sewer charges increased by \$40,000

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/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 March 5, 2015