

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
January 22, 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; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of January 8, 2015.

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

Abstain: Commissioner Boyd

DISCUSSION

Mayor Fosdick stated the CSO compliance project is a monstrous problem. He informed all, as per John Rolak, the State DEP will not allow Ridgefield Park to work with the Passaic Valley Sewer Authority on the CSO issues since the Village is not part of the Passaic Watershed. The Village should attempt to join forces with Hackensack and Fort Lee. If alone, the final plan will have to be prepared in 3 years instead of 5 years and the Village may not be eligible for aid. The Mayor will draft a letter to Hackensack and Fort Lee. Alan O’Grady stated the GSI mapping should be completed in 6 months. The BCUA is allowing Ridgefield Park to use their base maps. Commissioner Anlian stated a letter should be sent to the DEP asking why the Village cannot link with the Passaic Valley Sewer Authority.

CORRESPONDENCE

01-09 Hartz Mountain – Rent Overpayment – Commissioner Boyd inquired if the overpayment was verified.

01-10 GJEM Insurance – 2015 Elected Officials Training – The Commissioners will attend the February 9th session.

01-11 Dr. Robert Forte – Notice to Property Owners – Rialto Property – Commissioner MacNeill stated the Zoning Board is inclined to approve the project. The Village will have Ken Ochab look at the plans and testify at hearing.

01-12 NJLM 100th Anniversary and Dressel Retirement Banquet - Informational

01-13 Boggia & Boggia – Letter to Edward Kiel Esq. – Starplex – Phil Boggia gave his interpretation of the original approval. KABR is taking the stand that matinees are not permitted and has file a lawsuit against Starplex

01-14 McNerney & Associates – Ground Lease Appraisal for 75 Challenger Road – Starplex and KABR are interested in purchasing the ground lease.

CORRESPONDENCE – cont.

- 01-15 Jeff Saxton – US Gun Law – The Board of Commissioners have reviewed matter and their position has not changed.
- 01-16 Matrix Letter – Methane Levels – Matrix wants to re-negotiate, would like an extension to the due diligence period of 90 days. The Village will allow a 30 day extension. The Village needs a specialist on the topic.
- 01-17 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Celebrating the History of the League - Informational
- 01-18 RP Zoning Board – January 20, 2015 Meeting Agenda - Informational
- 01-19 Eileen Mackesy-Karpoff – Street Parking - Letter forwarded to Chief Rose
- 01-20 RP Zoning Board – 172 Main Street – see 01-11
- 01-21 Boggia & Boggia – Merchant Services Agreement – Commissioner Boyd stated TD Bank’s agreement is not reasonable and has reached out to Oritani Bank.
- 01-22 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Local Transportation Aid - Informational
- 01-23 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Taxpayer Relief - Informational
- 01-24 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Projects - Informational
- 01-25 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – New Content on DLGS Website - Informational
- 01-26 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Weekly Policy Update - Informational
- 01-27 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Budgeting for the Elected Officials Seminar - Informational
- 01-28 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Annual Campaign Contribution Notice - Informational
- 01-29 NJLM Membership Advisory – NJ Municipalities Magazine Online - Informational
- 01-30 SNJ Department of Environmental Protection – National Disaster Resiliency Competition Session - Informational
- 01-31 Tara O’Grady email to Barbara Rae, Edgewater Clerk – Assistance - Informational
- 01-32 Boggia & Boggia – Skymark – Storage of new and used vehicles is ok for 6 months

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd advised all Budget sheets must be handed in by next Tuesday. The Baseball Organization is hosting a fundraiser – “Tony Soprano’s Retirement Dinner” Commissioner Boyd will be meeting with Joe Voytus on updating the employee handbook.

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Attorney Boggia advised KABR wants to add 48 parking spaces to 100 Challenger Road. The Starplex liquor license transfer is almost complete. The liquor sales are part of concessions.

Mayor Fosdick advised Patrolmen Steven Fernandez and Kenneth Van Sadlers were sworn in yesterday. The other officer is currently in the police academy and will graduate in February.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2015-011 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, 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) Pending Litigation, Contract Negotiations

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:50 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.

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 February 5, 2015