

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
February 18, 2016
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 28, 2015 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian (7:06), Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Absent: Commissioner Poli

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent; Vince Buono, CFO and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of February 4, 2016.

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

Absent: Commissioners Anlian, Poli

CORRESPONDENCE

02-08 NJLM – 24th Annual Mayor’s Legislative Day Recap - Informational

02-09 Boggia & Boggia – Papa’s Sand & Gravel – Mr. Boggia will send letter ceasing their agreement. Commissioner Boyd inquired about repossessing their machinery.

02-10 US Dept. of Commerce – Survey - Informational

02-11 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update - Informational

02-12 RP Planning Board – Skymark Amendment – Mr. Boggia advised Skymark is reducing the retail component and increasing the number of residential units.

02-13 Eileen Karpoff – Thank You - Informational

02-14 NJ Department of Environmental Protection – All Granite Enterprises - Informational

02-15 Eagle Scout Invitation - Informational

02-16 Board of Chosen Freeholders – February 2016 America Heart Month Resolution - Informational

02-17 Gary Schaer – Bills signed by Governor - Informational

02-18 NJLM – Daily Update - Informational

02-19 NJLM – Bill A-302 – Informational

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02-20 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update - Informational

02-21 Boggia & Boggia – 105 Challenger Road – Mr. Boggia advised he is currently working on the purchase contract. An invoice was sent for the 2016 1st quarter ground lease.

02-22 Website Info – The Commissioners advised on changes

02-23 NJLM – Governor Presents State Budget Proposal - Informational

DISCUSSION

2016 Budget

Commissioner Boyd stated, under the advisement of Bill Betesh, the Tax Appeal line should be increased to \$115,000 – \$120,000.

Commissioner Anlian advised there are corrections that need to be made to a few of his budget accounts.

Mayor Fosdick advised the Library has decreased its budget by \$40,000 on their own. The goal is to keep the tax rate the same or less than last year.

Mr. Buono stated he is confident with the proposed 2016 budget.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Mayor Fosdick stated Congressman Pascrell will be at Hose Co. No. 4 next Tuesday for a presentation by the Fire Department.

Chief Financial Officer Buono advised the annual financial statement reflects there is a lot of grant money remaining in trust funds. He will reach out to Commissioners and Department Heads for assistance with account balances.

Superintendent O’Grady advised the Environmental Commission needs to get involved with the CSO issue as an advisory committee. They will need to attend meetings with Hackensack, Fort Lee, the County and Engineers. Mr. O’Grady stated the DEP has made funds available (interest free) for CSO planning. The Commissioners agreed to have John Rolak apply for these funds. Mayor Fosdick stated the Environmental Commission should join Sustainable NJ.

Attorney Boggia stated he has been in contact with Boswell Engineering regarding the US Soccer Foundation Grant and Hellas Construction. He advised it is more of a discount than a grant. The Soccer Association Representatives should meet with Boswell Engineering to clarify issues.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2016-019 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, 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 (4) Litigation, Development of Meadowlands

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:00 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, 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

Absent
Commissioner Poli

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on March 3, 2016

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor