

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
November 6, 2014
6:30 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 January 7, 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: Joseph Voytus, Esq.; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent; Edward Rose, Chief of Police; and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of October 23, 2014.

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Robert Carlson, VFW Representative, advised the closing date of the VFW land donation is November 18, 2014. A copy of the adopted ordinance is to be sent to Walter Dorgan, Esq. Mr. Carlson inquired about the memorial. Mayor Fosdick advised a detailed resolution will be prepared. Mayor Fosdick advised utility bills need to be put in Village’s name and the land, building need to be added to insurance.

CORRESPONDENCE

10-37 Boggia & Boggia – Letters to Lyndhurst – Payment has been deferred until 2015

10-38 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Constitutional Issues Involving Holiday Displays – Informational

10-39 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Weekly Policy Update - Informational

10-40 NJLM – Local Public Contracts Law Series No. 1 – A Primer on Public Bidding – Mrs. O’Grady will order one copy

10-41 Jerry Binney, County Administrator – Bakken Oil Summit – Informational

10-42 Barbara DeLuca – Historic Preservation Committee Appointee – Resolution to be prepared for November 11, 2014 meeting

10-43 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances - Informational

10-44 Robert Binetti – Sidewalk – The Shade Tree Commission will be discussing Mr. Binetti’s issue at the November 10th meeting. Mayor Fosdick advised Commissioner Anlian that Mr. and Mrs. Binetti should be invited to attend the meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE – (cont.)

- 10-45 RPJrSrHS – Project Graduation Fashion Show - Informational
- 10-46 Boggia & Boggia – Matrix Redevelopment – No update per Mr. Voytus
- 10-47 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Transportation Funding – Informational - Mayor Fosdick advised to expect gasoline tax
- 10-48 Asst. Chief Wagner – 125th Anniversary of Fire Department – Mayor Fosdick informed the thought is to have a parade followed by a celebration
- 10-49 Asst. Chief Wagner – 125th Anniversary Committee – see 10-49
- 11-01 Larry Stefanile – Proposed Community Development Projects – Resolutions to be prepared for November 11, 2014 meeting.
- 11-02 Marcus Sylvester, FEMA – Fire Department Grant – Folder should be prepared for all documentation on FEMA grant
- 11-03 State of NJ, Dept. of Transportation – Bergen County Streets Planning & Design Workshop - Informational
- 11-04 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Weekly Policy Update - Informational
- 11-05 Mayor Fosdick Memo – Samsung – Ridgefield Park will likely remain as Samsung’s National Headquarters
- 11-06 Doug Hansen – CERT Members - Resolution to be prepared for November 11, 2014 meeting
- 11-07 NJLM – Education Opportunities for Newly Elected Officials – Informational

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd advised 100 Challenger Road will receive a \$500,000.00 tax appeal settlement.

Commissioner Poli advised a resident inquired about talking crosswalks at traffic signals. Chief Rose stated the only crosswalk the Village would be responsible for is Main/Cedar Street since the others are County Roads. Chief Rose will inquire with the County. Commissioner Poli advised a budget transfer from DPW to Ambulance Corps. needs to be processed. Mrs. O’Grady advised Commissioner Poli that he is over the bid threshold with the Ambulance Corps. purchase order for Physio-Control Corps. If the bill is brought down just below the bid threshold, Mr. Voytus stated he will need quotes. Commissioner Poli advised medical benefits are increasing 20%.

Commissioner Anlian advised Kerstin Keyser is to be appointed to the Board of Health as an Associate Member of the Shade Tree Commission. He completed his deposition in reference to the lawsuit regarding 19 Grand Avenue. He advised since the Village has a Shade Tree Commissioner with an approved Community Forestry Plan and annually completed education credits, the case will probably be thrown out.

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Mayor Fosdick advised Tuesday, November 11th is a Federal Holiday. The Veterans Day observance will be at 11am at the monument. The Bogota Billboard hearing has been postponed to November 12th. The Village should be represented. Asst. Principal, Michelle Aughey, is retiring from the High School. Her retirement party is being held on November 24th at the Brownstone. Jeans for GI's is Wednesday, November 12th. Mayor Fosdick distributed a draft letter from Doug Hansen requesting shelter donations. Letter is ok to distribute to local businesses. Mayor Fosdick would like Arthur Carlson, Tax Assessor; John Mosca, Auditor's Office; Robert Benecke, Economist; and Bill Betesh, Village Attorney's Office to be in attendance at a future meeting to discuss the effects of the Challenger Road tax appeals.

Clerk O'Grady inquired if the parking moratorium will be in effect for December. The survey results will be distributed and discussed at the next meeting.

Chief Rose advised the Historic Preservation Commission inquired about ID cards. There is a system for under \$4000 the Village should consider purchasing that could process cards for all the commissions. The Historic Commission is looking into decorative pole covers for Main Street.

DISCUSSION

Proposed Resolutions for Land Sale Proceeds – to be determined after tax appeal impact has been discussed.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2014-175 Closed Session

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 (8) Personnel Matters

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

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 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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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 November 20, 2014