

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
October 9, 2014
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 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.; Edward Rose, Chief of Police; Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent 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 September 18, 2014.

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

DISCUSSION

Mike Kelly, Boswell Engineering, was in attendance to discuss the FEMA Flood Maps. He advised recommendations were sent to FEMA after reviewing their Preliminary Maps and some revisions were made. The maps will determine if residents will be required to obtain flood insurance. FEMA will be hosting an Open House in early 2015 for the public to review the maps and voice their concerns. After the Open House, there will be a 3 month appeal and comment period. FEMA will then issue a Letter of Final Determination and the Village will have 6 months to amend/adopt the Flood Prevention Ordinance. Mayor Fosdick asked what the impacts are for the Village other than insurance. Mr. Kelly advised if the Village does not comply, residents will not be eligible for flood insurance. Mike Kelly will prepare a notice for the next edition of the Village Newsletter advising the affected residents of the upcoming Open House.

Mike Kelly advised the Board of Commissioners that PSE&G would like to install electrical boxes on Bergen Turnpike in the "right of way." Commissioner Boyd mentioned there will be major renovations to that area with Skymark's redevelopment and the boxes would be an eyesore. Mike Kelly will contact PSE&G and inquire if the boxes can be installed on the Turnpike property.

At this time, Mr. Kelly left the meeting.

Fred Tomkins and John Mosca, Donohue, Gironda & Doria were in attendance to discuss the 2013 Audit. Mr. Tomkins advised the Fund Balance is about the same as it was in 2012, the Village does not have a lot of debt, and the financials are better than most municipalities. Mayor Fosdick asked Mr. Tomkins his thoughts on how to utilize the cash influx received this year due to the sale of property. Mr. Tomkins stated although that would be a policy decision, some cash can be used to pay off debt. Mayor Fosdick added it is unknown what the Village's sewer obligations are. Mr. Tomkins advised there is an Environment Infrastructure Trust Fund that is subsidized by the Federal Government to assist municipalities with their CSO issues.

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DISCUSSION – cont.

At this time, Mr. Tomkins and Mr. Mosca left the meeting.

Tony Limbardo, EDC, was in attendance to discuss the old Fricke's property. He advised he has been approached by a broker and is considering purchasing 53 Bergen Turnpike. The property would be utilized for outdoor storage and be fenced. The existing building would be used for office space, depending on the condition. He needs a sense of an acceptable vision from the Board of Commissioners prior to moving forward. The Board was in agreement to his proposed plans. Commissioner MacNeill suggested he contact Mike Landolfi in the Building Department regarding the condition of the building.

At this time, Mr. Limbardo left the meeting.

Mayor Fosdick updated the Commissioners on the emergency repairs to Hook & Ladder Co. 1. The repairs from Beyer Bros. will cost approximately \$12,000.00 - \$14,000.00

The Board of Commissioners discussed the 2014 Best Practices worksheet questions. This needs to be submitted electronically by Friday, October 17th.

Commissioner Anlian advised the Municipal Court is proposing to update the violations schedule. Commissioner Boyd commented that all fines increased.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution:

2014-158 Authorize Insertion of Revenue (Chapter 159) FEMA Grant for Fire Equipment

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, that Resolution 2014-158 be approved.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

09-31 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinance - Informational

09-32 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Conference Consulting Session - Informational

09-33 Kathleen Donovan – CSX Use of Substandard Cars – Mayor Fosdick has advised this has become a political issue

09-34 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Sustainable Jersey Grants – Informational

09-35 Boggia & Boggia – Donation of VFW Property – The Village will pay attorney fees.

09-36 Kathleen Donovan – Rain Gardens – Already took place at time of this meeting.

09-37 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Transportation Trust Fund – Informational

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CORRESPONDENCE - cont.

- 09-38 Kathleen Donovan – BC Summit on Bakken Oil Crisis – Informational
- 09-39 Eileen Quirk – Thank you – Informational
- 09-40 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Rail Safety Resolution – Informational
- 09-41 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances – Informational
- 09-42 Boswell Engineering – Overpayment Adjustments – Informational
- 09-43 NJ Aviation Hall of Fame – Regional Veterans Day Ceremony - Informational
- 09-44 2014 YMC Sports Award Banquet – Informational
- 09-45 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Urging Pension Study Group to Recognize Strength of Local Pension Funding – Informational
- 09-46 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Municipal Strategies for Supporting Military Installations – Informational
- 10-01 United Water – Hydrant Billing – Informational
- 10-02 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Home Elevation Contractors Registration – Informational
- 10-03 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Red Tape Review Commission– Informational
- 10-04 NJLM Membership Advisory – Grant Seminar– Informational
- 10-05 Hartz Mountain – 70 Challenger Road – The debt on overpayments would become part of the deal.
- 10-06 William Dressler, NJLM – Proposed Membership Dues – Informational
- 10-07 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Public Health Information – Informational
- 10-08 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Weekly Policy Update – Informational
- 10-09 Mike Kelly, Boswell Engineering – NJ Resilient Coast Communities Initiative – Ms. O’Grady to contact Mike Kelly to complete the survey.
- 10-10 Mike Kelly, Boswell Engineering – PSE&G North East Grid Reliability, Manhole Electrical Cabinets – Mike Kelly discussed earlier in the meeting.
- 10-11 Hackensack Riverkeeper – Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in NJ – Resolution to be prepared for the Tuesday, October 14th meeting.
- 10-12 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – October is Cyber Security Month – Informational

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CORRESPONDENCE - cont.

10-13 Steve May, Starplex – Year to Date Receipts - Informational

10-14 NJLM Membership Advisory – Personnel Manuals & Policies Primer – Informational

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd advised the closings of the Challenger Road properties took place and the deposit monies from March and April will be transferred into the new accounts. The money received from the sales should be used to pay off the fire truck and debt reduction; set aside for future capital and road improvements; and tax stabilization. She also advised that property tax payments can be made online.

Commissioner Poli advised the Ambulance Corps. is moving forward with third party billing. They have encountered some issues with obtaining 501C3 status.

Commissioner Anlian stated he received a letter from a homeowner on Brinkerhoff Street pertaining to their expenses due to a sewer line problem. Mr. O'Grady advised homeowners are responsible for the sewer line from the house to the connection at the main.

Mayor Fosdick stated a meeting needs to be arranged with Stephen Quinn regarding snow plowing. He asked Commissioner MacNeill if the municipal pool has been winterized yet. Commissioner MacNeill stated it is in process. The annual Knights v. Masons softball game is Saturday. The high school bonfire is the 23rd. The Caucus Meeting time should be change to 6:30pm. Ms. O'Grady will sent meeting time change to the Record to be published. Bella Italia is under new ownership. The Mayor advised he is meeting with an alternate route police candidate tomorrow. The Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce is proposing to construct a 1 million square foot convention center. Gambling in the Meadowlands will go to referendum next year.

Clerk O'Grady stated the November 11th Regular Meeting, as stated on the Annual Meeting Notice, is also Veterans Day. The Board of Commissioners agreed to keep the date.

Superintendent O'Grady advised the Village should be receiving its CSO General Permit in January. He stated John Rolak, Hatch Mott MacDonald, had approached the BCUA and the Village is on its own with testing. Mr. Rolak advises the Village join the Jersey CSO Group.

Chief Rose advised the pay station project is moving along. The Police Department is considering moving from the County to Paramus for their 911 services. The move will save the Village approximately \$3500 per year. Commissioner Boyd inquired about the cell refurbishing project. Chief Rose stated they are working on it.

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PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamation:
Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:
2014-159 Closed Session

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, 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 (8) Personnel Matters

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 9:10 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner Anlian

Commissioner Boyd

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on October 23, 2014