

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
August 21, 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: Philip Boggia, Esq.; 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 of August 7, 2014.

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$449,934.49.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION**

2014-136      Authorize Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement with Eagle Nest  
Development Urban Renewal, LLC.

Mayor Fosdick asked Mr. Boggia to explain the Resolution 2014-136 and Ordinance 2014-08.

Mr. Boggia stated that Skymark hopes to file their site plan by the end of this year. They are in the process of refinancing the project Resolution 2014-136 will confirm the rights of the lender in case of foreclosure. Ordinance 2014-08 will implement condemnation of the Exxon Station which is needed to proceed with eminent domain.

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, that Resolution 2014-136 be approved.

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

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## **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

### **INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2014-08**

**2014-08      AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 150 U.S. ROUTE 46 EAST IN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 47.02, LOT 1 ON THE OFFICAL TAX MAP OF THE VILLAGE, AND IF NECESSARY, AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS TO OBTAIN SAME, ALL COSTS OF WHICH SHALL BE BORNE BY EAGLE NEST DEVELOPMENT URBAN RENEWAL, LLC**

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner Boyd read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on September 9, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner MacNeill.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

08-10 Beattie Padovano, LLC – Hilton Hotel – Mr. Boggia advised Hartz Mountain is claiming they overpaid the Village on rent payments. He is in the process of gathering the financial information from Hartz and will send a letter to Mr. Kafafian.

08-11 State of NJ, Department of Environmental Protection – Ozone Season - Informational

08-12 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – 2015 State Health Benefits Plan Rate Recommendations - Informational

08-13 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – August is National Immunization Awareness Month - Informational

08-14 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Mortgage Foreclosure Statute – Commissioner MacNeill advised the Village has ordinances in place.

08-15 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Weekly Summer Update - Informational

08-16 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts Legislation – Informational

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- 08-17 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Hotel Update for League Convention - Informational
- 08-18 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Resources to Empower Local Impact - Informational
- 08-19 Boswell Engineering – 2014 Road Improvement Estimate Certificate No. 2 – Payment was approved at tonight's meeting.
- 08-20 NJ Meadowlands Commission – Bergen Switching Stations Upgrades in Ridgefield - Informational
- 08-21 SNJ Department of Transportation – 2015 State Aid Program – Mr. O'Grady will submit Emerson Street sidewalks. Commissioner MacNeill stated the bike path needs repaving. Mr. O'Grady will submit the bike path and contact Boswell Engineering.
- 08-22 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – 2014 League Conference Resolutions - Informational
- 08-23 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Current Social Media Stunt - Informational
- 08-24 NJLM President Suzanne Walters – Annual Business Meeting at League Convention – Informational
- 08-25 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Transportation Trust Fund Renewal - Informational
- 08-26 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – NJ Residents Retain Health Insurance - Informational
- 08-27 Bergen County Division of Community Development – Community Development 3 yr. Cooperative Agreement – Resolution to be prepared for the September 9, 2014 meeting.
- 08-28 Melissa Wade, JA Montgomery – Right To Know Survey Program – Mrs. O'Grady to check with Doug Hansen regarding Al Knaub or Francine Orovitz as coordinator.
- 08-29 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Various Ordinances – Mr. Boggia will contact the county regarding the bond for the pedestrian bridge.
- 08-30 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Weekly Summer Update - Informational
- 08-31 Bill Pascrell Jr. – Town Hall Meeting – Mayor Fosdick stated the he will try to attend.

### **DISCUSSION**

Mayor Fosdick suggested a special meeting be held with a representative from GJEM and possibly all department heads to discuss an updated version of the Employee Handbook.

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No citizens present.

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## **REPORTS**

**Commissioner Boyd** advised Commissioner Poli that Bank of America will not be reversing the service charges on the Health Benefits account. Also, the Village has approximately 8 accounts in TD Bank under their "Municipal Government" product. In December, they will no longer waive fees on accounts. The Village should open these accounts in Oritani Bank. The meter money account can remain in TD Bank under the direction of the branch manager.

**Commissioner Poli** inquired about the pool lawsuit. Mr. Boggia advised a letter was sent to vacate the default since the Village Clerk didn't receive the documentation on the lawsuit from the pool secretary in a timely matter. Commissioner Poli stated he had received an e-mail from the State Farm agent complaining about the parking enforcement. He will respond to his complaint.

**Commissioner MacNeill** stated the Hobart Street Field and High School Track projects are almost completed.

**Mayor Fosdick** reminded Commissioner Anlian to write a letter regarding St. Francis' Anniversary. The Eagle Scout ceremony is at 3pm this Sunday at St. Francis. The VFW will be closing and are proceeding with donating the property to the Village. The Mayor advised the Village will be responsible for the title search. The Board of Commissioners is invited to the Board of Education Faculty Meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8am at the High School. September 7<sup>th</sup> is a car show at the High School. Police Negotiations are to commence. He advised Commissioners MacNeill and Poli to meet with the police negotiating team, without attorneys, to find out their concerns. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Detective Cmielewski will be promoted to Sergeant. The public swearing in of Ptl. David Marco is also on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Clerk O'Grady** inquired if the Village will be having a 9/11 ceremony. Mrs. O'Grady will check with the Fire Department.

**Superintendent O'Grady** advised the EPA had ordered the Department of Environmental Protection to inspect the Village's netting chambers. The DEP advised Mr. O'Grady the Village is the only CSO community without a consent order against them.

**Chief Rose** stated the Police Department is scheduled to have a meeting with Jefferson School on security and crossing guards have been hired. The camera project is progressing. The costs just came in for the improvements to the jail cell. The pay stations have been ordered. The Sheriff's Department and County Police have an implementation meeting. Chief Rose also stated that he would like to purchase two defibrillators for the Municipal Building and conduct CPR training for the employees. The cost would be approximately \$850-\$900 each. The Board of Commissioners stated it would be a good idea.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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/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 September 4, 2014