

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
July 17, 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 (7:05pm), Boyd, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Absent: Commissioner Anlian, Commissioner MacNeill

Also present: Joseph Voytus, 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 July 8, 2014.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian, Commissioner MacNeill

CLOSED SESSION I

Resolution:

2014-122 Closed Session

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli, 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 (5) Potential Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian, Commissioner MacNeill

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:06 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$154,135.87.

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

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CORRESPONDENCE I

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Hose Company No. 1 – New Junior Member

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Truck Company No. 2 – New Junior Member

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli, applications of Thomas J. Stauffer of Hose Co. No. 1 and Thomas A. Flynn III of Truck Co. No. 2 be accepted.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Fosdick announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

Resolutions:

- 2014-119 Appoint Local Assistance Board Member
- 2014-120 Appoint Representatives to the Bergen County Community Development Council
- 2014-121 Authorize Mayor to sign Estoppel Certificate for Starplex Cinema

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, that the Consent Agenda be approved subject to clarification from the Village Clerk’s office that payments from Starplex Cinema are current per Estoppel Certificate.

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

DISCUSSION

Attorney Voytus stated this is the time and place for the statutory required hearing for the franchise renewal of Time Warner Cable LLC.

Dennis Lincoln and David Whalen were in attendance representing Time Warner Cable LLC.

Dennis Lincoln is from the law firm representing Time Warner Cable LLC.
David Whalen, Director of Franchising, gave a brief presentation of the franchise.

Mayor Fosdick stated when Time Warner first came to Ridgefield Park, there was much more local involvement. There isn’t any local news (Channel 10), teacher of the year, sponsored events, etc.

Mr. Whalen responded that 85% of Time Warner’s efforts go toward STEM (Science, Technology, Education, Math) and 15% for local involvement.

Mayor Fosdick added there is no local involvement. For instance, the last Municipal Election wasn’t mentioned. Commissioner Boyd added participation in the 4th of July parade stopped.

Mr. Whalen stated he will look into decisions regarding local news and community involvement.

At this time, Mt. Whalen and Mr. Lincoln left the meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE II

- 07-08 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Legislative Update - Informational
- 07-09 NJLM Membership Advisory – New COAH Regulations Webinar - Informational
- 07-10 Washington Watch Advisory – Federal Transportation Funding – Mayor Fosdick stated a temporary measure has been implemented.
- 07-11 RP Police Department – Parking Enforcement Officer – Chief Rose stated letters have been sent to businesses advising them to be prepared.
- 07-12 RP Police Department – Offer of Employment for Parking Enforcement Officer – Chief Rose advised the Parking Enforcement Officer will start on August 1, 2014.
- 07-13 Email to Scott Graef – Elks Grant Project - Informational
- 07-14 Village Dental – Digital Sign – Mayor Fosdick advised advertising is not permitted since it is a public access channel. Mrs. O'Grady will send a response.
- 07-15 Bergen County Environmental Council – Thank you - Informational
- 07-16 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – SEC Disclosure Rules – Mr. Voytus will have Boggia & Boggia touch base with Steven Rogut, Bod Counsel.
- 07-17 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinance Introduction - Informational
- 07-18 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – 2014 Police & Fire Books - Informational
- 07-19 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Legislative Update – Informational, Commissioner Boyd stated A-947/S-2216 would leave room for bid tampering.
- 07-20 Letter Draft – St. Francis 125th Anniversary - Informational
- 07-21 Washington Watch Advisory – Stopgap Transportation Funding Bill - Informational

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd inquired on the results of the Direct Deposit Survey. Ms. O'Grady advised she hasn't received them all back yet. Commissioner Boyd advised the main pool failed its chemical test and tested positive for bacteria. It will be re-tested tomorrow. Garden State Labs did advise the pool should be closed. The Board of Commissioners recommended the main pool to be closed until Saturday test results are available. The Diving and Baby Pools can remain open. Commissioner Poli will advise the Pool Commission via email.

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Commissioner Poli advised the Village is #20 out of #23 on the loss frequency report.

Commissioner Anlian advised the RP Women's Club donated the cost of the Municipal Building Christmas Tree.

Mayor Fosdick advised he will be on vacation next week. He stated he has received nothing but positive comments on the Steve Sulborsky newspaper article. Tomorrow will be the official swearing-in of our new Police Officer, David Marco. He will begin the academy on July 25th.

Clerk O'Grady reminded the deadline for 2014 Green Acres applications is July 31, 2014. Aetna will be sending out replacement cards for the co-payment amount error. Grease Lightning will be appearing before the Planning Board on August 4, 2014.

Superintendent O'Grady advised flags will be flown at half-staff for the Walldwick Police Officer.

Chief Rose stated the Police Honor Guard will be attending the funeral of the Jersey City Police Officer. No arrangements have been determined for the Walldwick Police Officer. A final offer of employment was given for the Meter Enforcement position. This position will begin on August 1, 2014 as part-time with no benefits. Pay stations for the Cedar Street and Park Street (behind IGA) parking lots will cost approximately \$22,000.00 Digital Payment Technologies has the state contract. He then asked about funding. Commissioner Boyd stated there should be funds in the POAA account but will inquire with the Auditors. Commissioner Boyd asked how many pay stations would be needed for Main Street, signage. Chief Rose responded he is not sure how many would be needed for Main Street. The vendor would plan a strategy for Main Street; proper signage would be at the entrances to the lots.

CLOSED SESSION II

Resolution:

2014-123 Closed Session

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, 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) Police Negotiations

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:35 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

abstain
Commissioner MacNeill

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on August 7, 2014