

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
June 5, 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 (7:08 pm), 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 and Closed Session Meeting of May 22, 2014.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2014-93 Closed Session

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, 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 (7) Redevelopment of Meadowlands

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:02 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

05-59 NJ Building Officials Association – Residential Fire Sprinklers – The Board of Commissioners are not interested to support adoption of fire sprinkler systems in all residential structures

05-60 State of NJ Department of Transportation – 2014 Safe Streets - Informational

05-61 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Municipal and School District Cooperation - Informational

05-61 State of NJ Department of Transportation – 7 Day Notice Lane Reduction – Informational

- 05-62 NJLM Washington Watch Advisory – Updates – Alan O’Grady will advise John Rolak
- 05-63 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – FEMA Award Applications - Informational
- 05-64 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Draft Summary of Proposed COAH Regulations - Informational
- 05-65 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Resiliency Resources - Informational
- 05-66 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Legislative Recap for Assembly Voting Session - Informational
- 05-67 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Memorial Day, Social Security - Informational
- 05-68 BCUA Public Hearing – Computation of Connection Fees - Informational
- 05-69 NJLM Membership Advisory – COAH Regulations Seminar - Informational
- 05-70 Chris Ridings, West Wildwood – Referendum Decision – Phil Boggia will research
- 05-71 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances - Informational
- 05-72 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Interest Arbitration Update - Informational
- 05-73 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Draft Ordinance Mandating Direct Deposit – Commissioner MacNeill will discuss with contractual employees; Mayor Fosdick will draft a survey for employees
- 05-74 JoMarie Sacchinelli, Bergen County Div. of Community Transportation – June 17, 2014 Public Hearing - Informational
- 05-75 Boswell Engineering – Recommendation to Award Bid – Hobart St. Field – Resolution to be prepared for June 10, 2014 meeting.
- 05-76 Doug Hansen – CERT Members - Resolution to be prepared for June 10, 2014 meeting.
- 06-01 Boswell Engineering - Soil Erosion Application – Hobart St. Field - Informational
- 06-02 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Stigma Free Zone - Informational
- 06-03 Mark Cacciabarne – Pine Street Block Party – Resolution to be prepared for June 10, 2014 meeting.
- 06-04 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – State & Municipal Credit Rating Issues - Informational
- 06-05 Boswell Engineering – Recommendation to Award Bid – High School Track - Resolution to be prepared for June 10, 2014 meeting.
- 06-06 Commissioner MacNeill – Additional Funding – Commissioner MacNeill stated funds need to be allocated from Reserve for Capital Improvements Account for the Improvements to Hobart Street Field and Handball Court project. Also, monies from the same account need to be allocated for Improvements to Veterans Park Restrooms.

Commissioner Boyd advised all when the project was first introduced, Commissioner MacNeill stated he would not use more money than the matching grant required. Commissioner MacNeill stated the reserve account is to be used when projects costs are higher than anticipated. Mayor Fosdick added the money is there for these types of projects. Commissioner Boyd, again stated Commissioner MacNeill said he wouldn't use more money. Commissioner MacNeill stated he changed his mind and the parks benefit everyone. Commissioner Boyd stated she would like to see improvements to the Municipal Building, the front stairs are in need of repair.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd inquired if closing dates have been determined for the Challenger Road properties with KABR. Mr. Boggia advised no date has been set as of yet. Commissioner Boyd stated she is receiving complaints about the condition of 2 Edison Street. Since the Village passed an ordinance addressing property maintenance, why hasn't this property been addressed? Commissioner MacNeill advised once contractor fees are obtained, the process can begin.

Mayor Fosdick advised the energy audits for the firehouses have been completed. Lime Energy will pay 70% and the firehouses will be responsible for the other 30%. There will be a Circus in the County Park from June 12th through June 15th. Chief Rose stated protestors may be present at the event. On July 10th, Joe Gilligan, "Touch of Sinatra" will be performing at the Library. Mayor Fosdick inquired about Matrix. Commissioner MacNeill advised they applied to the DEP for the landfill permit and are trying to step away from the PILOT Program. Commissioner Boyd stated there are different types of programs. Mayor Fosdick would like to see a comparison between what Matrix is proposing to the Village's program.

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2014-93A Closed Session

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, 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 (8) Personnel Matters

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:25 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

Clerk O'Grady stated she will be on vacation June 10th through June 13th and will miss the June 10th meeting. Sandy Bognatz, Deputy Clerk, will be in attendance at the meeting.

Superintendent O’Grady advised the paving project will begin next week and will take 4-5 weeks to complete. The Bid Opening for the DPW generator was held and the lowest bid was \$85,000.00. He would like to have the bid awarded at the June 10, 2014 meeting. The front loader is 20 years old and needs repairs. Foley has estimated repairs at \$51,000.00. Since Foley has a state contract, no need for bids or quotes. He would be using Recycling Trust money to cover the costs.

Chief Rose advised the Juvenile State Justice Commission had inspected the Police Department facilities. There will be mandated upgrades since standards have changed. Cost to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

/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 June 19, 2014