

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
May 8, 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, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.  
Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

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 April 17, 2014.

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

**DISCUSSION**

Dr. John Richardson, Interim Superintendent of Schools, was in attendance to discuss the annual school budget. He first commended Mr. O'Grady and his staff for their assistance during the snowstorms. He also thanked the Police Department for always being there when needed.

Dr. Richardson informed the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Education is in negotiations with St. Francis and the Archdiocese to rent the newer section of their school due to the anticipated increase in enrollment. With some minor work and upgrades, the school would be ready for September and would hold the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes. Eventually the school would be Pre-K through grade 3, the current elementary schools would be grades 4 through 7, and the junior/senior high school would be grades 8 through 12. Half of the first year's rent will be paid with the savings the district will incur by leasing buses and providing transportation for their special needs students. These buses will be utilized for sports as well. St. Francis will defer the second half of the first year's rent (\$150,000.00) to the following year. In year two, the Bank Cap will be used to pay the rent balance owed and year two rent. The lease would be for 10 years with the option to renew. Han-Al School will be leaving June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Boyd inquired about the expense of hiring new teachers.

Dr. Richardson stated the savings by eliminating aides would cover the salaries of new hires. A full time custodian would be hired, a secretary would be transferred and the "principal-ship" would be shared with a current principal. Additional crossing guards would be needed.

Dr. Richardson stated there will be a 2% budget increase with no program cuts.

Dr. Richardson left the meeting at approximately 7:40pm.

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**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:

- 2014-71 Authorize Involuntary Disability Retirement of Sgt. Steven Sulborsky
- 2014-72 Accept bid of 65 Challenger Road Land Acquisition
- 2014-73 Accept bid of 100 Challenger Road Land Acquisition
- 2014-74 Authorize Mayor to sign Temporary Parking Lease with Starplex Cinemas
- 2014-75 Authorize Cancellation of 2011 Tax Overpayments
- 2014-76 Authorize Cancellation of 2012 Tax Overpayments
- 2014-77 Authorize Refund for Overpayment of Taxes
- 2014-78 Authorize Tax Lien Redemption

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

**CORRESPONDENCE**

04-28 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – DEP Grant Program - Informational

04-29 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances – Mr. Boggia to check if County is re-allocating the money bonded for the pedestrian bridge.

04-30 PSE&G – Lighting – Chief Rose will have Lt. Thibault speak with PSE&G.

04-31 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Empower our Neighborhood, et al. v. Guadagno - Informational

04-32 Boggia & Boggia – Letter to Paul Kaufman – NJTA Property – As per Mr. Boggia, the Turnpike will only sell property to the municipality with immunity from liability. Mr. Boggia advised Skymark to pay their taxes.

04-33 Boggia & Boggia – email to Starplex – Parking Lease – Resolution 2014-74 authorized the Mayor to sign the Temporary Parking Lease

04-34 New Jersey Clean Energy Program – Mayor Fosdick advised the Library is proceeding. Mr. O’Grady advised the DPW will as well.

04-35 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Interest Arbitration Cap – Mayor Fosdick advised nothing has happened.

04-36 NJLM Educational Foundation – New Legal Tools for Redevelopment - Informational

04-37 Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund – FEMA Deadline – Informational

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- 04-38 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – COAH – Mayor Fosdick stated new rules apply based on the availability of open space.
- 04-39 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Financial Disclosure Statements – Mrs. O'Grady advised the documentation will be sent out mid-month.
- 04-40 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – State Revenue Shortfall – Mayor Fosdick advised state aid may be reduced.
- 05-01 Boggia & Boggia – Tax Appeal Settlement – 99 Teaneck Road – Resolution to be placed on May 13, 2014 meeting agenda.
- 05-02 Doug Hansen – CERT Team - Resolution to be placed on May 13, 2014 meeting agenda.
- 05-03 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Verizon v. Hopewell - Informational
- 05-04 Larry Stefanile email – Clean Energy Program - Informational
- 05-05 Boswell Engineering – Recommendation for Rejection of Bids - Resolution to be placed on May 13, 2014 meeting agenda.
- 05-06 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Interest Arbitration Cap - Informational
- 05-07 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Verizon Stipulation Agreement - Informational
- 05-08 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – COAH - Informational
- 05-09 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – The Conversation of a Lifetime - Informational
- 05-10 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – League's Bureau of Municipal Information - Informational
- 05-11 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Jersey Shore Partnership Event Invitation - Informational
- 05-12 Rutgers Office of Public Health Practice – Training to Prevent and Mitigate Post-Storm Environmental Health Issues - Informational
- 05-13 Umair Abbasi – Limousine Parking – Mrs. O'Grady will respond to Mr. Abbasi's email.
- 05-14 William Betesh – Tax Appeal Settlement Resolution – Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Inc. - Resolution to be placed on May 13, 2014 meeting agenda.

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No citizens present.

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**REPORTS**

**Commissioner Boyd** advised the work release program will be painting the pool May 9, May 10, and May 17. She noticed there is a lot of work being done on homes on weekends and inquired if the Village can have someone spot check on weekends. Mayor Fosdick stated this topic is to be discussed when Commissioner MacNeill is in attendance.

**Commissioner Poli** attendant the TANAAC Meeting in Teterboro. The Super Bowl had a total of 2137 movements over a 6 day period. There will be upgrades to the airport.

**Commissioner Anlian** announced Arbor Day will be observed on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Fellowship Park. He advised he will not be at the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Mayor Fosdick** thanked everyone for attending the funeral service for Sgt. Sulborsky. He inquired about the Animal Hospital. Chief Rose stated the hospital is still closed. Commissioner Anlian stated the Board of Health is only responsible for checking on the storage of food. Mrs. O'Grady will pull the Certificate of Occupancy from the Building Department. Mayor Fosdick advised a tree will be dedicated to Bonnie Anlian at the Arbor Day Observance. Mayor Fosdick would like the status of Matrix. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Monaghan family will be dedicating a tree on Euclid Avenue. The Elks inquired about grant money and were advised Community Grant money cannot be given to non-profit organizations. There have been numerous complaints regarding the residents of the Bergen House. Chief Rose will contact the building owner. Events at the County Park - May 18<sup>th</sup> Harley Freedom Ride, June 28<sup>th</sup> Irish Festival.

**Superintendent O'Grady** advised John Rolack would like to attend a Caucus to discuss the General Permit for CSO's. The DPW generator will cost approximately \$200,000.00. The Village will receive \$149,000.00 from the Department of Transportation for the Garden Street paving.

**Chief Rose** thanked everyone for their support with the untimely death of Sgt. Steven Sulborsky.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd  
Commissioner

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Commissioner MacNeill

/s/ Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady  
Village Clerk  
Approved on May 22, 2014