

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
January 21, 2016
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 December 28, 2015 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian (7:05 pm), Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Village Attorney; Ed 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 and Closed Session Meeting of January 7, 2016.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

CORRESPONDENCE

01-05 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update – Mayor Fosdick advised the hospital tax exemption bill was vetoed by the Governor. Commissioner Boyd asked for an update on the status of Holy Name Hospital’s tax appeal. Joe Voytus will research and get back to the Board of Commissioners.

01-06 Deborah Hirt, DOT – Traffic Impact Notice - Informational

01-07 Verizon Wireless – Public Notice Wireless Telecommunication – Mrs. O’Grady advised Verizon’s request was approved by the Zoning Board.

01-08 NJLM – Governor Delivers 2016 State of the State - Informational

01-09 Boy Scout Troop 3 – Eagle Scout Ceremony – Proclamation to be prepared for March 8th meeting.

01-10 NJLM – Bills Awaiting Governor’s Action - Informational

01-11 NJLM – Governor Takes Action on Bills - Informational

01-12 Thomas Trautner – KABR & COAH – Mr. Voytus advised the Village is in good shape. The Attorney’s office received a preliminary report from the Master yesterday. Everything the Village has proposed is reasonable.

01-13 PSE&G – Dewatering Permit By-Rule - Informational

01-14 Zoning Board of Adjustment – January 19, 2016 Agenda - Informational

01-15 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update – Informational

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01-16 K of C – Service Awards Ceremony - Informational

01-17 Bergen County League of Municipalities – Resolution Regarding S 781 & S 782 to Amend Open Public Records Act & Open Public Meetings Act - Informational

01-18 NJLM – Federal Update – Informational

01-19 NJLM – Governor Takes Action on Legislation – Informational

DISCUSSION

CSO Ordinance – Mr. O’Grady advised the funds appropriated will cover the fees to Passaic Valley, Hatch Mott MacDonald, a new sewer truck, vortex valves, computer software. Ordinance to be introduced on Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

Soccer Field Ordinance – Commissioner Boyd raised questions regarding the cost. Are soft costs included in the estimate? Does the Village pay the entire cost and submit payment for reimbursement? Commissioner MacNeill advised the Soccer Association cannot move forward with the grant without the ordinance. Mayor Fosdick asked to have the Soccer Association present at the next Caucus Meeting. The Ordinance will not be introduced on Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd advised the 2016 Budget paperwork is due in 1 week. The Village has lost approx. \$6 million in ratables due to tax appeals.

Mayor Fosdick advised the Police Department awards will be Tuesday, January 26, 2016. He stated Bogota’s VFW contacted him regarding the Palisade Avenue Bridge. Since, the bridge is entirely in Ridgefield Park; they would like permission to dedicate the bridge. The Mayor stated he attended the County Executive’s discussion at MetLife Stadium on economic improvements. He advised there was a school threat from a student at the high school.

Clerk O’Grady stated she and Commissioner Poli met with a representative from New Jersey Manufacturer’s Insurance Company (NJM). Anyone who receives a W2 from the Village is eligible for insurance with NJM. They will be on site on February 12, 2016.

DPW Superintendent O’Grady advised he attended the BCUA meeting on Tuesday with all the CSO communities. July 1st is the next deadline – website showing outflows. Passaic Valley has the website and is prepared. The DPW is fully prepared for the forecasted blizzard.

Chief Rose stated the accreditation inspection dates are February 21st and 22nd. The Police Dept. is close to making a conditional offer of employment for the utility officer position. There will be an inspection of the regular jail cell by the DOC.

Village Attorney Voytus advised as per Econsult’s report, the prospective need for COAH in the Village is “0”. The next step in the process is to designate Econsult as the Village’s expert. Municipalities are forming a consortium to depose Econsult. He inquired if the Village would be interested in the shared service agreement.

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Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve a Shared Service Agreement to depose Econsult for professional services regarding COAH.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2016-007 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, 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

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:30 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 7:35 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 February 4, 2016