

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
January 23, 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; Dan Hippe, Police Captain; Sandra Bognatz, Deputy Clerk 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 December 19, 2013 and of the Closed Session Meeting of January 9., 2014.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence

12-51 Holiday Parking – Commissioners will send questionnaire to “metered” businesses for feedback.

01-04 Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus PA, for AT&T – Installation of Fiber Optic Cables - Resolution to be prepared for January 28, 2014 meeting.

DISCUSSION I

Michael Kaplan, Jason Kaplan, Lisa Kaplan and Ron Blumstein were present representing Kaplan Companies.

Mayor Fosdick advised the Village is selling two parcels on Challenger Road for redevelopment. Avalon Bay was selected but the agreement has since been terminated since Avalon could not adhere to specific timetables and are not willing to proceed.

Michael Kaplan stated Kaplan Companies is an interested party for the redevelopment of Challenger Road. A geotechnical analysis should be performed on the properties and completed before Kaplan can offer a proposal.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 01-14 & 20 Boswell Engineering – Route 46 Preconstruction Meeting Summary – Mayor Fosdick advised pedestrian guardrails are part of this project. Construction is to begin in the Spring of 2014.
- 01-15 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Amendment to Park Fees Ordinance - Informational
- 01-16 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – PERC Decision on Step Increases - Informational
- 01-17 IAFC – Volunteers & Health Insurance – The Village is not required to offer health benefits to volunteers.
- 01-18 Boswell Engineering – Challenger Road, Review of Construction, Material and Labor Costs – Informational, response to Ron Ladell’s letter.
- 01-19 Boswell Engineering – 2014 Road Improvement Project, Request to Receive Bids - Informational
- 01-21 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Veteran Homelessness - Informational
- 01-22 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Various Bills of Interest – Informational, copy to be sent to Doug Hansen
- 01-23 Washington Watch Advisory – Volunteers / Affordable Care Act - Informational
- 01-24 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Final Actions of NJ 215th Legislation - Informational
- 01-25 Bill Betesh – Property Tax Appeal Settlement – refer to 01-50
- 01-26 Gabel Associates – Community Aggregation for Residential Customers - Informational
- 01-27 David Ganz – Pet Discount, Bergen Wellness & Bergen Savers Programs – Mrs. O’Grady will contact Freeholder Ganz - is program for residents without health benefits only?
- 01-28 Letter to John Hogan, County Clerk – Recording of Declaration of Encumbrance, ROSI - Informational
- 01-29 James Donohue – 2014 High School Commencement – Mrs. O’Grady to send approval letter to Mr. Donohue.
- 01-30 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Minimum Wage Requirements – Superseded by 01-39

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- 01-31 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – OPRA's Impact on Local Public Contracts Law – Mr. Boggia will call Mr. Dressel for clarification.
- 01-32 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Governor's State of the State Message - Informational
- 01-33 Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living – Celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday - Informational
- 01-34 Boswell Engineering – Hobart Street Proposal - Resolution will be on agenda for meeting of January 28, 2014.
- 01-35 Boswell Engineering – Lighting Proposal - Resolution will be on agenda for meeting of January 28, 2014.
- 01-36 Boswell Engineering – High School Track Proposal - Resolution will be on agenda for meeting of January 28, 2014.
- 01-37 Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno – 2014 Campaign Contribution Notice - Informational
- 01-38 Port Authority – Super Bowl / Teterboro Airport – Mayor Fosdick and Chief Roe attended security meeting at the IZOD Center. The Port Authority is prepared.
- 01-39 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Revision on Minimum Wage Requirements - Informational
- 01-40 Bergen County's First Cooperative Contracting Forum – Mrs. O'Grady will contact James Olobardi, Qualified Purchasing Agent, if interested in attending meeting.
- 01-41 Council on Affordable Housing – Annual Affordable Housing Monitoring Reports – forwarded to Barbara DeLuca
- 01-42 Council on Affordable Housing – Trust Fund Information – forwarded to Barbara DeLuca
- 01-43 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Introduced Ordinance - Informational
- 01-44 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – “Prisoner Re-Entry: Breaking the Cycle” - Informational
- 01-45 Township of Teaneck – Ordinance Introduction - Informational
- 01-46 Bill Betesh – Proposed Tax Appeal Settlement - refer to 01-50
- 01-47 Bill Betesh – Proposed Tax Appeal Settlement - refer to 01-50
- 01-48 Bill Betesh – Proposed Tax Appeal Settlement - refer to 01-50

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01-49 Stephen Quinn – Snow Ordinance – Mayor will respond; Commissioner Boyd inquired if the 911 reverse message can state “Do not throw snow back into the streets and to shovel sidewalks”.

01-50 Bill Betesh – Proposed Tax Appeal Settlement – Mr. Boggia to confer with Mr. Betesh.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

DISCUSSION II

Mayor Fosdick advised the hourly range for the P/T Meter Enforcement Officer on the 2014 Salary Ordinance should reflect a range from \$15-\$25.

Commissioner MacNeill inquired if the cost of the meter system has been budgeted.

Commissioner Boyd stated certain Board Secretary stipends should be changed to a per diem rate since few meetings are held. Commissioners Anlian and MacNeill stated they will not change stipends.

The 2014 Salary Ordinance will be introduced on January 28, 2014.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd advised February 12th is the Rotary Club Valentine’s Day Dinner at Segovia’s in Little Ferry - Contact Ed Coyle to RSVP. She advised Skymark has still not paid their property taxes. She inquired if anyone is inspecting the dirt on the Skymark property. Commissioner MacNeill advised the DEP is responsible for inspecting. She raised the idea of possibly renting parking spaces (Village property by the town pool) as a means of revenue. Budget sheets have been received. She distributed an article stating Ridgefield Park is 21 out of 30 heavily taxed towns.

Commissioner Poli advised he attended the TANAAC meeting in Teterboro.

Commissioner MacNeill advised he increased \$80,000.00 to his budget. \$30,000 for elevator services which are reimbursed by the State and \$50,000 for emergency property maintenance services. Liens will be applied to properties that fail to reimburse the Village for their emergency property maintenance costs.

Mayor Fosdick advised February 8th is wine tasting at the VFQW from 6pm-8pm to benefit the Food Pantry. The Soccer Dance is February 22nd. January 31st at MK Valencia is a retirement farewell for Lt. Scott Ehalt. There is a new traffic plan in effect for the High School. A response has been sent to Mr. Ladell. The Village has received the grant money for the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. New Police Officer Brendan Rizza graduated today from the academy.

Village Clerk Tara O’Grady advised Roosevelt School can no longer be used as a polling place after the June Primary. The room previously used is now utilized as a classroom. Mayor Fosdick stated he will inquire if Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2 would allow the use of their building.

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DPW Superintendent Alan O’Grady inquired if the funds are in place for paving. His budget for Combined Sewer Overflows needs to be increased by \$20,000.

Captain Dan Hippe advised the police department received notification from the Juvenile Justice Committee the juvenile cell is not in compliance. The live date for the new computer system is Monday, January 27th. The hiring of a Parking Attendant is actively being researched. Ptl. Todd Milo apprehended a burglar at 53 Bergen Turnpike. In 2013, there were 75 DWI arrests.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, 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 9:20 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Anlian adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner MacNeill

Commissioner Poli

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on February 6, 2014