

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 5, 2013
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, 2012 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 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 November 21, 2013.

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

Abstain: Commissioner Anlian

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution

2013-112 Authorize Submission of Grant Extension for Municipal Alliance

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve Resolution 2013-112.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

11-29 NJLM Membership Advisory – Annual Survey - Informational

11-30 Sanitary Code for Chickens – Mrs. O’Grady will re-distribute with copy of amended ordinance

11-31 Lawrence Stefanile – Grant Programs Progress Report - Informational

11-32 Borough of Maywood – Resolution Opposing United Water Rate Increase - Informational

12-01 Lawrence Stefanile – Nature Preserve – Commissioner Anlian stated the project/paperwork is near completion

12-02 Ken Job – Nature Preserve - Informational

12-03 Lawrence Stefanile – Green Acres Project Loan – Mrs. O’Grady to forward to Auditor

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- 12-04 Lawrence Stefanile – Nature Preserve Survey Map - Informational
- 12-05 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Introduced Ordinances - Informational
- 12-06 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – NJBIA New Good Neighbor Awards - Informational
- 12-07 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – County Beach Legislation - Informational
- 12-08 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Health Insurance Contribution Decision – Mrs. O’Grady to forward to Auditor and CFO
- 12-09 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Affordable Care Act Update / Division of Pensions & Benefits on Social Media - Informational
- 12-10 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – New Content on DLGS Website – Informational
- 12-11 Planning Board – Amended and Restated Redevelopment Plan - Informational
- 12-12 Lawrence Stefanile – Grants Programs Progress Report - Informational
- 12-13 Boswell Engineering – DPW Generator – Mayor Fosdick inquired about the generators at the firehouses. Mr. O’Grady asked who would be responsible for the specs on the firehouse generators.
- 12-14 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Diesel Vehicle Retrofit Requirement – Mr. O’Grady advised all garbage trucks were addressed and all information has been sent to the DEP. Fire trucks are exempt.
- 12-15 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – 17 Approved Resolutions - Informational
- 12-16 Lawrence Stefanile – Letter to Robert Abbatomarco – BC Open Space – Nature Preserve - Informational
- 12-17 Lawrence Stefanile – Letter to T. O’Grady – BC Open Space County Voucher - Informational

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd advised the tax sale was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 and 5 properties were on the sale. Skymark is not current on their taxes and there will not be any compromise on interest owed. The Village’s rating with Standard and Poors has increased. Mrs. O’Grady will distribute copies of the report.

Commissioner Poli announced the results of the Ambulance Corps. election. He advised one member has been dismissed.

Commissioner Anlian raised the issue of some employees leaving work early the day before Thanksgiving even though it was agreed the day would be a full day of work. Funds should be allocated in the 2014 Budget for the League of Municipalities Convention.

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Mayor Fosdick reminded all Saturday, December 7th at 12:45 pm is the Annual Pearl Harbor Observance. The Jr. Football Dinner is Sunday, December 8th at 2 pm at the K of C. December 10, 2013 will be the Fire Department Installation. He has accepted an invitation to the opening ceremony of the Small Business Corporation (SBC) US Office being held on December 10th. Mayor Fosdick advised he will not be in attendance at the January 9, 2014 meeting. He stated the Board of Commissioners should “re-think” the parking moratorium for next year.

Clerk O’Grady reiterated on the issue of employees leaving early on Wednesday, November 27th despite the memo regarding holiday hours.

Superintendent O’Grady advised John Rolack had answered the required DEP questions. Funding should be put in place for the upcoming projects.

Attorney Boggia had met with Tony Noce, Skymark and the NJ Turnpike regarding the acquisition of property. It appears the Village will not be on the chain of title since Ridgefield Park could possibly re-designate the property to a developer. On Friday, December 6th, he has a conference call with Ron Laddell, Avalon Bay. The Hampton Inn would like the same tri-party agreement as the Exxon Station.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner Anlian

Commissioner Boyd

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on December 19, 2013