

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
November 7, 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 (7:02 pm), Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq.; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent; Ed Rose, Police Chief 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 October 17, 2013.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

DISCUSSION

Adam Altman, Trent Taylor, and Jarmel Kizel, representatives of KABR Group LLC were present to discuss retail components on Challenger Road and signage.

Adam Altman stated Overpeck Park can be one of top premier office parks in New Jersey due to its proximity to New York City. One of the main criticisms of the office park is the lack of retail. Mr. Altman presented a proposed 28,000 square foot retail concept for 60 Challenger Road. It would satisfy existing and attract new tenants. Mayor Fosdick advised there may be wetlands on the parcel. Commissioner MacNeill stated there may be challenges with the site. Mr. Kizel stated he is familiar with the area since he has worked on 100 Challenger Road. Commissioner Anlian agreed the concept will add to the Overpeck Park area. Mayor Fosdick added the Board of Commissioners all support the concept.

Mr. Altman distributed pamphlets comparing existing signage to proposed improvements. He stated the current signs lack the presence the area deserves. Mayor Fosdick inquired about the cost. Mr. Altman stated costs have not been determined as of yet. Mayor Fosdick suggested Mr. Altman to meet with Ron Ladell, Senior Vice President of Development for Avalon Bay to discuss designs and costs.

CORRESPONDENCE

10-36 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – DLGS News Update - Informational

10-37 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – National Cyber Security Month – Informational

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- 10-38 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – S-533 Common Sense Shared Service Pilot Program - Informational
- 10-39 Borough of Little Ferry – Hearing on Master Plan Re-examination Report - Informational
- 10-40 Ordinance Amendment Addressing The Raising of Chickens – Commissioner Boyd stated chickens attract rodents and inquired who would handle those complaints. Chief Rose inquired who would enforce noise complaints and if the village really wants to allow raising chickens. Commissioner Anlian stated according to the Sanitary Code, chickens are already permitted. Discussion tabled until copies of the existing Sanitary Code are distributed.
- 10-41 Stephen Quinn e-mail to Bergen County Audubon Society - Informational
- 10-42 So. Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund – 2013 Meeting Date and Time Change - Informational
- 10-43 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Voter Alert Free Mobile App - Informational
- 10-44 Larry Stefanile – Nature Preserve – Commissioner Anlian stated he spoke to Job & Job. The information will be going out next week.
- 10-45 Stephen Quinn e-mail regarding 10/23/13 meeting with Skymark - Informational
- 10-46 Stephen Quinn e-mail to Skymark regarding 10/23/13 meeting - Informational
- 10-47 Governor Christie announces Sandy Living Expenses Voucher Program - Informational
- 10-48 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Same Sex Marriage - Informational
- 10-49 Washington Watch Advisory – Water Resources Reform and Development Bill - Informational
- 10-50 State of NJ Prayer Service – One Year After Storm – Informational
- 10-51 Board of Recreation – New Member Recommendation – Mrs. O'Grady to prepare resolution for November 12, 2013 meeting.
- 10-52 Bergen County Executive, Kathleen Donovan – Superstorm Sandy events – Mayor Fosdick stated the invitation was received late.
- 10-53 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinance Amendment - Informational
- 10-54 Larry Stefanile – Letter to County Clerk – ROSI and Declaration of Encumbrance - Informational
- 10-55 Environmental Commissioner meeting minutes of 10/23/13 Special Meeting with Skymark - Informational

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- 10-56 Bergen County Title and Records Workshop - Informational
- 10-57 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Social Security Information Available On-Line – Informational
- 10-58 US Dept. of Commerce – Suspension of 2014 Boundary and Annexation Survey – Information has been forwarded to Mike Kelly, Boswell Engineering.
- 11-01 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Sustainable Jersey Grants - Informational
- 11-02 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Conference Sessions - Informational
- 11-03 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Appellate Court Decision Regarding Sand Dunes - Informational
- 11-04 Proclamation – Christopher Onorato – Mrs. O'Grady to prepare proclamation for November 12, 2013 meeting.
- 11-05 Lindsay Gafford, NJ Audubon - 11/7/13 Workshop “Managing Deer” - Informational
- 11-06 Enervation Lighting – Conference Exhibit - Informational
- 11-07 Hatch Mott MacDonald – CSO – Mr. O'Grady advised the Village will be receiving the General Permit on Wednesday. Engineering fees will be due to Hatch Mott MacDonald and money needs to be appropriated in the 2014 budget.
- 11-08 National Community Capital – ReStart the Shore Program - Informational
- 11-09 Star Ledger – Troubled Mortgages - Informational
- 11-10 Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living – Delegate - Informational
- 11-11 Boggia & Boggia – Skymark, Planning Board Resolution – Mayor Fosdick advised the Board of Commissioners should adopt same resolution.
- 11-12 McNerney & Assoc – Turnpike Property – Phil Boggia will forward letter to the Turnpike Authority
- 11-13 Bergen BRT Public Meeting – Mrs. O'Grady to send information to webmaster for posting.

REPORTS

Commissioner Poli advised a loss control inspection was conducted on the DPW. He has received the 2014 renewal rates on the medical benefits. The Village is entitled to a \$29,515.44 Joint Insurance Fund dividend which will be applied to the 2014 bill. The Ambulance Corps. installation of 2014 officers will be on January 14, 2014. He attended the Teterboro Noise Control Meeting and 600 planes are expected for the Super Bowl.

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Commissioner Anlian had attended the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation Conference and was advised the Municipal Building tree should be planted in the spring. The Village will have a cut tree for the tree lighting.

Mayor Fosdick advised the Fire Department dance is November 16, 2013 at the Fiesta. Veteran's Day Service will be Monday, November 11, 2013 at 11am at the Monument. Two new police officers, Nick Mercoum and Joe Avila-Reyes, will be sworn in at the Commissioners meeting on November 12, 2013. He advised all Dolores Nealon had passed away. The Mayor stated he attended a Mayor's Meeting at the Meadowlands - security measures for the Super Bowl were discussed. The Fire Department election will be held Sunday, December 1, 2013 and installation of officers on Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

Clerk O'Grady advised Hanukkah begins on November 27, 2013. She inquired if Holiday Hours will remain the same as last year's – Board of Commissioners stated yes. Mrs. O'Grady stated she received documentation regarding the Missing Money ad - The Village is entitled to \$300 from Compass Group USA. She advised the Mayor and Commissioners of a pending lawsuit regarding an injury due to a raised sidewalk on Grand Avenue. Since Maksin Management Group will no longer offer Flexible Spending Account options, we will be utilizing Choice Care, carriers of the Village's Vision Plan. Mrs. O'Grady advised the Board of Commissioners she attended the Active Shooter/Cyber Liability seminar.

Superintendent O'Grady advised the General Permit meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2013 with an 8 hour inspection from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. John Rolack is updating the CSO books.

Chief Rose advised 3 police officers were dispatched to the Garden State Plaza Mall Shooting incident. The Police Desk area will be upgraded. There will be costs incurred for the transfer of Joe Avila-Reyes. The police test is ongoing and currently in the 4th stage. Additional speed limit signs will be placed on Teaneck Road. The Municipal Building generators need to be upgraded with new wiring.

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 9:00 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Commissioner Anlian

/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 November 21, 2013