

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
October 17, 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 (7:10 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 3, 2013 and the Closed Session Minutes of October 3, 2013

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

CORRESPONDENCE

10-06 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – League Foundation Releases Latest White Paper – Informational – Mrs. O’Grady to re-distribute to the Board of Commissioners

10-07 Jodi Jameson – Waterfront Sustainability Conference - Informational

10-08 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Introduced Ordinances - Informational

10-09 Bergen County Salute to Champions Breakfast - Informational

10-10 Roux Associates – 100 Industrial Avenue – Mr. O’Grady stated there is not impact to the Village

10-11 PSE&G – Unmetered Service Attachment – Mr. O’Grady will contact Boswell Engineering

10-12 DCA – Municipal Land Use Law Amendment – The Village has not received its flood elevation maps.

10-13 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinance - Informational

10-14 Brian Dean, Jersey Cares – Super Community Coat Drive – Mrs. O’Grady to follow up with Jersey Cares regarding collection drive.

10-15 Newsletter Draft – Mayor Fosdick advised to print as is.

10-16 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – COAH - Informational

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- 10-17 Commissioner Anlian – letter to Ron Kistner, Bergen County Parks – Mayor Fosdick will draft a letter addressing the issues.
- 10-18 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – S-2/A-1171 Shared Services Amendments - for further discussion
- 10-19 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – FEMA extends Flood Insurance Filing Deadline - Informational
- 10-20 Larry Stefanile – Nature Preserve, Declaration of Encumbrance, ROSI - Informational
- 10-21 Phil Boggia – 65 Challenger Road – Mr. Boggia will have parcel appraised
- 10-22 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – A-2586/S-1534 Exempts private institutions of higher education from local zoning requirements - Informational
- 10-23 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Sandy Recovery Survey - Informational
- 10-24 RP Jr. Football Association – Pancake Breakfast Sponsors - Informational
- 10-25 Anthony Noce, Skymark – letter to Environmental Commission - Informational
- 10-26 Steven Quinn, Environmental Commission – letter to Anthony Noce, Skymark – Mayor Fosdick stated protocol should be for the Environmental Commissioner to advise the Board of Commissioners who in turn would address issues with redevelopers. The DEP has jurisdiction to move the eagle’s nest and Skymark has to deal with the DEP directly. Although the Board of Commissioners appreciates the Environmental Commission’s view regarding the eagle’s nest, the Board of Commissioners should be the leaders of any discussions.
- 10-27 Doug Hansen – Overpeck Park Activities - Informational
- 10-28 Francine Orovitz – Training Reminder - Informational
- 10-29 Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund – Update on Sandy Claims & Information on Wind Claims - Informational
- 10-30 BC Prosecutors’ Office – Resolution Supporting the Fugitive Safe Surrender Program – Resolution to be placed on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 agenda
- 10-31 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Environmental Protection and Green Energy Conference Sessions - Informational
- 10-32 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Resolutions - Informational
- 10-33 Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund – 2014 MEL Property Program Renewal Changes - Informational
- 10-34 Job & Job – Nature Preserve - Informational
- 10-35 Larry Stefanile – Multi-Purpose Field - Informational

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REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd advised as per the Global Credit Report, Ridgefield Park is stable/adequate. TD Bank has sent a proposal for all Village business banking accounts; however; they are still not willing to absorb the payroll fees. The 2013 Best Practices has been completed and the Village's State Aid will remain the same. Commissioner Boyd asked Mrs. O'Grady to issue a memo to all Boards for 2014 meeting dates.

Commissioner Poli received a notice from Bergen County VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). Mrs. O'Grady will post notice on the Municipal Building's bulletin board and forward to Stephen Orovitz to post on the website.

Commissioner MacNeill inquired if the meter maid position is close to being filled. Chief Rose responded no. The Commissioners stated the Parking Moratorium will be from December 1, 2013 through January 4, 2014.

Mayor Fosdick advised he is meeting with a prospective police officer tomorrow. There are currently two police officers out on leave. The Public Hearing on the Bond Ordinance and Salary Ordinance will be on Tuesday, October 22, 2013.

Clerk O'Grady stated she looked into the guidelines for Sustainable NJ. A resolution would need to be passed stating intent to pursue certification and designate a liaison; register online; mandatory to create a "green team" consisting of staff and citizens.

Superintendent O'Grady advised the General Permit meeting is November 13, 2013 from 10am-12pm. Mr. O'Grady stated he forwarded Boswell Engineering bills to Mrs. O'Grady regarding the remediation and testing of Veteran's Park. An account should be established to pay these bills.

Attorney Boggia stated he has been contacted by Ron Ladell. He would like to meet with Commissioners Boyd & MacNeill next week to discuss designs. Commissioner MacNeill advised Fred Rosen should be present at the meeting. Mr. Boggia stated the Letter of Credit for \$1.8 million has been sent. Avalon has acquired the special permit for testing on a former landfill.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 7:45 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

Approved on November 7, 2013