

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING**  
**RIDGEFIELD PARK**  
**October 3, 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.; 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 September 19, 2013.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

**CORRESPONDENCE**

09-30 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Economic Opportunity Act of 2013 - Informational

09-31 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – “Charting a Course for Community Resilience” Conference - Informational

09-32 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Protect Municipal Bonds – Mayor Fosdick stated the Village heavily relies on property taxes

09-33 Boggia & Boggia – Tax Appeal Settlement – 233-235 Teaneck Road – Mayor and Commissioner all agreed to accept settlement proposal. Resolution to be prepared for October 8, 2013 meeting.

09-34 NJLM Membership Advisory – Understanding Affordable Healthcare Act - Informational

09-35 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Events - Informational

09-36 Job & Job – Nature Preserve – Commissioner Anlian advised Job & Job had received data from Green Acres this morning and is working on the revisions to survey plats and metes and bounds descriptions.

09-37 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances - Informational

09-38 Twp of Teaneck – Ordinances - Informational

09-39 Job & Job – Nature Preserve – as per discussed in 09-36

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- 09-40 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Charitable Tax Exemption – Informational
- 09-41 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Mental Health Party Plan - Informational
- 09-42 NJLM – COAH Third Round Rules – Mr. Boggia will confer with Mr. Laddell.
- 09-43 Superior Court of NJ – Appointments of Court Personnel - Informational
- 09-44 Sami Jaludi – Shade Tree/Sidewalk Safety Complaint – Commissioner Anlian stated it is under the Shade Tree Commission jurisdiction and will have them re-inspect the property.
- 09-45 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Flood Hazard Mitigation – Executive Order - Informational
- 10-01 Washington Watch Advisory – Federal Government Shutdown - Informational
- 10-02 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Holiday Displays - Informational
- 10-03 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – COAH - Informational
- 10-04 McNerney & Associates – 60 Challenger Road Appraisal – Mayor and Commissioners all agreed to accept the Resolution to be prepared for October 8, 2013 meeting.
- 10-05 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program – Mrs. O'Grady will confer with Joe Iannaconi.
- 10-06 Scott Rynerson – Local Wildlife – Mayor Fosdick will draft a notice for the newsletter warning the residents of the coyotes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Mayor and Commissioners discussed the 2013 Salary Ordinance. Commissioner Boyd stated some positions should be on a per diem basis. Mayor Fosdick stated there should be consistency with starting salaries. The 2013 Salary Ordinance will be introduced on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Mayor and Commissioners will introduce the Bond Ordinance on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 with the goal of minimizing tax increases.

### **REPORTS**

**Commissioner Anlian** stated there has been numerous events in the Overpeck County Park over the past few months. The music levels are extremely high. Commissioner Anlian will draft a letter to the County Parks Department regarding these high levels.

**Mayor Fosdick** stated he received an acknowledgement from the Barone family. He also received a survey from the County regarding Senior Services. October 12<sup>th</sup> will be a tree walk. November 1<sup>st</sup> will be additional planting in Overpeck Park. The Police Department will be administering a written police test on October 23, 2013.

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**Clerk O’Grady** stated she received an outstanding invoice from Breslin & Breslin. She advised she is awaiting an answer from Matt McArow to determine if the services provided are covered under insurance. Mrs. O’Grady also inquired if the 2014 Salary Ordinance could possibly be introduced and adopted prior to January 1, 2014. The Mayor and Commissioners agreed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, 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 (7) Pending Litigation

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:40 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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Commissioner Anlian

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/s/Margaret R. Boyd  
Commissioner

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/s/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

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/s/ Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

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/s/ George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

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/s/ Tara O’Grady  
Village Clerk  
Approved on October 17, 2013