

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
September 19, 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 (7:05 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 September 5, 2013, and the Closed Session Meeting of September 5, 2013.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolutions**

2013-087     Authorize Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

2013-088     Authorize Public Auction of Police Vehicles

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve Resolution 2013-087.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve Resolution 2013-088.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

**CORRESPONDENCE**

09-11   St. Francis Church – Parish Feast - Informational

09-12   Dave Dubin – AliveAndKickn - Informational

09-13   Rev. Larry Evans – Closure of Bergen Avenue for Parish Feast – Resolution was passed at the September 10, 2013 meeting.

09-14   NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Best Practices Checklist – to be discussed later in the meeting.

09-15   Larry Stefanile – Nature Preserve – see 9-29

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- 09-16 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances - Informational
- 09-17 New Milford Resolution – United Water - Informational
- 09-18 Job & Job – Nature Preserve – see 9-29
- 09-19 BCUA – 2013 BCUA Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant – Mayor Fosdick advised the Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr High School was awarded grant.
- 09-20 Boswell Engineering – 2014 State Aid Applications – Resolution passed at September 10, 2013 meeting.
- 09-21 Boggia & Boggia – Proposed Tax Appeal Settlement – Resolution to be prepared for September 24, 2013 meeting.
- 09-22 Troop 3 – Eagle Scout Ceremony – Dylan Jansen – Mrs. O’Grady to prepare proclamation and order plaque. Mayor Fosdick and Commissioner Boyd are unable to attend.
- 09-23 Troop 3 – Eagle Scout Ceremony – Paul Fasullo – Mrs. O’Grady to prepare proclamation and order plaque. Mayor Fosdick and Commissioner Boyd are unable to attend.
- 09-24 NJDOT – Maintenance Roadway Repair Contract Route 80 - Informational
- 09-25 IC Awareness Month – September 2013 – Proclamation to be prepared for September 24, 2013 meeting.
- 09-26 DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole LLP – Myers v. Inho Son, et al – Attorney Boggia advised the case has been dismissed.
- 09-27 Washington Watch Fax Advisory – IRS Rule Proposal on Reporting by Employers under Affordable Care Act – Mrs. O’Grady spoke with insurance advisory who stated seasonal employees and volunteers are not included under the Affordable Care Act.
- 09-28 McCann & McCann – 60 Challenger Road – Mr. Boggia stated Starplex would like to use the vacant lot for parking. He stated the property should be appraised for rental and purchase purposes. Mr. Boggia will confer with Starplex on their intentions.
- 09-29 Larry Stefanile e-mail to Job & Job – Nature Preserve - Commission Anlian stated Job & Job is waiting for correspondence from the DEP – Green Acres Program

### **REPORTS**

**Commissioner Boyd** advised the tax sale will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> and currently there are 37 properties that have 2012 balances. She stated a resident has requested an audible light to be placed at the intersection of Main and Mt. Vernon Streets. Chief Rose will have Sgt. Al Locarno research. The Fall Festival is Saturday, cupcake eating contest will be at 1 pm.

**Commissioner Poli** announced the results on the crossing guards’ loss control report were outstanding. He advised since the Ambulance Corps. is facing budget issues, they are looking into a third party billing program to generate funds to sustain the Ambulance Corps. Capt. Zapata will prepare a presentation for the Mayor and Commissioners.

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**Mayor Fosdick** advised he will not be in attendance at the November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. He received correspondence regarding the Gooney Bird Annual Dinner. This Saturday and Sunday is the Wine Festival in the County Park. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> is the Bergen County Fair and Harvest Festival in the County Park. The annual Mason/Knights of Columbus softball game will be on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Clerk O’Grady** advised mandatory correspondence regarding the Affordable Care Act will be distributed to all employees next pay period.

**Superintendent O’Grady** stated repairs to the CSO regulator on Route 46 began today. Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm will be a pre-construction meeting with the Department of Transportation regarding the railroad crossing at Mt. Vernon Street. Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:30 pm will be a Combined Sewer Overflow meeting in Passaic Valley, permit should be received by November. There is a tripping hazard on Mt. Vernon sidewalk across from Hose Co. 1. The geese dirt in McGowan Park continues to be a problem.

**Chief Rose** stated the Police Department will be meeting with Starplex within the next week to discuss security. The parking lot at the Municipal Pool has received 32 tons of macadam and has been striped. He advised there have been advertisements for club activities at MK Valencia.

**Attorney Boggia** stated he has been in contact with the Board of Freeholders attorney regarding the Pedestrian Bridge. He advised Ridgefield Park will have an annuity in place regarding bridge maintenance.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Mayor and Commissioners discussed the 2013 Best Practices Worksheet. Questions that remain unanswered will be referred to the CFO, Joe Iannaconi Jr.

Mayor Fosdick asked Mrs. O’Grady to include employee’s names and employment dates on the salary ordinance for further discussion at the next meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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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 October 3, 2013

