

COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
August 8, 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), Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq.; Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent; Police Capt. Dan Hippe and Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of July 18, 2013.

On roll call, Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".
Abstain: Commissioner Anlian

DISCUSSION

Steven Rogut Esq. of Rogut McCarthy, LLC. was in attendance to discuss short term financing of capital expenses.

Mayor Fosdick stated the Village is in the process of selling two parcels on Challenger Road with a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement for approximately \$18 million. There are current expenses the Village needs to consider: fire truck, fire department equipment, storm emergency equipment, road improvements, park lighting, park improvements, high school track, and pool improvements. The Village would like to bond for the expenses listed above and the thought is to pay off the bond with the proceeds from the land sale.

Mr. Rogut stated it is best to pay off short term debt first. He will have the bonding ordinance ready for the September 10th or September 24th meeting.

Mr. Rogut left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Fosdick announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

Commissioner Boyd advised the auditors recommend funds to be put aside for any COAH obligations in reference to Resolution 2013-077.

Mayor Fosdick stated the Village is not required to do so.

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Resolutions

- 2013-070 Approve Tax Appeal Settlement – 178 Bergen Avenue
- 2013-071 Authorize Renewal of 2013-2014 Liquor Licenses
- 2013-072 Approve Use of Village Property for Parking
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- 2013-074 Approve ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Construction Grant Agreement
- 2013-075 Approve ADA Cooperative Engineering Design Grant Agreement
- 2013-076 Authorize Shared Service Agreement with Bergen County for Senior Center
- 2013-077 Approve Terms of Redevelopment Agreement with Avalon Bay

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli that the consent Agenda be approved.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- 07-34 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Excessive Heat Advisory - Informational
- 07-35 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Governor Vetoes S-1778 Public Safety Worker’s Compensation Bill - Informational
- 07-36 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – “Not in NJ Municipal Bankruptcy advocates: California Dreamin” - Informational
- 07-37 Northern NJ Community Foundation – 3 Bergen County Towns Begin to Measure Key Elements of Municipal Services - Informational
- 07-38 Community Resource Council – Health & Wellness Fair - Informational
- 07-39 Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund – Sandy Claims – Mr. O’Grady advised the Village has been reimbursed for all claims.
- 07-40 PSE&G-Update on Issues - Informational
- 07-41 John Richey – Parking Enforcement - Informational
- 07-42 Larry Stefanile – Nature Preserve – Commissioner Anlian will follow up with Job & Job.
- 07-43 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – 2013 Conference CEU & Attendance Verification Procedures - Informational
- 07-44 Elevating Homes to Protect from Future Storms – Mayor Fosdick stated the official mapping for Ridgfield Park has not been released.
- 07-45 Congressman Pascrell – 2013 SAFER Funding Opportunity – Information sent to OEM Coordinator Hansen and Fire Chief LaTour.

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- 07-46 NorthJersey.com – Judge Rules Hackensack violated OPRA – Mayor Fosdick commented all public records should be available.
- 07-47 American Properties – 60 Challenger Road – Joe Voytus will contact and inquire.
- 07-48 Larry Stefanile – Nature Preserve: Composite Survey – Commissioner Anlian advised the composite survey has been sent.
- 07-49 Boggia & Boggia – Rental of Challenger Road Property – Joe Voytus will send response the Village has prior commitments for the use of the vacant lots.
- 08-01 DCA – Affordable Care Act Guidance – All “Obama Care” should be forwarded to Matt McArow.
- 08-02 NJLM – League Annual Audit Statement - Informational
- 08-03 Larry Stefanile – PSE&G Direct Install Program – Commissioner MacNeill will go through all municipal buildings and schools.
- 08-04 Larry Stefanile – Nature Preserve Composite Survey Map – discussed in 07-42 & 07-48.
- 08-05 Boggia & Boggia – Shaker v. M. Landolfi, VRP – A motion to dismiss has been filed per Joe Voytus.
- 08-06 Washington Watch Fax Advisory – Housing & Urban Development Funding Bill - Informational
- 08-07 NJ Meadowlands Commission – Ridgefield Construction - Informational
- 08-08 United Water – Water Service Increase Petition - Informational
- 08-09 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – S-2340 Bill – “Frivolous Filing” - Informational
- 08-10 NJLM Membership Advisory – Sustainability Summit - Informational
- 08-11 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Sandy Rebuild – HUD Environmental Reviews – Does not apply to Ridgefield Park
- 08-12 Job & Job – Nature Preserve – previously discussed

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd advised the Credit Card for tax payments agreement has been revised since the arbitration location was Texas. Can the Village charge a “Face-to-Face” swipe fee if a machine is used in the office? Joe Voytus will research and advised 2 quotes are needed.

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Commissioner Anlian reported there is a proposal to build an artificial tower for the eagle. Both the Environmental Commission and Skymark want to protect the eagle. The Department of Environmental Protection is currently reviewing the issue.

Mayor Fosdick stated low speed vehicles are limited to 25 mph roads. However, state law permits municipalities to allow low speed vehicles on 35 mph roads. Joe Voytus will prepare a resolution. The Fire Department has achieved a Class III ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating. He advised the Rescue Squad is having problems with their car and boat. He referred to a recent letter from a resident regarding a pool deck. Commissioner MacNeill stated he will look into the matter. Mayor Fosdick stated the Food Truck Mash in Overpeck Park was a successful happening. He is drafting a letter to the Board of Chosen Freeholders regarding the traffic and parking issues. The Street Fair and the VFW Clam Bake will both be held on September 21st.

Captain Hippe reported the Police Department has received a Tort Claim Notice for a participant from the Youth Academy that was struck by a vehicle. He commented on a recent incident which occurred at the Bogota Pool that Ridgefield Park had responded to. He advised Ridgefield Park should not lessen restrictions on memberships without speaking to the Police Department. The Police Department will be conducting Active Shooter Training from August 20-22nd. The computer upgrade proposal may be even less costly than originally expected. Ridgefield Park was No. 7 in the state with the Click It or Ticket Campaign summonses. Commissioner Boyd stated quotes are needed for the computer project. Joe Voytus stated the vendor is under state contract.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamation:

2013 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, 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, 8) Anticipated Litigation, Personnel Matters

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 9:05 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick_____

Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on August 22, 2013