

COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
July 9, 2013
6:00 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, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli (6:10 pm) and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq.; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of June 20, 2013 and the Closed Session Minutes of June 20, 2013

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

Absent: Commissioner Poli

CORRESPONDENCE

06-45 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Super Community Blood Drive Announcement - Informational

06-46 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory- Hiring Fair and Employment Workshops - Informational

06-47 NJ Meadowlands Commission- Ridgefield Holding/65 Railroad Avenue- Variances/Use Change - Informational

06-48 Assemblywoman Marlene Caride attendance at 6/5 meeting – Assemblywoman Caride was in attendance at last meeting

06-49 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory- Regulatory Signs for Electric Vehicle Parking and Charging Facilities - Informational

06-50 PSE&G- Street Light Outages Webinar - Informational

06-51 Board of Chosen Freeholders- Ordinances - Informational

06-52 Sarlo Secures Tax Relief in State Budget for Meadowlands Towns - Informational

06-53 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory- S-2511 and S-2512 - Informational

06-54 SNJ- COAH – Atty. Boggia will contact New Jersey League of Municipalities

06-55 John S. Hogan, BC Clerk- Photo Card Program – Informational

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- 06-56 NJLM Mayor's Advisory- Private Collection of Municipal Court Debt AOC Guidelines - Informational
- 06-57 NJLM Mayor's Advisory- Special Election Costs - Informational
- 06-58 Boggia & Boggia- Letters to Developers – Atty. Boggia advised BNE Real Estate Group LLC / Highview Homes, LLC has expressed their bewilderment of not being selected as redevelopers
- 06-59 NJLM Mayor's Advisory- Local Government Legal Fees/Municipal Registration of Multi-Family Dwellings - Informational
- 06-60 Kellie Lane- Thank You - Informational
- 06-61 Board of Chosen Freeholders- Ordinances - Informational
- 07-01 Waters, McPherson, McNeill- Environmental Rights Acts Notice – Lukoil and Citgo
- 07-02 NJLM Mayor's Advisory- Legislative Recap - Informational
- 07-03 NJLM Mayor's Advisory- Sandy Enhanced Incentives – Does not apply to RP
- 07-04 NJLM Mayor's Advisory- Legislative Updates - Informational
- 07-05 James Ruff, RP Environmental Commission – letter to Bob Martin, DEP - Comm. Anlian stated a developer might have the eagle nest moved via an artificial platform constructed by Gil Hawkins which will present a conflict of interest. The DEP has not responded to the Env. Commission letter.
- 07-06 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – 90% Federal Cost-Share for REMA Public Assistance Authorized - Informational
- 07-07 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – New League Affiliated Association - Informational
- 07-08 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Affordable Care Act – Clerk O'Grady to distribute pamphlet to Mayor and Commissioners
- 07-09 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – COAH – Previously discussed
- 07-10 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – COAH – Previously discussed
- 07-11 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – League Foundation Releases Latest White Paper - Informational
- 07-12 Michael DeMarrais – Won Buddhism of America, 162 Main Street – Comm. MacNeill will follow up with Michael Landolfi, Construction Official
- 07-13 Matthew Henrich, Mayor Woodland Twp – High Speed Internet – Informational

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DISCUSSION

2013 Salary Ordinance – Clerk O’Grady to prepare Ordinance for the August 13th meeting.

Capital Bond – The Mayor and Commissioners reviewed the Debt Analysis.

Mayor Fosdick stated the new Fire Pumper and Equipment will cost approximately \$1 million.

DPW Superintendent stated \$750,000 will be needed for Roads – Euclid Avenue from Hobart Street to Route 46; Christie Street from Teaneck Road to the Municipal Pool, and Brinkerhoff Street from Main Street to the Municipal Pool.

Commissioner MacNeill advised new lighting is needed for Veterans Park and the Soccer Field. The cost will be \$1.5 million and would like to use the proceeds from the sale of Challenger Road. The Municipal Pool needs \$200,000 to renovate the bathrooms, new filtration system, etc. He advised the Village was awarded a \$59,000 matching grant for Hobart Street Park.

The Mayor asked Supt. O’Grady to discuss with OEM Coordinator Hansen new generator costs.

The Capital projects will be further discussed at future meetings.

REPORTS

Commissioner MacNeill advised the Pool Manager has resigned. Two residents have applied for the vacant Pool Commission seat. Clerk O’Grady will prepare resolution for next meeting appointing Karen Conway.

Mayor Fosdick advised the Rotary Installation will be on Wednesday, July 10th at Don MacNeill’s home in Maywood at 6pm. July 17th is the Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting at 4:30 pm.

Superintendent O’Grady advised he is losing an employee who has been hired by the Hackensack Police Department.

Village Attorney Boggia advised Samsung would like to use the vacant lot on Challenger Road. Since the lot is for sale and possible environmental testing, the lot cannot be used. Starplex is interested in purchasing the land, and would like to use the vacant lot for fair market rent. He stated Chase Partners would like their \$35,000 escrow returned. Clerk O’Grady will check all bills to determine if there is a balance or deficit. Commissioner Boyd inquired as to the progress of Avalon Bay and the scheduling of upcoming meetings. Mr. Boggia stated Ron Ladell is on vacation and has a scheduled conference call on Wednesday. He did advise that Avalon Bay wants a 30 year pilot program. Commissioner MacNeill raised his concern about design issues. He would like Fred Rosen to attend meetings with Avalon Bay.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 7:10 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 July 18, 2013