

COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
May 23, 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, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq.; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent; Sandra Bognatz, Deputy Clerk 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 May 9, 2013.

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

Abstain: Mayor Fosdick, Commissioner MacNeill

DISCUSSION

Mathew McArow and Ezio Altamura of GJEM Insurance Agency, Risk Managers to the Village of Ridgefield Park presented to the Mayor and Commissioners a review of insurance policies.

Mayor Fosdick stated the Soccer Association should be added as a quasi entity application.

Mr. Altamura advised this must be done by resolution.

Mr. Altamura advised the concussion training course is on-line; Blood Borne Pathogen training will be on-line in July. He added the Village has “Host Liquor Liability” for the municipality and official fire department functions. Outside individuals using public facilities must submit a hold harmless agreement and name the municipality and/or fire department as additional insured’s to their insurance policy. All vendors should supply Certificates of Liability Insurance.

Mr. Altamura also added a copy of the Police Accreditation Certificate should be sent to Mr. McArow for a reduction in insurance costs.

Mr. McArow advised there is a Medicare Advantage Program for retirees commencing in August which will save the Village money. The cost will be approx. \$475 per member and no supplements to Medicare are needed.

CORRESPONDENCE

05-08 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Discover Revolutionary NJ - Informational

05-14 BCUA – Public Hearing - Informational

05-15 Washington Watch Advisory – Marketplace Fairness Act – Informational

- 05-16 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Dune Construction Court Case - Informational
- 05-17 GJEM – Elected Officials Online Training – Commissioner Anlian will do the online training.
- 05-18 Bergen Avenue Homeowner – Backyard Parties – Letter was forwarded to Chief Rose; Can't do much with an anonymous letter.
- 05-19 State of NJ – COAH Trust Fund Balance - Informational
- 05-20 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Clean Community Grant Awards – The Village will receive approx. \$19,000.00.
- 05-21 Michael Affuso, NJ Bankers Association – Property Maintenance Issues - Informational
- 05-22 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances - Informational
- 05-23 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Early Voting Bill - Informational
- 05-24 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Public Safety Workers' Compensation - Informational
- 05-25 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – COAH – Informational
- 05-26 Sen. Paul Sarlo – Clean Communities Grant - Informational
- 05-27 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Disaster Loan Program - Informational
- 05-28 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Free Sustainability Leadership Training - Informational
- 05-29 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Governor Christie's Action on Bills - Informational
- 05-30 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – COAH - Informational
- 05-31 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – West Nile Virus - Informational
- 05-32 AST Development - Challenger Road – Closed Session
- 05-33 Deanna Griffin – Grant School Project – Mr. O'Grady will speak to Principal Bender.
- 05-34 Chief Edward Rose – Department Accreditation and Awards – Ceremony is 5/28.
- 05-35 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – COAH - Informational
- 05-36 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Upcoming Sustainable NJ Events - Informational
- 05-37 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Resolutions - Informational
- 05-38 SNJ DOT – Safe Streets to Transit Grant – The Village was denied Grant.
- 05-39 Board of Chosen Freeholders - Introduced Ordinance - Informational

REPORTS

Commissioner Poli advised Cliffside Park has leant an ambulance to the Village. The damaged ambulance will cost approx.. \$12,000.00 to repair.

Commissioner Anlian advised discussion of the Police Range should be at the next Caucus meeting.

DPW Superintendent O’Grady advised the Commissioners repairs need to be made to two combined sewer overflow regulators.

Mayor Fosdick announced Edward Hill has passed away. He reminded all Memorial Day Services will be on Monday, May 27th. The Police Accreditation Ceremony is Tuesday, May 28th. The block party for Highland Place is Friday, June 14th – Clerk O’Grady to prepare resolution for Tuesday, May 28th.

Commissioner Boyd stated a resolution will be on Tuesday, May 28th agenda for emergency repairs to the CSO regulators, dock and municipal pool.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, 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) Redevelopment of Meadowlands

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:10 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/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 June 6, 2013