

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
March 7, 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, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Edward Rose, Police Chief; Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent; Courtney Fitzpatrick, 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 February 21, 2013.

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

Absent: Commissioners Anlian, MacNeill

DISCUSSION

Megan Tomkins, American Cancer Society, requested the use of Veterans Park for the Relay for Life event to be held on June 7 – June 8, 2013. There will be a kick-off event on March 14th at the Civic Center at 7 PM. Commissioner Boyd advised Ms. Tomkins the County has a portable stage. Mr. O'Grady stated he has 2 employees certified in assembling said stage. Mayor Fosdick asked Mrs. O'Grady to prepare a resolution for Tuesday, March 12th meeting approving the use of Veterans Park for the event.

Commissioner Boyd introduced John Mosca from Donohue, Gironda & Doria, CPA's. Commissioner Boyd stated the Village should be run as a business and is fortunate furloughs have not been implemented like many municipalities. There will be a decrease of \$1 to the average assessed home and would like to introduce the budget on March 14.

Mr. Mosca stated the tax rate will remain the same.

Mayor Fosdick stated there will be Capital expenditures this year, i.e. firetruck, fire equipment. Mr. Mosca stated the capital items should appear in the Capital Budget for Tuesday's introduction. Commissioner Anlian stated the Dock should be listed in the Capital Budget as well.

Commissioner Boyd stated there are approximately 100 homes in foreclosure and a possible \$300,000.00 in tax appeal settlements. She advised the Commissioners, this money has to come from somewhere.

Commissioner Boyd also added she is looking into refinancing existing bonds.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 02-18 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – User Friendly Budget Rules - Informational
- 02-19 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – S-69/A-1080 Texting While Driving - Informational
- 09-17 02-20 James Donohue – 2013 High School Commencement – Resolution will be on agenda for March 12, 2013
- 02-21 Boswell Engineering – 2013 Laurel, Preston, Ehler Court Improvements – Informational
- 02-22 JIF – Underground Storage Tank Coverage – Mr. O'Grady stated this does not apply to the Village since there aren't any tanks.
- 02-23 Larry Stefanile – Multipurpose Field – Testing is continuing.
- 02-24 Hartz Mountain – Subdivision 65-75 Challenger Road Hearing – Approved by the Planning Board on March 4, 2013.
- 02-25 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Online Social Security Services - Informational
- 02-26 Bergen County Bus Rapid Transit Study Session - Informational
- 02-27 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Need for Property Tax Relief and Reform – Informational
- 02-28 Borough of Paramus – Resolution opposing Open Public Meetings Act amendments – Commissioner Anlian stated the Village should do a Resolution.
- 02-29 Planning Board Hearing – 225-300 Industrial Avenue- Approved by the Planning Board on March 4, 2013
- 02-30 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Dept. of Health Informative Flyer - Informational
- 02-31 Planning Board Case – Unity Fuels – Already discussed.
- 02-32 Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders – Resolutions - Informational
- 03-01 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – League opposes S-2114/A-3317 Prohibit Municipal Registration of Multi-Family Dwellings - Informational
- 03-02 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Appellate Court Decisions - Informational
- 03-03 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Governor Introduces 2014 Budget - Informational
- 03-04 Comm. MacNeill to Robert Abbatomarco – Lightning Detection System – The necessary documents have been submitted for reimbursement.
- 03-04.A NJLM Mayor's Advisory – NJ Clean Water Council - Informational
- 03-05 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Delegation of Fees for Cancelled 2012 League Conference - Informational

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- 03-06 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – 2014 Budget Proposal Update - Informational
- 03-07 Knights of Columbus – 22nd Annual Scholarship Golf Outing - Informational
- 03-08 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – League opposes Early Voting Bills - Informational
- 03-09 DCA News – Municipal State Aid – Informational - Informational
- 03-10 Boswell Engineering – Recommendation for Award of Bid – Bid will be awarded on Tuesday, March 12, 2013
- 03-11 Larry Stefanile – Nature Preserve – In progress
- 03-12 Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances - Informational
- 03-13 Tyree Environmental Corp, - 100 Railroad Avenue Vapor Intrusion Investigation – Informational
- 03-14 Philip Boggia letter to Veronica Hakim, NJ Turnpike Authority – Turnpike property – Mr. Boggia stated site remediation needs to be done to determine contamination, if any. Skymark will indemnify the Village and pay all costs incurred. Mr. Boggia requested permission to send the letter to the NJ Turnpike Authority. On voice vote, all voted, “YEA”.
- 03-15 FEMA Visits to Flood Prone Areas –Memo to be sent to Webmaster
- 03-16 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Hurricane Sandy Survey - Completed
- 03-17 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Recap of Legislative Development - Informational
- 03-18 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Disaster Assistance Registration Deadline - Informational
- 03-19 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Follow-up to Appellate Court Decisions - Informational
- 03-20 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – S2364, Early Voting Bill - Informational
- 03-21 NJLM Mayor's Advisory – Vegetation Management Pilot - Informational
- 03-22 DEP – Advisory Base Flood Elevations Hearing –Mrs. O'Grady to notify Mike Kelly.
- 03-23 Stephanie Blandon – RP Helmet Laws – RPHS school project

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REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd stated the new electronic sign will be installed soon. Skymark's taxes are current.

Commissioner Poli informed the Board of Commissioners the Ambulance Corps. Officers will forego their annual stipends to assist with their increasing expenses.

Mayor Fosdick stated the Elk's Citizen of the Year Celebration is March 16th. Daniel Greco will be honored. Hose Co. No. 4 is revising the specifications for a new fire truck. He advised Chief Rose to contact Gerard Garofalow regarding low speed vehicles. The Police Dept. is to draft amendments to the overnight parking ordinance. The Village should look into joining the NJ Sustainable Energy Joint Meeting to possibly save on energy costs.

Philip Boggia stated the communication he has had with the Freeholders regarding the Pedestrian Bridge is supportive. The Planning Board has approved the subdivision of 65-75 Challenger Road. He inquired if the Village would be interested in selling said land. On voice vote, all voted, "YEA". He advised Skymark would like to commence Soil Separation.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2013-01

**2013-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE
CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK,
ENTITLED "AMBULANCE CORPS"**

Commissioner Poli moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner Poli read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Poli moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper on March 15, 2013 and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on March 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Boyd.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:20 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 March 21, 2013