

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
February 21, 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 (7:15), Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Edward Rose, Police Chief and Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of February 7, 2013 and of the Closed Meeting of February 7, 2013.

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

Abstain: Commissioner Poli

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

DISCUSSION I

Mike Kelly, Boswell Engineering, explained the Advisory Base Flood Mapping from the Department of Environmental Protection. The Overpeck Creek increased from elevation 7 to 9. Other affected areas are the southwest corner of Emerson St./Challenger Rd., and west of the Turnpike – Emerson, Brinkerhoff, Christie, Overpeck, and Hobart Streets. The Advisory Maps will not be revised. The DEP will be submitting Preliminary Maps which can be appealed but advised the Village to adopt the Advisory Base Flood Mapping. The advantages are an increase in Cost of Compliance Funding and FEMA "points" in a Community Rating System which could affect insurance rates. Insurance rates will increase despite adoption of the Flood Mapping however the Village will not be eligible for assistance if not adopted.

Mayor Fosdick stated the area east and north of the Turnpike has flood gates and the Overpeck Creek is not tidal. Bergen Turnpike, Oak and Elm Streets are the problem areas, not Challenger Road. His concern is that some structures cannot be raised.

Mike Kelly stated he will make the DEP aware of the flood gate and strongly suggested to the Board of Commissioners to notify all property owners in the flood zones of the federal mandates.

Mike Kelly also added the sample resolution from the DEP lists the Construction Code Official as the Flood Plain Manager but some municipalities have their Engineer as the Manager. The Manager should be certified.

Commissioner MacNeill stated he will have Michael Landolfi, the Construction Code Official, look into the certification process. Mr. Kelly stated he will work hand in hand with Mr. Landolfi.

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NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions:

2013-026 Authorize Redemption of Tax Lien and Return of Premium

2013-027 Authorize Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

2013-028 Authorize Proposed Tax Appeal Settlement

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, to approve Resolutions 2013-026 and 2013-027.

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

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve Resolution 2013-028.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

02-04 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Property Taxes - Informational

02-05 Waterway Debris Removal Meeting - Informational

02-06 NJDEP – Advisory Base Flood Elevation - discussed

02-07 Holmdel Mayor Patrick Impreveduto, - Holmdel Helps - Informational

02-08 Multiple Sclerosis Society – Use of Vacant Lot April 14, 2013 – Clerk O’Grady to prepare resolution for February 26, 2013 meeting.

02-09 Chris Onorato – Snow Removal - Informational

02-10 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Open Space and Farmland Preservation - Informational

02-11 Eli Katz – Business in RP - Informational

02-12 SNJ DEP – Remediation of Turnpike Authority Parcels – Village Attorney Philip Boggia to review.

02-13 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Mold and Asbestos Dangers - Informational

02-14 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Introduced Ordinances - Informational

02-15 Ken Ochab – Redevelopment Investigation – Exxon, Gasho, and Hampton Inn Property to be included in a redevelopment investigation

02-16 Larry Stefanile – Nature Preserve – Green Acres Project Officer, Susan Syboldt, Stated the Survey Maps are not correct.

02-17 Stephen Quinn – Winter Storm “Nemo” – will review recommendations.

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DISCUSSION II

Commissioner Poli stated the Ambulance Corps. Ordinance amending Chapter 17 is changing standard operating procedures.

Police Chief Rose advised the “revised draft” of the Taxi/Limousine Ordinance will not solve the problem with parking. The overnight parking ordinance should be changed to include limousines. Chief Rose will consult Attorney Voytus for proposed changes. Chief Rose will copy the Commissioners and Village Clerk with issues of the revised draft.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd stated she will be working on the 2013 Budget with the Auditors on Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

Commissioner Poli informed all he will be on vacation and will miss the March 21st Caucus Meeting.

Commissioner MacNeill informed all he will be on vacation and will miss the March 7th Caucus Meeting.

Commissioner Anlian stated there are Construction Board of Appeals boxes in the Tax Assessor’s office. He inquired if they can be moved to the DPW. Clerk O’Grady will look into the records disposal terms.

Mayor Fosdick stated the Soccer Dance is Saturday, February 23rd. The Elk’s Dance is March 16th. February 26th will be the Police Department Promotional Ceremony. The Police Department is looking into the requirements for low speed vehicles; i.e. insurance, registration. Police Chief Rose is preparing a press release on the Accreditation.

Police Chief Rose stated the new phone system is complete. In 2013, the Village stands to save approximately \$28,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady

Village Clerk

Approved on March 7, 2013