

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 3, 2015
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 31, 2014 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian (7:03), Boyd, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.
Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

Also present: Philip Boggia Esq., Village Attorney; Ed Rose, Chief of Police; Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent and Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk

DISCUSSION I- Correspondence #11-15

Joshua Broder, Peter Eckel, and John Kelly; Representatives of Tilson Tech were in attendance to discuss Verizon Wireless' request to use existing utility poles for small cellular sites. The objective is to improve cellular service and data speeds.

Mr. Broder advised there is currently only one site in the Village, located at 127 Arthur Street, which Verizon would need municipal consent to utilize. A box would be mounted to the pole and an antenna mounted on top.

Mr. Boggia advised Verizon's documents were reviewed and are in order.

The Commissioners agreed to have a resolution placed on the December 8, 2015 Regular Meeting agenda to approve Verizon's request.

At this time, Mr. Broder, Eckel, and Kelly left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

11-12 State of NJ, DEP – Radon Action Month - Informational

11-13 Boggia & Boggia – Proposed Tax Appeal Settlement – Resolution to be prepared for Tuesday, December 8, 2015 meeting

11-14 NJLM – Daily Update – Informational

11-15 Verizon – Proposed Resolution – Resolution to be placed on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 meeting agenda.

11-16 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances - Informational

11-17 GJEM – 2016 Assessment – Informational

11-18 Boggia & Boggia – COAH – Mayor Fosdick stated back in 2010, there was a published article stating 38% of the homes in the Village were over 100 years old.

11-19 William Morrow – Santa – Letter forwarded to the Fire Chief

11-20 Concerned Citizen – Main Street Retaining Wall – Letter referred to the Building Dept.

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DISCUSSION II

Personnel Handbook

Mayor Fosdick advised on page 42 of the proposed employee handbook, there are circumstances that exist and employees should not be penalized. He also advised, the fire official should be added on page 24. He also added the Library Board would like their own policy manual.

Chief Rose stated there are some items that do not apply to Police Department employees.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Junibel Hernandez, resident, announced that she and 4 others graduated and are now CERT certified.

Mayor Fosdick congratulated and advised her to contact Doug Hansen. To become members of the Village CERT team, upon recommendation from the Office of Emergency Management, you must be appointed by the Board of Commissioners via resolution.

Thomas Blumenthal, resident, inquired as to when the last time the railroad was contacted about bringing back rail service in Ridgefield Park.

Mayor Fosdick stated he was told passenger service could not be re-instituted until a second tunnel was built. It is currently not a priority on the state level.

Mr. Blumenthal asked who owns the rails, property, road bed, etc.

Mayor Fosdick responded the 2 railroads in Ridgefield Park are privately owned.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd stated Rescue Squad Christmas Party is December 19th at 7pm. All Commissioners are welcome.

Commissioner Poli announced the results of the Ambulance Corps. officer elections. Installation will take place at the December 22nd Commissioners Meeting. Ambulance Corps. pictures with Santa is December 19th.

Commissioner Anlian stated the Municipal Tree Lighting is this Sunday at 5:30pm.

Mayor Fosdick reminded all the Pearl Harbor Observance is Monday at 7pm. The Fire Department installation of officers is Tuesday at 7:30 with reception at the Elks. The memo from Diane Catalano will be discussed when Commissioner MacNeill is present.

Clerk O'Grady advised the Board of Commissioners her term as Village Clerk expires on Thursday, December 10th. A resolution for re-appointment is to be prepared for the December 8, 2015 meeting. Mrs. O'Grady advised she received a phone call from a Roger Davis stating his concern over the VFW canon. There have been many stolen throughout the U.S., especially from VFWs that have closed. Also, Commissioner Poli and Mrs. O'Grady will be meeting with NJ Manufacturer's Insurance Co. on January 19, 2016.

Superintendent O'Grady advised there was only 1 bid (Beyer Bros.) for the DPW truck. If bid is in order, he would like the resolution awarding the bid on the December 8th agenda. The Village's share of the Passaic Valley Sewer Monitoring Agreement is approx. \$100,000.00.

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Chief Rose advised a new parking enforcement officer will start on Monday. His duties will include substitute crossing guard and substitute dispatcher. The Police Department is in compliance with body cameras and police care cameras.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, 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 (4, 7, 8) Labor Negotiations, Development of Meadowlands, Personnel

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:40 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner MacNeill

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on December 17, 2015