

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
July 21, 2016
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, 2015 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., Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent 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 and Closed Session Meeting of July 7, 2016.

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

DISCUSSION

Lawrence Stefanile Transition Report Conference Call

Mayor Fosdick commended Mr. Stefanile for all the hard work he has done for the Village and that he will be missed.

Mr. Stefanile stated he has worked for the Village since 1967 and added Ridgefield Park is a gold standard municipality.

Mr. Stefanile advised the SAM (Systems Administration Management) Program is a very high priority to keep active. The Village’s active certification extends to January 2017. His recommendation is to have the Village’s Financial Officer handle the re-certification process. The DUNS and CAGE numbers are required on applications and advised not to change those numbers.

Mayor Fosdick asked if he could recommend a replacement. Mr. Stefanile advised he could not.

Commissioner Boyd asked as we get names, can we run them by him. He responded yes.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS:

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| 2016-111 | Review of the Annual Audit by the Board of Commissioners |
| 2016-112 | Authorize Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund for Little League Improvement Project |

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, that Resolution 2016-111 be approved.

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

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Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, that Resolution 2016-112 be approved.

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

Abstain: Commissioner Boyd

CORRESPONDENCE

07-09 NJLM – Daily Alert - Informational

07-10 Boswell Engineering – Transportation Trust Fund Shut-Down Order – Mr. O’Grady advised that we can proceed with the bidding process. Boswell Engineering thinks the shut-down order will be resolved before awarding the bid. Mayor Fosdick suggested a clause be added in the specs “Subject to Transportation Trust Fund Ruling.” Mayor Fosdick would like Boswell Eng. to provide a rough estimate for Industrial Avenue.

07-11 Larry Stefanile – 2016 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Deadline – Deadline is October 13th. Commissioner Boyd suggested McGowan Park Gazebo as a project.

07-12 James Tedesco, County Executive – Colombian Independence Day – Event passed.

07-13 Michael Russo, SNJ Dept. of Transportation – Shut Down Order -Informational

07-14 Richard Loveless, SNJ Dept. of Transportation – 2016 Mutual Aid Program - Informational

07-15 NJLM – Affordable Housing Ruling – Informational

07-16 Asm. Robert Auth – Affordable Housing Ruling – Informational

07-17 PSE&G – Reduced Rates – Informational

07-18 Charter Communications – Time Warner Merger – Informational

07-19 Doug Hansen – County Park Events – Informational

07-20 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances – Informational

07-21 Board of Chosen Freeholders - Ordinances – Informational

07-22 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update – Informational

07-23 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinance – Informational

07-24 Anna Ramos-Borrero – Marlboro House 50th Anniversary – Informational

07-25 Boggia & Boggia – Ptl. Holden Reimbursement – Informational

07-26 Debbie Hirt, DOT – Thank you – Informational

07-27 NJLM – Conversations on Race Relations, Justice, Policing and Equality – Informational

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CORRESPONDENCE – cont.

07-28 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinance – Informational

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd inquired if we received any correspondence from Asw. Caride regarding the talking traffic light. Commissioner Boyd asked what proper protocol is for Eagle Scout Projects. Commissioner Anlian advised the municipality does not contribute funds for Eagle Projects. Mayor Fosdick added the scouts are to raise their own funds and solicit for materials. He added the Village has made materials available and assisted. The Board of Commissioners was in agreement that Scouts are to raise their own funds.

Commissioner Poli stated he received a complaint from a resident who received a bill from Holy Name Hospital's EMS. Since the Village has a contract with Holy Name, he called and inquired. He was told it was an error. He would like something on the Website and in the Newsletter warning residents.

Commissioner MacNeill stated the Civic Center needs work. As per the recent air quality report, the second floor cannot be used. He is currently getting prices for mold and asbestos removal. He would like the Civic Center to be utilized as a Recreation Center. The fireplace room can become home for the Board of Recreation. The thought is to remove the organ, do some light renovations, install televisions, a movie screen, air conditioning, fans. Commissioner Boyd asked if the insurance will pay for mold remediation. Commissioner MacNeill will inquire with GJEM Insurance. He advised the Board of Recreation is adding competition cheering to its program.

Commissioner Anlian advised as per Sustainable Jersey, an ordinance will need to be adopted to form a Green Team and members would need to be named.

Mayor Fosdick asked the following correspondence to be distributed: Emergency Prophylaxis Plan, Congressman Pascrell Jr. Mayor's Breakfast, Hatch Mott MacDonald memo and Booster Club flyer. He advised, as per the Police Department, it is permissible to allow exclusive parking for a handicapped parking space.

Clerk O'Grady inquired if the 2016 Salary Ordinance can be introduced at the next Regular Commissioner's meeting. She was advised to place it on the August 9, 2016 agenda. Mrs. O'Grady inquired if "\$5 for Jeans on Fridays" can be implemented to raise funds for the "Village People" Breast Cancer Walk team. The Board of Commissioners agreed.

Superintendent O'Grady advised the "Leonard Hatton Way" sign is in. He inquired about a sign for Michael Zinzi. Mayor Fosdick stated although he grew up in Ridgefield Park he wasn't a resident. Mr. O'Grady advised the band festival was a bust – approximately 80 people attended. The lightning detection system went off at 4:30 and the field had to be evacuated. The DPW overtime for the event was approximately \$800. He also advised the Village had a dry weather overflow on Monday – the County regulator was clogged and had to be reported to the DEP.

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Attorney Boggia advised a staff member from Asw. Caride's office had called and asked if there were any proposed changes to the legislation regarding the Pedestrian Bridge. Mr. Boggia stated he advised there weren't any. The staff member then advised Asw. Caride will have it listed for the fall legislative agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

Absent
Mayor Fosdick

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on August 4, 2016