

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
September 8, 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; Charles Gneiding, Police Captain 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 Minutes of August 18, 2016.

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

DISCUSSION

Ryan Lombardi Senior Housing Tax Abatement

The Commissioners agreed on the tax abatement. Mr. Boggia will prepare a resolution for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE

08-26 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update - Informational

08-27 MaryAnn Applegate, Elks Lodge – Liquor License Extension – Mayor Fosdick read the letter from Ms. Applegate. The Board of Commissioners advised stipulations of drinking alcohol in the parking lot should be limited to Elks sponsored events only. Resolution to be prepared for the September 13, 2016 agenda.

08-28 Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund – Personnel Policy Changes - Informational

08-29 Mike Kelly, Boswell Engineering – 2016 Road Improvement Program - Informational

08-30 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances – Mr. Boggia will inquire with County on the Pedestrian Bridge Bond funds.

08-31 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update - Informational

08-32 Julien Neals, Acting County Administrator – Bergen County Aggregate Energy Procurement Cooperative Pricing System – Board of Commissioners had already enrolled in a similar program and there were virtually no savings.

08-33 NJLM – Update on Executive Orders – Informational

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CORRESPONDENCE – cont.

08-34 Bergen County 9/11 Memorial Ceremony - Informational

08-35 James Tedesco, County Executive – POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony - Informational

09-01 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update - Informational

09-02 State of New Jersey Department of Health – Hepatitis Inoculation Fund – Mrs. O’Grady will forward to DPW, Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance Corps., and Rescue Squad.

09-03 Shop Rite – Partners in Caring Day – Mrs. O’Grady will distribute to Department Heads

09-04 First Baptist Church – Family Block Party – Mrs. O’Grady advised the First Baptist Church is postponing their “Family Block Party” until September 24, 2016. Resolution to be prepared for September 13, 2016 agenda.

09-05 Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey – Opioid Overdoses – Information to be displayed in Municipal Building.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

2016-123 Authorize Hobart Street Closure for Block Party

Resolution to be revised for the September 13, 2016 agenda. Block party postponed until September 24, 2016.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd announced the Rotary Beefsteak is October 22, 2016. She inquired if the police flags have been ordered. Mr. O’Grady stated he will order the flags but needs to know where in the budget the purchase should be charged. Commissioner Anlian advised Patriotic Celebrations. Commissioner Boyd suggested painting a blue line down Main Street in front of the Municipal Building in support of our Police Department. All agreed. A resolution needs to be prepared to appoint an Independent Registered Municipal Advisor. Meter money will now be deposited into Oritani Bank.

Commissioner Poli stated the Ambulance Corps. Lucas machine has been used and saved a life.

Commissioner MacNeill advised a new sound system has been installed in Veterans Park.

Mayor Fosdick advised he will be away at the Fireman’s convention in Wildwood next weekend. He inquired if there is any update on Challenger Road’s methane report. Mr. Boggia advised Gary Brown has submitted a plan to the DEP to monitor the methane levels on a quarterly basis. Sunday is the PBA Car Show on Challenger Road and the 9-11 service is at 3pm. Mayor Fosdick advised receipt of another piece of 9-11 steel. The thought is to weld it to existing piece. For the 2017 budget, need to add \$300 per firehouse for generator maintenance.

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Clerk O’Grady advised she was contacted by Lincoln Financial of a potential payout on a deceased member that was not vested. Commissioners advised payout cannot occur since the individual was not vested, no exceptions. Mrs. O’Grady received correspondence from NJ Transit regarding signage for bus stops. NJ Transit will be invited to a Caucus meeting to discuss.

Superintendent O’Grady advised the Leonard Hatton sign is ready.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2016-123 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, 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) Potential Litigation

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:50 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner Boyd

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on September 22, 2016