

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
October 20, 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: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of October 6, 2016.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

10-05 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances - Informational

10-06 Board of Chosen Freeholders – 2015 Audit - Informational

10-07 NJLM – Weekly Update - Informational

10-08 NJLM – TTF Reauthorization Passed - Informational

10-09 Chief Rose – Accessible Pedestrian Signals – Mayor Fosdick suggested, if considering, budget it for next year

10-10 James Tedesco, County Executive – Hispanic Heritage Month - Informational

10-11 James Tedesco, County Executive – 18th Annual “Salute to Champions” – Informational

10-12 NJ Transit – Public Hearing - Informational

10-13 Vantage Health Systems – Legislative Breakfast - Informational

10-14 NJLM – Weekly Update - Informational

10-15 NJLM – TTF Reauthorization - Informational

10-16 Spectra – Individual Waterfront Development Permit Application – Mayor Fosdick advised this has no impact on the Village

10-17 Mike Kelly letter to Laura Salandra – Request for Change of Funded Project – Mr. O’Grady advised the request is to pave Hille Place instead of East Winant. Mike Kelly is waiting to hear back from the County.

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CORRESPONDENCE – cont.

- 10-18 Bonnie Mizdol – Weapons Screening – Commissioner Anlian will speak with Chief Rose
- 10-19 James Koth, Bergen County Director of Parks – Overpeck Sculling Project - Informational
- 10-20 Mayor Fosdick – Bus Stop Rte. 46 & Laurel St. – Mayor Fosdick advised the bus stop has been moved after Sgt. Locarno contacted NJ Transit regarding the issues. He would like the Route 46 bus stop at Teaneck Road cleaned up – perhaps installation of a bus shelter. Mrs. O’Grady will circulate the letter received from Mrs. DiCarlo.
- 10-21 Boggia & Boggia – Request for Extension of COAH Immunity - Informational
- 10-22 Boggia & Boggia – Sr. Citizen Housing Inc. Tax Abatement – Mr. Voytus advised he is waiting to hear from Bob Benecke.
- 10-23 NJLM – Legislative Alert - Informational
- 10-24 Michael Russo, Dept. of Transportation – Transportation Trust Fund Authority Funds - Informational

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd advised TD Bank is closing as of January 27, 2017 due to lack of commercial business. All Village accounts currently in TD Bank will be moved to Oritani Bank. The Best Practices worksheet has been sent to the State. Comm. Boyd addressed two resolutions that have been adopted at past League of Municipalities conferences that we should pay particular attention to – Resolution 2014-02 “Permitting Limited Inter-Municipal Transfers of Retail Liquor Licenses” and Resolution 2012-08 “Urging the State Legislature to Extend the 2% Cap on Police and Fire Arbitration Contract Awards”. She advised the two ordinances with balances referencing resurfacing can only be used for paving; would need to adopt a new ordinance for sidewalks. All old ordinances with balances will be cancelled out.

Commissioner Poli advised a resident’s hospital bill issue has been resolved.

Commissioner MacNeill advised the Civic Center issues with mold and asbestos have been covered by this year’s budget. He feels the Village should invest in renovations to the Civic Center. Turning the fireplace room into the Recreation Department Office is a thought. New lighting, air conditioning, TV’s, ceiling fans and integrating the Board of Education since the Civic Center is in close proximity to a gym are some ideas.

Mayor Fosdick advised he met with the Library Trustees regarding employee vacation time. The Library and the Village both need to clearly define part-time, full-time, per diem, etc. status in their handbooks. He advised the trustees, it is Village policy if an employee goes from part time to full time status, the P/T employment time does not count toward time accrued for vacation. November 14th at 10am in Trenton, Pedestrian Bridge bill hearing. Mt. Vernon Street at Railroad Avenue will be closed on Sunday, Oct. 23rd. The Soccer Association inquired if the Village has an agreement for the use of the County fields. November 12th is the Fire Department Dance.

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Clerk O’Grady inquired if dependents of employees on the Village medical insurance policy can receive flu shots on Oct. 14th. It was determined they may. Employees that wish to opt out of medical benefits, must opt out completely – may not keep only the dental portion. Mrs. O’Grady stated she has received an inquiry as to the hours alcohol may be sold in stores – packaged goods cannot be sold before 9am or after 10pm every day.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2016-142 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, 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 (9) Personnel

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

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

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner Poli

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on November 3, 2016