

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
November 19, 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 Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

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

Adam Altman, KABR, was in attendance to discuss the Village owned vacant lots on Challenger Road. Mr. Altman stated he thought the Village would be tripping over itself and bending over backwards for an agreement with SJP and KABR.

Mr. Boggia stated Mr. Altman originally advised there would be a non-refundable deposit of \$250,000.00. An agreement was received with 9 conditions attached.

Mayor Fosdick advised the Board of Commissioner’s obligation is to do what is in the best interest of Ridgefield Park. To pursue other parties that may be interested in Ridgefield Park is in the best interest of the Village.

The Board of Commissioners will continue to explore all their options for the development of the Challenger Road properties.

CORRESPONDENCE

11-04 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update - Informational

11-05 NJ Community Associations Institute – Ordinance Addressing Upkeep of Vacant Homes Under Foreclosure – Village has an ordinance pertaining to foreclosures in place.

11-06 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinance - Informational

11-07 NJLM – Gateway Project Progress - Informational

11-08 QPA Ordinance – Ordinance to be introduced at the November 24, 2015 meeting.

11-09 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update – Informational

11-10 United Water – Name Change to SUEZ - Informational

11-11 RP Zoning Board – Nov. 17th Agenda – Informational

DISCUSSION II

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the expiring professional and Board/Commission appointments. The 2015 Salary Ordinance will be introduced at the November 24, 2015 meeting.

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HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd advised the new employee handbook has not been completed. This should be discussed at the next Caucus meeting. The Mayor added the Library would like its own manual. Commission Boyd proposed a capital ordinance should be done to cover pool expenses.

Mayor Fosdick reminded all that he will not be at Tuesday's meeting. He received a memo from Chief Rose regarding the inquiry to the stop sign by EDI and the stop sign is in compliance. Mrs. O'Grady will circulate the memo. The Village would need permission from the County for an LED stop sign at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Railroad.

Chief Rose advised a new parking enforcement officer is being hired.

Attorney Boggia advised based on our professional preliminary draft, the Village's COAH responsibility estimates to be "0".

Commissioner MacNeill advised Skymark may be safe from COAH obligations.

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) Labor Negotiations

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:03 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Absent
Commissioner Anlian

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner MacNeill

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on December 3, 2015

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor