

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
March 19, 2020
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, 2019 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Health Crisis, the Caucus Meeting was held in the Court Room adhering to social distancing requirements.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the chair.

Also, present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent; Charles Gneiding, Police Captain and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of March 5, 2020.

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

Abstain: Commissioners MacNeill, Poli

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of March 10, 2020.

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

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meetings of February 20, 2020.

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

Abstain: Commissioner MacNeill

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of March 10, 2020.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Fosdick announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

RESOLUTIONS:

2020-032	Authorize Budget Transfers
2020-033	Authorize Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with Challenger 60, LLC
2020-034	Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement – 422-430 Teaneck Road

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Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli that the Consent Agenda be approved.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

03-03 NJLM Weekly Round-Up – Informational, pet licenses are subject to OPRA

03-04 NJLM – Daily Update – Informational, Health Benefits reform with NJEA

03-05 Board of Recreation – Easter Egg Hunt - Informational

03-06 Marc Schrieks, County of Bergen – Irish Flag raising cancelled - Informational

03-07 Karen Purpura, Arts Association – Murals – The walkway between the Cedar Street parking lot and Main Street is privately owned, need permission from owner. No objections to the idea.

03-08 Eric Koenig – RPJrSrHS Commencement – letter to be sent approving use of Veterans Park for High School Commencement.

03-09 Adam Strobel – Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund 2020 Funding workshop – Workshop has been cancelled.

03-10 Brandon Tracy, PERMA – Elected Officials Seminar - Informational

03-11 NJLM – Weekly Round-Up - Informational

03-12 Bergen County Executive Order No. 2020-01A – Proposal has been cancelled.

03-13 NJLM – Daily Update – out of date, updates changing daily.

03-14 Notice to Property Owners – 15 Brinkerhoff Street - Informational

03-15 Local Finance Notice 2020-06 – Informational, all departments are to keep purchases relating to COVID-19 separate.

03-16 Suez – COVID 19 - Informational

03-17 Mike Lauer – Bergen County OEM Update - Informational

03-18 NJ Conference of Mayors – COVID19 Bill Package - Informational

03-19 Rebecca Schwartz – COVID-19 Call Centers – Informational

03-20 Rescinded

03-21 Vince Buono – Bond Anticipated Notes - Informational

03-22 Vince Buono - Local Finance Notice 2020-06 – Informational

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HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Kohles advised the Fire Department may utilize the Pool ID maker to make ID cards for first responders.

Commissioner Poli advised the ambulance corps. is COVID-19 trained and supplies are scarce.

Commissioner MacNeill inquired if a revised assessment notice has been prepared. Commissioner Anlian stated he is working on it. This notice should be clear to the residents and mailed to all property owners.

Commissioner Anlian stated the Community Gardeners would like to use the parks. Commissioner Kohles advised all parks are closed.

Mayor Fosdick stated residents are allowed to walk through the parks. The Fire Department wants an increase in clothing allowance and rent, eliminate all loans. The concern is fairness on the forgiveness of loans. NJ State Firemen's Association changed admission age to 57. The Board of Commissioners will revisit the Village ordinance and change admission date. The NJ Transit letter has been completed. Capital projects will be discussed at the Tuesday, March 24th meeting.

Clerk O'Grady inquired if Board/Commission meetings are to be cancelled since the Municipal Building is closed to the public. Memo to go to Board/Commission secretaries advising their meetings are cancelled until May 1st at which time will be further evaluated. A food truck has been located at 2 Bergen Turnpike – not a permitted use at this time. The May 12th Commissioners Election will be by vote by mail only.

COVID-19

Mayor Fosdick stated the Federal Government will allocate \$1 trillion dollars for the COVID-19 crisis. Departments are to segregate bills, for reimbursement purposes. The County Executive's Order has been rescinded. Be prepared for dramatic spikes in the next 2-4 weeks. County buildings are closed to the public. The library is closed. The testing site at Bergen Community College will be run by FEMA and open to NJ residents only. There are 3 confirmed cases in RP. The County is in the need for drives with CDL Bus licenses. All reports of COVID are made to the Police Department and stop at the P.D. – strict confidentiality. Do not self-quarantine.

Captain Gneiding advised the Board of Commissioners with the Police Department's policies and procedures relevant to the COVID-19 crisis.

Superintendent O'Grady advised the garbage men will go home after their routes are completed. Other workers will leave by 12:00 pm. This will reduce contact and interaction between the employees.

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CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2020-035 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, 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 (4) Contract Negotiations

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:35 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Theresa A. Kohles
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady

Village Clerk

Approved on April 2, 2020