

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK**

**April 9, 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 and Village Website.

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Health Crisis, this meeting was held via tele-conference call.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silent thought for the COVID-19 victims and those that have passed, and for the concern and safety of the first responders and health care workers.

CORRESPONDENCE

04-01 NJLM Weekly Round-Up – COVID-19 dashboard is updated daily, state budget is delayed, no decision on May 1st property tax deadline

04-02 New Jersey Conference of Mayors – Information Bulletin - Informational

04-03 NJDEP Weekly Update - Informational

04-04 Congressman Bill Pascrell – COVID-19 Update – post to website

04-05 Rebecca Schwartz, Office of Governor – Restriction of Short-Term Rentals – Capt. Gneiding advised both hotels have been notified and are complying

04-06 Rebecca Schwartz, Office of Governor – Executive Order Extending Public Health Emergency - Information

04-07 Law Office of Robert J. Toth, Jr. – CARES Act and LOSAP – forward to Fire Dept, Ambulance Corps. and Rescue Squad

04-08 NJLM – Daily Update – Informational

DISCUSSION

COVID-19 Updates

Mayor Fosdick advised he taped a podcast and a reverse 911 message last Friday. Due to the holiday, another podcast and reverse 911 message will be done next week. He will ask all residents to dispose of masks and gloves properly.

Commissioner MacNeill stated Jimmy Capirossi should be recognized. The IGA is a critical business in town and is doing a great job for our citizens.

Capt. Gneiding advised the police department is working 12 hour shifts during the health emergency. 4 officers are on quarantine – 1 tested positive and 3 are out due to exposure to the virus.

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HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present on teleconference call.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Fosdick stated for the March 19th Caucus meeting, all Commissioners and staff in attendance did follow social distancing protocol. Since the May 24th Regular Commissioners meeting was cancelled, the Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on April 2, 2020 via teleconference call. This was properly advertised and posted on the Village website. Since no one from the public was on the April 2nd teleconference call, Mayor Fosdick again announced the April 30, 2020 retirement of Police Chief Ed Rose. A Closed Session Meeting Notice was properly advertised for today's interviews for the Police Chief position. Commissioners Kohles and Poli assisted in the interviewing process since they are not candidates in the May election.

Clerk O'Grady stated that she and Capt. Gneiding shopped for an ill resident after a call was received from the resident's friend asking for assistance and was transferred to numerous departments. The Mayor and Commissioners stated these calls should be handled by OEM. Financial Disclosure Statement information has been sent out – filing deadline April 30, 2020. There are a few employees that still have 2019 vacation time left– employee handbook states carried over vacation time must be used by the end of the first quarter. A resolution will be prepared to extend the deadline to use unused 2019 vacation time to December 31, 2020.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2020-042 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

Mayor Fosdick announced the Board of Commissioners will adjourn immediately after the Closed Session Executive 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 (8) Personnel Matters

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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/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 23, 2020