

COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
July 23, 2020
7:00 PM

Mayor Anlian 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 the Village Website.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian in the chair.

Also, present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney; Joe Rella, Chief of Police; Edward Monroe, DPW Superintendent and Jana Carratu, for the Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Portorreal to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Caucus Meeting of June 18, 2020.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

CORRESPONDENCE

07-05 Congressman Pascrell – Update on COVID - Informational

07-06 NJLM – Weekly Round-Up - Informational

07-07 Boswell Engineering – 9-13 Lincoln Avenue Amended Floor Plan Submission - Informational

07-08 Barbara DeLuca email – Main Street – to be discussed at a later time

REPORTS

Commissioner MacNeill advised all Commissioners to review the 2020 Salary Ordinance by the next meeting. Vince Buono, CFO, will be attending the first Caucus meeting of each month.

Commissioner Olson advised the work at Wanda Canoe Club is progressing. The Summer Concerts started and are going well – rain dates would be re-scheduled.

Commissioner Portorreal discussed the status of the pool. Wanda Canoe Club building must be tested for asbestos before removal.

Mayor Anlian discussed the Police firing range - how much space is needed. If the existing range building is expanded, the DPW will lose parking and equipment space. He would like the minimum requirements since space is an issue. Chief Rella stated he would like to pursue new vendor pricing.

Superintendent Monroe inquired if the 2020 Road Paving money is in place. Industrial Avenue paving will be delayed due to an easement issue. John Dening, Mott MacDonald is holding a 2-session seminar – would like permission to record it - Commissioners agreed. The DPW lost and would like to hire employees.

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Chief Rella advised Commissioners that Sgt. Locarno is retiring after 22+ years. On Friday, July 31st at 2pm – “Clap-Out” for Sgt. Locarno. Two names were selected to become Lieutenant – interviews held by an outside company. Lieutenant Swearing-In Ceremony will take place Tuesday, July 28th at 7:30pm.

Clerk O’Grady advised the Summer Rec program has a permit for the pavilions and an AA group has been infringing on their space. The AA group does not have a permit and are smoking near the children – who enforces permits? Chief Rella will look into the issue.

Philip Boggia advised KABR has proposed redevelopment plans for 64 & 95 Challenger Road. 60 Challenger Road LLC has plans and application into the Planning Board. The Borough of Bogota is giving the developer of the “Bogota Golf Center” site a resolution stating the property is in need of redevelopment in order to obtain a PILOT program - Ridgefield Park will not.

DISCUSSION

2020 Salary Ordinance – tabled until August 6, 2020 Caucus Meeting.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Mike Nagurka, member of the Pool Commission, gave status of the Pool. Guest pass cost doubled from \$10 to \$20 – no complaints. Since the Assistant Manager resigned, there will be a decrease in salaries. The camps are doing well. Majority of COVID supplies have been donated by pool members – very little had to be purchased by the pool. Projected salaries from July 4th to the end of the pool season should be approx. \$58,000.00. He appreciates the guidance from the Board of Commissioners this year.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2020-099 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Portorreal, 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 Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:46 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Portorreal to adjourn.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

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/s/William G. Gerken
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson
Commissioner

/s/ Absent
Commissioner

/s/ John H. Anlian
Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on August 20, 2020