

COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
October 22, 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, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian in the chair.
Absent: Commissioner Olson

Also, present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Caucus Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of September 17, 2020.

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

Abstain: Commissioner Portorreal

Absent: Commissioner Olson

DISCUSSION

MKW Associates – Veterans Park

MKW Associates were in attendance and gave a presentation on the proposed renovations to Veterans Park. The design is to maximize and improve the use of space. Renovations include a 400-meter track around the football/soccer field and synthetic turf. The presentation will be forwarded to Ken Ochab, Planning Board, Zoning Board and Shade Tree Commission. It will also be presented at a town meeting for residents to view. The project will take approximately 3+ years to complete. MKW Associates suggests the Village hire a construction manager that will be on site on a regular basis when construction commences. Approximate cost is \$13.972 million.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

2020-137 Authorize Receipt of Bids for Improvements to Ridgefield Park Nature Center

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Portorreal, that Resolution 2020-137 be approved.

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

Absent: Commissioner Olson

CORRESPONDENCE

10-05 Mike Kelly, Boswell Engineering – AOP/Municipal Construction - Informational

10-06 Bergen County Board of Commissioners – Podcasts/Resolutions/Ordinances - Informational

10-07 NJLM Weekly Round-Up - Informational

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CORRESPONDENCE – cont.

10-08 NJ.Com – NJ Transit Makes Major Change to Plan for Power Plant – shows public lobbying can help

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gerken advised the Welfare Director is still out but the office is covered. There is money in the Environmental Commissioner budget for interpretive signage for the Nature Preserve. He spoke to Santori Bros. and received a verbal commitment to honor the 2007 pricing for fireworks for the first year the Village books. Still need approximate costs for a sound system and police overtime for fireworks – DPW estimated overtime is \$5,000.

Commissioner Portorreal advised as of right now, the pool is \$14,000 in the red. The pool collected \$22,780 in daily passes. The Pool Commission needs to appoint a President, Secretary and Treasurer in December and submit a budget for next season. The Board of Commissioners make the decision to re-appoint Commission members.

Commissioner MacNeill advised Ridgefield Park's So. Bergen Loss Accident Frequency for 2020 is 2.61. In 2018, it was 1.58 In 2019, it was 2.20.

Mayor Anlian met with the Library Trustees and they would like to raise salaries of Library personnel in accordance with the State Association. The formula is based on assessed property of the Village.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2020-138 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, 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) Litigation

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted "YEA".

Absent: Commissioner Olson

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:14 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted "YEA".

Absent: Commissioner Olson

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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/s/William G. Gerken
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

Abstain
Commissioner Olson

Absent
Commissioner Portorreal

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on November 19, 2020

/s/John H. Anlian
Mayor