

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**  
**RIDGEFIELD PARK**  
**May 6, 2021**  
**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 28, 2020 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the Village Website.

**ROLL CALL**

Those present were Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson (7:03pm), Portorreal and Mayor Anlian in the chair.

Also, present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney; Joe Rella, Chief of Police (7:10pm); Edward Monroe, DPW Superintendent and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Portorreal to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Caucus Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of April 22, 2021.

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

Absent: Olson

**CORRESPONDENCE**

04-15 Fred Rosen, Planning Board Chairman – Review of Sign Ordinance in OP-1 Zone - Informational

04-16 NJLM – Daily Update - Informational

04-17 Board of County Commissioners – Podcasts/Resolutions/Ordinances - Informational

04-18 New Jersey Dept. of Transportation – NJ DOT 2022 State Aid Programs – Informational; told to put in for as many roads as possible

04-19 Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL) – Elected Officials Training - Informational

04-20 NJLM – Weekly Round-Up - Informational

05-01 Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Hearing – 78 Mt. Vernon Street – Informational, discussion on Village acquiring property.

05-02 Boswell Engineering – Preliminary Assessment 78 Mt. Vernon Street – Informational

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution:**

2021-55                      Authorize Execution of Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract – Ridgefield Park Nature Trail and Boardwalk

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Portorreal, that Resolution 2021-55 be approved.

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

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## **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No citizens present.

## **REPORTS**

**Commissioner Portorreal** stated she would like to move forward with the Veterans Park Project – copies will be distributed. Commissioner Olson would like to forward a copy to the Board of Recreation. Mayor Anlian stated the Commissioners should review first. Commissioner Portorreal advised May 15<sup>th</sup> is the municipal pool's open house. Bob O's will be the concessionaire.

**Commissioner Olson** stated work has been done in the concession stand at the pool. A resolution needs to be approved for the creative team for Sustainable Jersey. He spoke with IGA and Jim is ok with the closure of Main Street for the Artsfest.

**Commissioner Gerken** advised there is now part-time help in the Health Department. May 17<sup>th</sup> is the pre-construction meeting on the Nature Preserve Project. Commissioner Gerken also advised this week is Municipal Clerk's Week.

**Clerk O'Grady** advised the County will be conducting a mobile COVID-19 testing and vaccination site in Overpeck County Park on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, a resident came in with a completed application for a tax abatement on her home renovations - she was advised the program no longer exists. She stated she found the information and application on the website. The Commissioners would need to adopt an ordinance rescinding the tax abatement program for General Code to revise the code book.

**Superintendent Monroe** stated the owner of 25 Teaneck Road would like to meet with him and the mayor regarding the flooding issue – Mike Kelly should also be invited. Industrial Avenue, south of Mt. Vernon Street, has been looked at by Boswell Engineering. The roadway is deteriorating; the road is located within the railroad property – Village's responsibility to repair?

**Mayor Anlian** received 3 estimates for the newsletter. Each department can submit 1 page of information and send to the Village Clerk in word format. Deadline to submit is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion on firefighter reimbursement for training – Mayor Anlian will re-do numbers and send to Commissioners. The Fire Department needs a container, at a cost of \$6500, for their boat – will be stored at DPW. Mayor Anlian also advised he received appeals for LOSAP qualifications – should requirements be lowered due to COVID. Governor Murphy's letter, with petitions, should be sent via certified mail – should also be sent to Senator Sarlo, the Bergen Record, Star Ledger and the Jersey Journal.

**Attorney Boggia** distributed a newspaper article on Keansburg's practices on vacation time/sick leave payouts.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Mayor Anlian to adjourn.

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

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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/s/William G. Gerken  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson  
Commissioner

Absent  
Commissioner Portorreal

/s/ John H. Anlian  
Mayor

/s/Tara O'Grady  
Village Clerk  
Approved on May 20, 2021