

COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
May 20, 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 and Mayor Anlian in the chair.

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

Also, present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney; Edward Monroe, DPW Superintendent and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Mayor Anlian to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Caucus Meeting of May 6, 2021.

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

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

CORRESPONDENCE

05-03 NJLM – Daily Update - Informational

05-04 Board of County Commissioners – Podcasts/Resolutions/Ordinances - Informational

05-05 Bergen County Utilities Authority – Notice of Public Hearing: Computation of Connection Fees - Informational

05-06 Bergen County Department of Health Services – Ticks and Mosquitoes - Informational

05-07 Notice of Hearing – Township of Teaneck – Hospital - Informational

05-08 Notice of Hearing – Borough of Bogota – Bogota Golf Center - Informational

05-09 MEL Safety Institute Bulletin – Executive Order 239 & Reopening Restrictions - Informational

05-10 Boswell Engineering – Use Variance & Site Plan Review – 65-67, 78 Mt. Vernon St. - Informational

05-11 Planning Board Resolution 05-20-RP – Informational

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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Anlian 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:

2021-60	Authorize Execution of Bergen County Trust Fund Project Application – Mount Vernon Street Pedestrian Walkway and Park
2021-61	Appoint Board of Recreation Members
2021-62	Authorize Execution of Department of Community Affairs Grant Application – Mount Vernon Street Pedestrian Walkway and Park
2021-63	Authorize Professional Services – Boswell Engineering
2021-64	Authorize Execution of Community Development Block Grant for Central Avenue Road Improvements
2021-65	Authorize Designation of “Area in Need of Redevelopment” – Block 152.01, Lots 1, 1.01, 2 – “Golf Range”

Resolution 2021-65 was removed from the consent agenda and will be approved at the May 25, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, that the consent agenda be approved.

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

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gerken stated he is progressing with the 4th of July fireworks contract. The Rutherford Community Bank will perform on the 4th before the fireworks. Robert Bannon will sing the National Anthem. Holy Name Hospital is offering remote vaccinations for homebound residents and are looking to do a vaccination clinic in the Village. The ideal location would be the Civic Center since it is in the center of town and parking on the streets can be controlled.

Commissioner Olson stated the concession stand at the pool has been cleaned and painted - he found a used refrigerator. The open house took in \$20,000.00 in memberships. Certain resolutions need to be passed to re-certify for Sustainable Jersey. The Village needs to have a creative team to apply for Sustainable Jersey arts points. The concert schedule is almost finalized.

Commissioner Gerken advised there is now part-time help in the Health Department. May 17th 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 she has been receiving calls from organizations if the Village is having the 4th of July parade since they need to contract with bands – yes, the Village is having the parade. The Arts Association inquired if artists can sell their work at the Summer Artsfest – the Commissioners approved. The Arts Association needs to submit a certificate of liability insurance and hold harmless agreement to the Village for the Artsfest. Michael Alberque called to verify the fire department “mortgages” are forgiven – no, the fire companies are still responsible to make payments. Uber, partnering with the County, is offering free rides to vaccination appointments. Flyer will go on website.

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Superintendent Monroe stated he met with the architect on the Municipal Building roof – they will start drawing up the specs.

Mayor Anlian stated the Street Fair will be held on Halloween weekend.

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

DISCUSSION

Cannabis Ordinance

Phil Boggia stated not permitting cannabis protects the Village. This can be changed at any time if the Board wishes to permit cannabis in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

/s/William G. Gerken
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson
Commissioner

Abstain
Commissioner Portorreal

/s/ John H. Anlian
Mayor

/s/Jana Carratu
For the Village Clerk
Approved on June 3, 2021