

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**  
**RIDGEFIELD PARK**  
**August 5, 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, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian in the chair.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

07-08 John Ten Hoeve Jr. – Pedestrian Bridge – Proposed response looks good. Attorney Boggia authorized to send letter.

07-09 NJLM – Weekly Round-Up - Informational

07-10 Emily Nanneman, DEP – Lower Hackensack River Cleanup - Informational

07-11 Elizabeth Walker – Alcoholics Anonymous Resource Link – Link to be uploaded to Village Website.

07-12 Bergen County Board of Commissioners – Podcasts/Ordinances - Informational

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution:**

2021-86 Authorize the Execution of a Third Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with Challenger 60, LLC

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, that Resolution 2021-86 be approved.

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

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

2021-11 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 152.01, LOTS 1, 1.01 AND 2 IN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK

Commissioner Gerken moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner Gerken read the said ordinance by title.

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Commissioner Gerken moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on August 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Olson.

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

### **DISCUSSION**

2021 Salary Ordinance

The Commissioners were in agreement and advised employees hired after January 1<sup>st</sup> would not receive the annual increase. Employees who receive a raise during the year, would receive the annual increase from January 1<sup>st</sup> to the raise date.

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No citizens present.

### **REPORTS**

**Commissioner Gerken** stated Tom Quirico will be appointed Municipal Judge. Elsbeth Crusius will be the new prosecutor. Court sessions will be Tuesdays with DWI sessions on Mondays.

Still waiting for the Nature Preserve Project to start.

There will be a short ceremony at 10am on 9/11 commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The ceremony will take place at the 9/11 monument on Euclid Avenue.

**Commissioner Portorreal** stated MKW would like to know the next steps for the Veterans Park Project. Commissioner MacNeill stated she should ask Boswell for a detailed description on what needs to be done. If the project is done in phases, need the cost of each phase. Also, would like public input on the project.

**Commissioner Olson** advised a section of Elm Street collapsed.

The tide gate at the DPW is leaking – in the process of obtaining estimates.

The DPW purchased 50 new outflow nets at a cost of \$10,000.

The DPW received an inquiry from the Borough of Bogota regarding shared services for the Recycling Center.

3 quotes were received for the gazebo brackets.

Contacted a civil engineering firm to get insight on our CSO plan.

Street Fair – the DPW and PD need to be informed. Though is to have booths in the middle of the street to give store fronts more exposure.

**Commissioner MacNeill** advised there is a new ticket running for the Board of Education – MacNeill – Orth – Martinez.

**Attorney Boggia** stated Boswell did a preliminary assessment on the Mt. Vernon Street property. There may be asbestos in the basement and there may be an oil tank.

**Mayor Anlian** stated we should purchase the property next year. A Bond Ordinance should be done in the fall – should have a plan in place

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Olson to adjourn.

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

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

/s/William G. Gerken  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson  
Commissioner

/s/ Wanda C. Portorreal  
Commissioner

/s/ John H. Anlian  
Mayor

/s/Tara O’Grady  
Village Clerk

Approved on September 9, 2021