

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 28, 2021
6:30 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; Joe Rella, Chief of Police and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Caucus Meetings of June 3, 2021 and October 7, 2021 and the Closed Session Meeting of October 7, 2021.

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

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

CORRESPONDENCE

12-05 200 Club – Police Department Defibrillators – Chief Rella advised the Police Department sent a thank you note.

12-06 NJLM – Weekly Round-Up - Informational

12-07 Valerie Ferraro – Traffic Light – The Police Department will call the County since it is a Village road.

12-08 Fourth of July Committee – Grand Marshal Nominations - Informational

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gerken advised the decking for the Nature Preserve boardwalk is being delivered tomorrow.

Commissioner Olson advised the DPW tractor has been ordered.

George Cooke has been nominated as the 2022 Artist Laureate.

Commissioner Olson would like to introduce busking (street performers) next year – a stipend will be paid to the artist and they will be assigned a location to perform.

Commissioner Olson advised he is working with the Village Attorney on a sample ordinance making the Village electric vehicle friendly.

A text was received from Noel Cote showing the garbage piling up on Main Street.

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Mayor Anlian advised the Library closed today due to COVID and will be closed the rest of the week and re-open on Monday. This is absurd since the Library did implement new COVID protection policies. He doesn't have direct power over the Library but will insist the Library open tomorrow and Thursday. Employees will be charged sick/vacation time if the Library is closed.

Attorney Boggia stated Joe Scarpa, Bogota Administrator, sent Linda Murphy an email that Bogota is not interested in a shared services agreement for the DPW recycling center. The Board of Commissioners suggested to end the study but Commissioner Olson wants it completed with the Village's data.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

/s/William G. Gerken
Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner MacNeill

Absent
Commissioner Olson

Abstain
Commissioner Portorreal

/s/ John H. Anlian
Mayor

/s/Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on February 17, 2022