

CAUCUS MEETING- July 8, 2003 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Fosdick 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 on January 6th and the Star Ledger on January 7, 2003 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

Those present were Commissioners Davis, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioner Anlian arrived late.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner D'Auria, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the minutes of [June 19, 2003](#) be approved. On roll call Commissioner Davis, D'Auria, and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner Storer abstained.

Matt McArow of G J E M Insurance was present to explain senior and disabled citizens prescription savings card program. Cards result in a 6% to 50% discount on prescription

County is also offering program, but local discount is higher. Local drugstores have agreed to participate in program. Cost of program is \$20.00 for one year/\$40.00 for three years. Brochures would be distributed and would include a message from the Board of Commissioners. Meetings can be set up with the seniors to explain program. There is no cost or liability to the Village. Mr. McArow will check if seniors can enroll directly through GSPOPS rather than through the Clerk's Office.

Mr. McArow also explained if all employees attend EPLI classes, the insurance deductible will be reduced from \$50,000 to \$10,000.

Mr. McArow left at 7:20 PM

APPROVAL OF CLOSED MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner D'Auria, that the minutes of the Closed Meeting of June 19, 2003 be approved. On roll call Commissioner Davis, D'Auria, and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner Storer abstained and Commissioner Anlian was not present.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

06-35] Resolution 03-166, Election Polling Places-Resolution will be prepared.

06-36] US Dept. of Commerce-Census Bureau Updating Information on Americans' Spending Habits. - File

06-37] RP Historic Preservation Commission-Main Street Improvements-Commissioner Anlian. met with the Business Association today.

06-38] State of NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection-Freshwater Wetlands & Upland Buffer Protection - file

06-39] NJ Notice to Property Owners-Block 100, Lot 9, 45 Hobart Street-File.

06-40] Bergen County Utilities-Waste Management Transfer of NJ, Inc. - File

06-41] Ridgfield Park Board of Education-Meetings-File

06-42] Letter from Barbara Gannon, Americanism Chairman-Operation Uplink.- Call and advise news release is okay.

06-43] Borough of Emerson-Polling Places -File

06-44] Knights of Columbus-11th annual college Scholarship Golf Tournament-

Informational.

06-45] Council on Affordable Housing – newsletter-Martin T. Durkin stated Village is filing short letter brief. Builders Association wants to revoke certificate that we have.

06-47] Hatch Mott Macdonald-Edison Street & Bergen Turnpike-Hatch Mott MacDonald reviewed Mrs. McCoy's complaint regarding flooding at Bergen Turnpike and Edison Street. Mayor Fosdick will send a copy of Hatch Mott MacDonald's report to Mr. McCoy.

Commissioner Anlian arrived at 7:24 PM

06-48] Beattie Padovano, LLC-Proposed Hotel Lease for Option Parcel & Negotiations with the Village of Ridgefield Park-File

06-49] Bergen County Surrogate's Court-Wills, probate procedures, administration of estates, estate tax, etc. – File

06-50] Bergen Co. Department of Parks-Family Fun Night-Movies in the Parks-Informational

06-51] Duplicate of 06-48

06-52] State of NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection-Clean Communities Program Advise Joe Kelly of grant amount.

07-01] Bergen County Dept. of Planning & Economic Development-Frazier Property-Check status with Larry Stefanile

07-02] Time Warner Cable-Upgrade-File

07-03] Letter from Betty Betz-Civic Center-File

07-04] Governor News-McGreevey Signs FY 04 Budget & Related Bills into Law – File.

07-05] NJLM State Budget Wrap-up-file

07-06] NJLM-A-3710 as amended Hotel Tax-File

07-07] NJLM-S-2586/A-3703-File

07-08] NJLM-League discount on grant service-File

07-09] Board of Adjustment-Public Hearing Notice-53 Bergen Turnpike-File

07-10] Al Zacccone-Memorial Bell-Veterans Park-File

07-11] NJ Dept. of Community Affairs-Local Finance Notice-CY 2003 Statement of State Aid-Informational.

REPORTS*****

Commissioner Storer – No report.

Commissioner Davis-
Planner can be paid.

Commissioner D'Auria –
Board of Adjustment is in need of an additional member. Mayor said it is possible Adam MacNeil can serve on Planning Board and Board of Adjustment.

Commissioner Anlain –
Business Association is happy with proposed lighting on Main Street. He is meeting with Eve Mancuso tomorrow.

Mayor Fosdick –

1. Moment of silence at regular meeting for Mr. Ganley.
2. Crossing guards want a meeting prior to school opening in September. Chief Ahrlich stated a meeting is always held prior to school opening.

3. Met with Mr. Lefkowitz of Crystal Clear. Discussed Emergency Access Road. They are pleased with progress. mayor stated he hoped we could resolve the assessment appeal issue. Mr. Lefkowitz agreed.
4. Received a copy of the County's Birdsall Report.
5. Thursday-Mayors are going to Trenton for rally to call for a Constitutional Convention.
6. Library receiving \$25,000 from Community Development. village will advance funds for project.
7. Received a request from Hartz for a meeting. They will be invited to the next Caucus Meeting.
8. Some people have stated they will not attend concerts due to geese problem.
9. Village should crack down on illegal occupancies through stricter penalties. Commissioner Davis will discuss issue with Doug Hansen.

Village Clerk – No report.

Chief Ahrlich – No report.

Alan O'Grady –

1. Football building renovations have begun. all contracts were signed. Project should take approximately 4 weeks.
2. Fourth of July overtime amounted to \$8,000

Martin T. Durkin –

1. Board of Health has received a call regarding plans for alterations at Luigi's. They were not accepted.
2. Village Clerk received a call from Eve Mancuso for resolution to go to bid for Euclid Avenue. Belgian blocks and Bikeway. Bond attorney, Steve Rogut, recommended we wait until bond ordinance is passed and waiting time is completed.
3. Time Warner called and objects to five year renewal of franchise.

RECESS*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer that the meeting recess at 8:10 PM for attendance at Commissioners Regular Meeting. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Davis., D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".