

CAUCUS MEETING, March 22, 2001 – 7:45PM

Mayor Fosdick announced that the "Open Public Meeting Act" had been complied with in that adequate notice of this meeting, in writing to the Sun Bulletin, The Record and the Jersey Journal had been made.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Davis that the minutes of the previous meeting, held [March 8, 2001](#) be approved as written. On roll call Commissioners D'Auria, Davis, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

E.P. McIntyre was in attendance. He reported:

- 1] Meeting with E. Stern of Hartz regarding escalation dispute. Hartz is asking for an extension on time on the lease.
- 2] Hartz is in process of filing suit on Skymark Project.
- 3] Loews Bankruptcy: Under bankruptcy Loews has six months to elect or reject lease of parking lot.

Commissioner Anlian arrived at 8:15 P.M.

Mayor Fosdick stated County Executive Schuber will attend April 5th Caucus meeting to discuss litigation in reference to Overpeck Park. He asked Mr. McIntyre to attend, and Fred Rosen will also be asked to be present.

Mr. McIntyre left at 8:20 P.M.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 3 - 8] United States Senate – COPS in Schools Program. No request for resource officer.
- 3 - 9] Washington Update – Takings, Bankruptcy Reform, Census. File.
- 3 - 10] Bergen County Utilities Authority – BCUA. Hold.
- 3 - 11] NJ State League of Municipalities – Snow Removal Costs. File.
- 3 - 12] Fleet Boston Financial "WARN". Russ McEwan told Mayor the Village is not obligated to do anything.
- 3 - 13] NJ State League of Municipalities – League Seminar. File.
- 3 - 14] Ridgefield Park Lodge #1506 "Youth Day". File.
- 3 - 15] R.P. Board of Education – Official Meeting Schedule and Revisions. File.
- 3 - 16] State of New Jersey – Award Approval for Teaneck Road. Mrs. Nizza, 613 Teaneck Road, does not want sidewalk in front of her home. Eve Mancuso, engineer, will prepare alternate solution. Railings by homes on Teaneck Road were to be removed, but Commissioners want them to remain. Ms. Mancuso will be advised. Mr. Durkin said wink-o-matic lights will have to be fixed or come out. Chief Ahrlich will get prices to repair, then decision will be made.
- 3 - 17] County of Bergen – Census Officials. Commissioner Storer attended informational meeting at the County.
- 3 - 18] County of Bergen – Partnership for Community Health. File.
- 3 - 19] State of NJ, 2000 Body Armor Replacement Program. File.

- 3 - 20] Ridgefield Park Board of Education – Public Meetings. File.
- 3 - 21] Ridgefield Park Lodge No. 1506 Annual Carnival. File.
- 3 - 22] Wanda Canoe Club - Ridgefield Park Open House Planning Session. Bruce Herrick of Wanda Canoe Club wants to promote use of the water, water safety, etc. Article will be put in the Newsletter. While working on police pistol range, steel plate was removed and this endangered wall in Wanda Canoe Club of collapsing. Cost to repair would be \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Mayor Fosdick attended press conference held by Acting Governor DiFrancisco whereby he opposed the Meadowlands Mills Project.
- 3 - 23] Roby Schreiber – Space Ship Saucer. File
- 3 - 24] Maryellen Nizza – Installation of Curbs and Sidewalks. File.
- 3 - 25] Theresa Boncales – Street Light. Sgt. McEntee.
- 3 - 26] County of Bergen – Waterwaste Treatment Facility. File.
- 3 - 27] Boswell McClave – Proposed Storm Drain By-Pass System. Resolution.
- 3 - 28] Boswell McClave – Improvements to Teaneck Road. File.
- 3 - 29] Killam Associates – Fax Transmittal. File.
- 3 - 30] Borough of Hasbrouck Heights: Resolution No. 42. File.
- 3 - 31] Ridgefield Park Board of Education - Open Public Meeting Act. File.
- 3 - 32] PBA Local 96 – Annual Communion Breakfast. File.
- 3 - 33] Boswell McClave – 2000 Road Improvement Project (Fall.) File
- 3 - 34] Jeffrey Harris & Assocs. – Annual Street Fairs. Village Clerk to reply. No Fairs.
- 3 - 35] John Rolak – Fax Transmittal. File.
- 3 - 36] Allan Rotto Consultants, Inc. – Billing Charges Confirmed. File.
- 3 - 37] Killam – Watershed Management Kickoff Meeting. Commissioner Anlian to attend.

REPORTS:

Commissioner D'Auria – no report.

Commissioner Davis – no report

Commissioner Storer:

- 1] Met with Ed Arcari to review punch list for Rescue Squad Building.
- 2] Proposed a building to house basketball courts be built on land at Veterans Park. He stated there was a shortage of courts for all the games proposed, including traveling teams. A facility study will be done to see if all available courts in town are in use at all times.

Mayor Fosdick:

- 1] April 14 – Opening Day for baseball.
- 2] Invited to a 7:00 Meeting at Lincoln School tonight.
- 3] PBA Dance April 28th at K of C.
- 4] Safety Committee Meeting – Commissioner Storer reported meeting held with JIF, Doug Hansen, Safety Coordinator, Department Heads and emergency services. Improved safety can translate into dollars for the town. Air quality has to be tested in Violations Office.
- 5] Received letter from Mike Conway concerning sewer at his property. More information is needed.
- 6] Arbor Day – April 28th – 10:00 A.M. at High School.
- 7] Sent follow up letter to Dr. Graham, including newsletter article and statement.
- 8] Planning Board turned down request for two family on Main Street.
- 9] April 10th – 4:00 P.M. Meeting with all businesses in town.

10] Bernie Sobolewski of Little Ferry has asked Ridgefield Park to participate in an observance of the 225th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War Committee meeting with the County scheduled for April 18th.

Village Clerk:

Asked if a preliminary expense resolution for Bikeway Project could be prepared. Commissioners were in agreement amount will be \$10,000.00.

Chief Ahrlich:

1] Combined PTA's held a meeting. Sgts. McEntee and Ehalt discussed traffic and community policing. Video on drunk driving was shown and well received. Requests have been received for more presentations.

2] Police cars will be leased . Temporary budget will be increased to cover.

3] Police band is getting interference from local band frequency use by the Rescue Squad.. Both are working to overcome problems.

Martin Durkin:

1] Contracts prepared for revaluation

2] Radio tower being built by Conrail. Doug Hansen unaware of project.

3] Emergency Access Road – Filed map at the County. Easement of Rt. 46 with DOT.

4] \$15,000.00 left in Community Development money for handicapped ramps. Additional funds will be needed for soft costs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Davis that the meeting adjourn at 10:05 P.M. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, D'Auria, Davis, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "**YEA**".