

CAUCUS MEETING – November 8, 2001 – 7:05 P.M.

Mayor Fosdick announced that in accordance with the requirements of the "Open Public Meeting Act" adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Record, the Jersey Journal and the Sun Bulletin in January 2001, as well as having been posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board. We meet in accordance with the statutes of the State of New Jersey and the Open Public Meeting Law.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the minutes of the previous meeting held [October 18, 2001](#) be approved as written. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, D'Auria, Davis, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE:

10-24] County of Bergen – Office of Public Private Partnerships - Proposed sale of property. Lawsuit filed.

10-25] NJ State League of Municipalities – The League Legislative E-Line. File.

10-26] NJ State League of Municipalities – Partnership with Towndata.com. File.

10-27] Heartbreak to Healing Program – Timetable and Events Schedule. File.

10-28] Anthrax Hotline – County and State Telephone Numbers. File.

10-29] Weiner Lesniak – Invitation – Dessert Reception. File.

10-30] Green Acres Program – At Risk Authorization, Frazier Tract.

Authorization given to proceed after guidelines are followed. Martin Durkin has a list of appraisers.

10-32] NJ Transit – 2002 FTA Section 5310 Grant Notification. File.

10-33] Green Acres Program – At Risk Authorization – Frazier Tract. File.

10-34] Division of Local Government Services Calendar year 2002. File.

10-35] Division of Local Government Services – Response to World Trade Center Terrorist Attack. Request made for reimbursement of expenses for emergency services on September 11, 12, 28 and 29.

10-36] The Record – Article: Public Notice Borough of Bogota. File.

10-37] Board of Chose Freeholders – Ordinance No. 01-34. File

10-39] NJ State League of Municipalities – Attempt to Overturn "10 Day" Law. File. Deborah Ricci, Health Officer, arrived at 7:15 P.M.

Commissioner Anlian explained the state wants to give significant powers to the County Health Department.

Mrs. Ricci discussed the Practice Standards set up by Bergen County. Project will be costly to the towns. State has proposed legislation mandating County coverage for local towns.

Assemblywoman Weinberg will be invited to attend the December 6th Caucus Meeting to discuss this further.

Mrs. Ricci left at 7:50 P.M.

10- 40] CSX Meeting – Agenda. Discussion of emergency road, grade crossing elimination and long term rail restoration. Continuation meeting scheduled for Monday, November 19, at 3:30 P.M. Mayor Fosdick reported on NJ Transit meeting in

Bogota. The emergency road would eliminate lite rail service. Lite rail service will take approximately 10 years to be operable. Commissioners reaffirmed their stand in favor of the emergency road and passenger trains.

11- 1] Fair Labor Standards Handbook – Various Articles. File.

11 - 2] Borough of Leonia – Ordinance 26-01, guidelines for site plan approval and fees. File.

11 - 3] State of New Jersey – Office of the Governor – Transportation Trust Fund. Talk to Eve Mancuso at Boswell.

11 - 3A] NJDEP's Division of Watershed Management Awards Program. Commissioner Anlian will follow up.

11 - 4] State of New Jersey, Green Acres Program – Applications. Talk to Larry Stefanile.

11 - 5] Boswell McClave – 2000 Community Development Block Grant Construction of Handicapped Ramps. \$15,000.00 Community Development Grant Pre-construction meeting will be held at Boswell.

11 - 6] Ridgefield Park Board of Education – Vacant Seat: Resignation of Mrs. Theresa Mihalopoulos. File.

Meeting recessed at 8:10 P.M. for regular Commissioners Meeting held at 8:15 P.M. Meeting reconvened at 8:35 P.M.

Members of the Rescue Squad, Darryl Henkel, Sonny Yotka and Mike Gioia, attended meeting to present request for additional funds for pagers, a cutter and an outboard motor. Funds for the pagers have been encumbered for this year. Commissioners said additional items will have to be put in 2002 budget. Rescue Squad members left at 8:45 P.M.

Alan O'Grady was in attendance. He reported:

1] Boswell miscalculated measurements for road paving. Additional \$17,000.00 needed. Funds are available in budget.

Also, miscalculations were made on Board of Education project on high school driveway. Documents will be reviewed.

2] Funds will be appropriated for the Bike Path and Poplar Street Steps. Bids will be taken so project is completed before July 4th.

3] Village received two \$1,000.00 certificates from Beyer Bros. as part of settlement of lawsuit against GMCA

Mayor Fosdick reported architectural renderings are needed for pistol range and Canoe Club building repairs. Al Zacccone was recommended to do project. Resolution will be prepared appointing him to position.

Chief Ahrlich recommended , for safety purposes, school not be used as election polling places if schools are open. He will meet with the Superintendent of Schools to discuss matter.

Alan O'Grady left at 9:20 P.M.

REPORTS:

Commissioner Storer - No report

Commissioner Davis - No report

Commissioner D'Auria - No report

Commissioner Davis - No report

Mayor Fosdick:

1] Received letter from Hackensack River Keeper asking him to be a member of the Watershed Management Group. He will accept.

2] Emergency Management meeting scheduled for November 20th at 7:30 P.M. to review procedures.

3] Contest for Fire Chief – John Antola and Andy Scheideler Assistant Chiefs - Dembski and Wagner

4] Plan for dedication of Field House in honor of Gil Gibbs.

5] Wanda Canoe Club was added to insurance for participation in Revolutionary War Re-enactment.

6] Planes seemed to have changed their flight patterns. John Truncellito will be contacted.

7] Doug Hansen has reported there will be a state audit for Fire Safety.

8] Voluntary State Plan may become mandatory.

9] Request made to FEMA for \$34m,283.62.

Village Clerk:

1] Mellon Bank presented banner for World Trade Center tragedy. Representatives will be invited to December 11th meeting for recognition.

2] Newsletter delivery a problem last time. Troop 3 will take over two sections.

3] Letter received from Mr. Spina. He wants to know who is responsible for handicapped ramps when construction is done.

Chief Ahrlich:

Russell Construction will start renovations in Police Department within the next two weeks.

Martin Durkin:

1] Overpeck Park – amended complaint filed. Pretrial, November 1; motion schedule, November 16.

2] Hartz – serviced with discovery information. Next phase – depose witnesses.

3] Flanagan bankruptcy – dismissed. Taxes can go on tax sale.

4] AT&T agreement – need number we want for rental. They have proposed \$15,000.00 with 2% increase per year. Correspondence will be checked for amount stated as rental fee.

5] Hartz – We have filed for arbitration.

6] Emergency Access Road – Drawings have not been received. Walter Rich will be contacted.

7] Birch Street – Fred Rosen said they have reduced units to 40 – 45. Planning Board access road will have to be satisfied.

Commissioner Storer received notice from South Bergen Insurance that we are entitled to a rebate in the amount of \$55,000.00. This will be applied to next year's fees.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer that the meeting adjourn at 10:20 P.M. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, D'Auria, Davis, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "**YEA**".