

CAUCUS MEETING- September 18, 2003, 7:30 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, Storer and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioner Anlian was late and Commissioner D'Auria was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Davis that the minutes of [September 4, 2003](#) be approved. On roll call Commissioners Davis, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Members of the emergency services and Doug Hansen, O.E.M. Coordinator, were in attendance to discuss pending hurricane. All units were fully prepared with equipment and manpower to handle situations. The Domestic Preparedness Equipment Grant was also discussed. Resolutions will be prepared to award contracts for Fire Department and Rescue Squad equipment. The Ambulance Corps will advertise for bids for car.

An evaluation of the Fire Department by ISO insurance will be done. The assessment will affect the rating for home insurance for Ridgefield park property. Commissioner Anlian arrived at 7:55 PM.

It was announced that Volunteer Night was scheduled for Wednesday, October 8th. Scouts will have recruitment tables.

Emergency service members and Doug Hansen left at 8:00 PM.

Edward McCann arrived at 8:00 PM. Mr. McCann was present to discuss soil removal problems at Slim's. He explained order for tanks to be closed given back to 1993. Permits, inspections and approvals were done for the tank removals. In 2002 it was learned tanks had not been removed. Money from the state has to be released before contractor will do the work. Mr. Durkin will try to get money released. Mr. McCann left at 8:10 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

09-08] Memo from Douglas Hansen – fence in right-of-way –145 Central Ave-File.

09-09] BCUA-letter-NJ Residential Construction Off-site Conditions Disclosure Act File

09-10] Verizon –Connecting with NJ residents who are in need of help-Informational.

09-11] Notice from Beattie Padovano-Notice of Hearing Little Ferry Planning Board/Zoning Board.-File

09-12] Raymond Ziemba-Condition of Overpeck Avenue-File

09-13] Council On affordable Housing Newsletter-New COAH requirements could result in Ridgefield Park needing 100 units. Developer should pay part of the cost for affordable housing.

09-14] NJLM – Upcoming Land Use & Planning Issues-File

09-15] City of Toledo – National Bible Week-Informational

09-16] NJLM – Notice of Proposed Dues Increase-File

09-17] Coalition for Public Health & Safety-Co. of Bergen Freeholders Meeting 9-17-03 Resolutions were faxed

09-18] General Code Publishers-Added Value Service-File

09-19] Grant School PTA-Cookout-9-20-03-File

09-20] County of Bergen Dept. of Planning & Economic Development-Open Space Symposium-File

09-21] State of NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services-Annual Registration of Local Boards of Health-Registration will be completed.

09-22] County of Bergen – Veteran Services-File

09-23] Vanguard Career Services – resolutions for 2003-2004 CD projects-file.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

No one wished to be heard.

REPORTS*****

Commissioner Storer – No report.

Commissioner Davis –Meeting held with Paul Hansen and Joe Kelly to discuss quotes, bids and encumbrances. Department Heads will be advised accordingly.

Commissioner Anlian –

1. Lighting specs being prepared by Boswell
2. Letter received from Russ McEwan regarding PBA contract.

Mayor Fosdick –

1. Peace Bell – more improvements will be added in the future.
2. Mr. Durkin reported on meeting with County engineer, attorney, Mr. McNerney, and Teaneck's Town Manager and attorney. Mr. Durkin received a letter asking for an amendment to the Overpeck Park judgment.
3. Emergency Access Road – Mr. Durkin spoke with the engineers and asked they lay out project. Crystal Clear and other companies have called regarding status of road.
4. Chief Ahrlich stated there is a problem picking up children at Roosevelt School on Highland Place. After talking to the principal, it was decided to close Highland Place from 2:30 to 3:30 on school days. Flyers will be distributed through the school and to the residents.
5. Doug Hansen will be asked to attend the next executive meeting to discuss property maintenance code and review same.
6. Filming of the Soprano's will take place on Monday, September 22nd from 4-10.
7. Article in the Ledger regarding Mellon Bank's need for space and Ridgefield Park being considered.
8. Ambulance Corps dinner Friday, September 19th

Library Cocktail Party fund raiser Saturday, September 20th

9. Bids requests for the fire trucks in the paper on Saturday.

Village Clerk –

1. Alan O'Grady has requested resolution to award bid for DPW dump truck.
2. Salary ordinance for non-contractual employees will be on Tuesday's agenda

Martin T. Durkin –

Decision regarding OPRA could affect police records.

DISCUSSION*****

None

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Davis that the meeting adjourn at 8:47 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Davis, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"