

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2008

7:00 PM

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 and the Star Ledger on December 21, 2007 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Superintendent of schools, John Richardson, was in attendance to discuss the Ridgefield Park schools.

1. He thanked Alan O'Grady and the DPW for installing new playground equipment. The cooperation of the DPW saved the Board of Education \$20,000.00.
2. He praised Lt. John DiNiro's in service seminar regarding first response. Letter of thanks has been sent to Lt. DiNiro, Chief Lee and the Commissioners.
3. Dr. Richardson explained numerous school edicts, and programs, i.e., budgetary process, no child left behind, change of testing criteria, mandate for pre-k classes, creation of a transition autistic program, testing and scoring of tests.

Dr. Richardson left at 7:35 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2008. On roll call Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner Anlian abstained.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to go into Closed Session at 7:40 PM to discuss Avalon Bay lease agreement. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Meeting reconvened at 8:12 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

08-25] Troop 3 - Boy Scouts of America-Kevin Alberque working toward Eagle Scout-Possibly Improvements behind the DPW building would qualify as an Eagle Scout Project.

08-26] Hackensack Medical Center-Pascack Valley Hospital Transfer of Ownership-Informational.

08-27] Apportionment of Levies & Rates - Ridgefield Park 2008-Informational.

08-28] Township of Teaneck - Municipal Land Use Ordinances-Informational.

08-29] Bergen County Division On Disability Services-"Access For All"-Ambulance Corps gave out information cards for citizens to fill out and keep as references. Commissioner Boyd will speak with OEM Coordinator Doug Hansen and put something in the Newsletter.

08-30] NJLM-Energy Price Rise Resolution-Informational.

08-31] Ridgefield Park Shade Tree Commission-Appointment Judi O'Shea-Resolution will be prepared.

08-32] Thank You - Joe Mahoney-File.

08-33] E-mail-GovConnect Update - August 25th.-Informational.

08-34] E-mail-Applications for 2008 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards-Informational.

08-35] NJLM-Affordable Housing/COAH Update-Mayor Fosdick stated the ACLU and minority groups are planning to expose the 239 towns that contributed to the League of Municipalities suit against new COAH regulations. Mayor Fosdick stated he would welcome their coming to Ridgefield Park.

09-01] Letter from Oscar Lontoc-Tax Bill-Assessor Arthur Carlson will be asked to attend the next Regular Meeting to answer questions from the taxpayers about their assessments.

09-02] Memo-from Douglas Hansen-Informational-53 Bergen Turnpike-Informational.

09-03] Letter from Barbara DeLuca - COAH Hours - Commissioners discussed pay for Barbara DeLuca's appointment as COAH liaison. It was decided she would receive \$2500 per year, and salary will be charged to COAH account.

09-04] NJLM-Executive Order - State Police Office of Emergency Management At The Direction of Acting Governor Dick Cody - Multi State Mutual Aid.

09-05] Bergen County Utilities Authority - 2008 Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

No one wished to be heard.

REPORTS*****

Bill Betesh - presented a proposed amendment to the Property Maintenance Ordinance. Further discussion will be held at next Executive Meeting.

Commissioner Boyd and Commissioner MacNeill will not attend the September 18th meeting.

Commissioner Poli - Ambulance delivery has been delayed. The contract will be reviewed for date of delivery.

Commissioner Anlian reported:

1. He attended the Bergen County Open Space Meeting. Grant of \$77,000.00 for Veteran's Park has been approved.
2. Fireworks were well attended.

Mayor Fosdick reported:

1. Saturday, September 6, 11:00am - Grand opening of health food store.
2. Saturday, September 6, 1:00 PM - Eagle Scout ceremony for Michael Alberque at Knights of Columbus.
3. Mr. Kafafian received a proposal to use the Daewoo Building as a Graduate Education center with 100 units for housing. Proposal is not acceptable at this time.
4. Fire Department Convention - Thursday September 11 through Sunday September 14.
5. 9/11 Observance - moment of silence will be observed at the Commissioners Meeting.
6. Class of '59 Reunion - October 19 and 20.
7. Sunday, September 21 - Amy Olsen Tea at Library.
8. Nature Preserve - Commissioner Anlian will meet with Mr. Durkin to review surveys.
9. United Rental fees - Bill Betesh reported Boswell is willing to discuss fees for United.
10. County Volunteer of the Year - Ridgefield Park has not participated in program.
11. Bond Ordinance will be adopted at Tuesday's meeting.

Martin T. Durkin reported:

Robin of the Patriot wants to do an article on Avalon Bay.

Village Clerk reported:

1. Mr. Obal is entitled to a refund as a result of a County Board judgment.
2. September 28th - Steve Dembski - Memorial Run/Walk.

Chief Lee reported:

Linda Duncan's Appreciation Dinner at the Elks on Friday, September 26th at 7:00 PM - Proclamation will be prepared.

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to go into Closed Session at 9:05 PM to discuss personnel and negotiations. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

s/ John H. Anlian
Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

s/ Sarah Warlikowski
Village Clerk