

COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
August 19, 2010
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 28, 2009 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioners Anlian was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of July 22, 2010 Caucus Executive Meeting, July 22, 2010 Closed session (#1), July 22, 2010 Closed Session (#2), and August 5, 2010 Caucus Executive Meeting.

On roll call, Commissioners Boyd MacNeill*, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

*Commissioner MacNeill abstained on August 5, 2010.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Shane Nichols-O'Neill, presentation regarding project for the rank of Eagle Scout

Shane Nichols-O'Neill stated that he needed an Eagle Scout project in order to complete the qualifications for Eagle Scout. He would like to build a deck and memorial at the Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Rescue Squad site. The deck would be 3.5 feet high, the memorial a 14 x 14 x 21 triangle with benches and pavers. The Ambulance Corps has funds for the deck. He would like permission to go forward with the project and asked what permits he would need from the building Department. Commissioner MacNeill informed him that they would need a drawing to be sure the project is to code, they will inspect and waive any fees for permits.

The Board of Commissioners reached unanimous consensus to approve the project.

Samik Patel, proprietor of 7/11 Extension of operating hours

Mr. Patel stated that he has been the proprietor of the 7/11 for 15-16 years. The store is closed from Midnight to 5:00 a.m. He requested that the Board of Commissioners consider allowing him to open the store for 24 hours each day or extend the hours of operation. He also commented that the 7/11 corporation charges him more fees because he is not open 24 hours. Commissioner Boyd read the excerpt from the Village ordinance addressing hours of operation. Mayor Fosdick stated that the Board of Commissioners will consider the request and should have an idea regarding the direction the Commissioners would like to go by the beginning of October.

Project Manager - E. McIntyre asked if there were any specifics the Commissioners would like flushed out and updated regarding the Challenger Road Project. Mayor Fosdick responded that it should be in accordance with the Village Master Plan to keep it as wide open as possible.

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Mayor Fosdick informed the Commissioners that Mrs. Vogt, the former Mayor's wife, was ill, but is doing well. He also informed the Commissioner that he had a long conversation with the new Record reporter regarding Challenger Road and the Pedestrian Bridge.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 1 Authorize the Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve Resolution No. 1. On roll call Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli, and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Resolution 2 Review of the Annual Audit by the Board of Commissioners

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve Resolution No. 2. On roll call Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli, and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Resolution 3 Refund Tax Payment to Wells Fargo for Block 13, Lot 2.01

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve Resolution No. 2. On roll call Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli, and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

08-01 Bergen County Freeholders, Re: Resolution 1009-G opposing privatization of Meadowlands and abandon any [plan for housing in the Meadowlands - Informational

8.2 NJDEP, Re: notification suspected hazardous substance discharge - Informational
Case # 10-07-30-0926-41

08-03 Bergen County Executive McNerney, Re: Recovery Zone Facility Bonds (RZFBs) and Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (RZEDBs) –

The Board of Commissioners reached consensus to send a letter of intent regarding Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. Suggested projects areas: Municipal Building, Civic Center, and Main Street. Commissioners Boyd and MacNeill are following through with the engineer and grant facilitator.

08-04 NJLM, Re: League's Annual Audit Statement fiscal year July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010-
Informational

08-05 Evelyn Brent, proprietor of Odd Couples' Attic, Re: parking proposal for merchants on Main Street – an ordinance is coming; Commissioner MacNeill will call Ms. Brent

08-06 NJLM, Re: League's annual business meeting and buffet breakfast, November 19, 2010 -
Informational

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- 08-07 Birdsall Services Group, Re: Minor Modification to Waterfront Development Permit – complete copy of modification available for viewing in Village Clerk’s Office - Informational
- 8.8 Bergen County Freeholders, Re: various bond ordinances and guaranty ordinance- Informational
- 08-09 Bergen County Executive McNerney, Re: September 11, 2001 annual remembrance of this catastrophic event. September 11, 2010 at the Bergen County World Trade Center Memorial in Overpeck County Park in Leonia at 4:30 PM. RSVP requested
- 08-10 PSE&G Re: notice of filing and public hearing increase request regarding Solar Loan Program – Informational for the budget
- 08-11 PSE&G, Re: notice of filing and public hearing decrease request regarding Basic Gas Supply Commodity Service – Informational for the budget
- 08-12 Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: 2010 League Conference Resolutions -Informational
- 08-13 Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: Division of Pension and Benefits Announce Employer Training Opportunities- Informational
- 08-14 Boswell McClave Engineering, Re: Improvements to Veterans Park Payment #2 to contractor MJ D’Arminio in the amount of \$33,135.76 – Okay to pay September 14, 2010 meeting.
- 08-15 Freshwater Wetlands and Flood Hazard Area Application, submitted by Bergen County Engineer – Notice to Neighboring Landowners. Copy of application on file in Municipal Clerk’s Office, Teaneck, NJ- Informational
- 08-16 Lawrence Stefanile to Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund, Re: Ridgely Park Nature Preserve Update – being addressed
- 08-17 Lawrence Stefanile to Commissioner Boyd, Re: Recovery Zone Facility Bonds – being addressed, letter for submission to be drafted by grant facilitator
- 08-18 Bergen County, Robert E. Laux, County Counsel, Re: Resolution affirming the intention to enter into an agreement for an Overpeck Park Pedestrian Bridge – Mayor is drafting a letter to the Record newspaper regarding the necessity of the bridge. A Letter from the Mayor is accompanying the Preliminary Presentation being sent to the New Jersey Turnpike Authority
- 08-19 Bergen County Freeholders, Re: Resolution #1169 opposing Plan to Decrease EMT Funding – has been addressed by Commissioners previously
- 8.20.1 Kathy Manfredi, Re: resignation from the Board of Health and the Local Assistance Board – Commissioner Anlian (absent) should address this appointment

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No one wished to be heard.

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DISCUSSION

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 351 of the Code of the Village of Ridge field Park, entitled "Taxicabs and Limousines"

After review of the proposed ordinance it was evident that there were several flaws in the ordinance that needed to be addressed. Mayor Fosdick would like to invite limousine owners to a meeting after a draft is complete. Mrs. Fehre will collect several ordinances from neighboring municipalities in order to assist in a new draft ordinance.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Article XII of Chapter 197 of the Code of the Village of Ridge field Park, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (fees and fines)

After review of this ordinance consensus was reached to place the introduction of the ordinance on the September 14, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Article XIII of Chapter 197 of the Code of the Village of Ridge field Park, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (loading zones)

After review of this ordinance consensus was reached to place the introduction of the ordinance on the September 14, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda with an amendment for handicap parking.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 362 of the Code of the Village of Ridge field Park, entitled "Towing and Storage"

After review of this ordinance consensus was reached to place the introduction of the ordinance on the September 14, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda with a revision regarding Village owned vehicles.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd reported: The Street Fair is being organized by the Business Association. The Village Insurance Risk Manager needs Certificates of Liability from all participants naming Ridgefield Park "additional insured" for that day. A resolution will have to be developed to approve the closing of Main Street from Webster to Cedar and to suspend parking meter fees on October 30, 2010. There was a rescue drill conducted at Overpeck Park.

Commissioner Poli reported: No report.

Commissioner MacNeill reported: Basketball and Volleyball season is getting closer.

Mayor Fosdick reported: A reminder to all Commissioners that they are all invited to the opening of school on September 7, 2010. An article was submitted to the Village Newsletter. The turnpike is waiting for the Ridgefield Park submission regarding the pedestrian bridge. Ridgefield Park will be responsible for maintenance of the pedestrian bridge and as a show of good faith a line item/trust will be created in the budget. October 8th will be the 100th anniversary of the Hook and Ladder Fire Company #2. They will receive a silver bowl. The running of the pool may not be feasible going forward. Perhaps residents who use the pool would be willing to commit to membership now in order to assess the amount of fees coming in for the pool.

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Interim Village Clerk – Mrs. Fehre inquired about the link for the municipal code. It appears to be off the website, is it available on a separate site? Commissioners agreed to put the link for the code on the website.

Superintendent of DPW – Mr. O’Grady reported that the streets being considered for the 2011 Community Development Grant are; Preston from Main to Euclid and Bergen from Preston to Hobart. Both streets will also have curb replacement. Cedar Street parking lot being paved, meters removed, replace with meters again or a central system. Village has been approved for a grant in the amount of \$141,000.00 for the multipurpose field at Veterans Park, need an at risk letter from Green Acres for project. This Saturday September 1, 2010, is shredding Day at the DPW.

Commissioner Boyd asked if a banner ordinance will be developed for businesses.

Police Chief – Chief Rose reported that a notice of claim was received by the Police Department regarding a motorcycle accident. One of the previous dispatchers was hired back. A request for handicap parking at a residential home was received. Due to the narrow driveway which is carved in with walls, the request will be granted. Regarding the Click it or ticket campaign; Ridgefield Park was #12 in the State and #4 in the County, 93.7% use seatbelts.

Mayor Fosdick asked about the accreditation. The Chief responded that the accreditation was going forward.

Village Attorney – Mr. Voytus stated that the Nature Preserve acquisition was close to completion. They need the survey. The Challenger Road Project is moving along.

ADJOURNMENT*****

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian

Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd

Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli

Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill

Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick

Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk