

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
September 23, 2010
7:00 PM**

Commissioner Anlian 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 Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, absent were Commissioner Poli and Mayor Fosdick.

Also present: Eugene McIntyre, Project Manager, Alan O'Grady, Superintendent DPW, Martin Durkin, Esq., William Betesh, Esq., Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of September 9, 2010 and the Closed Session of September 9, 2010.

On roll call, Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, and Anlian voted "YEA".

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 1 Waive Interest Due on Tax Payment for Block 23, Lot 7

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.17 Mayor's Fax Advisory – Gov. Christie's New Reform Agenda - Informational
- 9.18 Mayor's Fax Advisory – Verizon v. Hopewell Personal Property Tax Exemptions – Informational
- 9.19 Mayor's Fax Advisory – NJ Alert – New Mass Text and E-mail notification System - Informational
- 9.20 New Jersey Div. of Highway Traffic Safety – SAGE Grants 2012 – All applicable departments reminded, Larry Stefanile also received
- 9.21 Visiting Homemaker – invitation to fundraiser - Informational
- 9.22 State of New Jersey – Comm. Simpson – seminars at the League Convention - Informational
- 9.23 Mayor's Fax Advisory – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – In progress
- 9.24 Mayor's Fax Advisory – Verizon v. Hopewell – correction - Informational

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- 9.25 Mayor's Fax Advisory – DCA Checklist Clarifications Forthcoming – On going information
- 9.26 Mayor Fosdick – copy of Fast Facts from Bergen Record, September 12, 2010 - Informational
- 9.27 DCA GovConnect Update – Very Informational
- 9.28 NJLM Membership Fax Advisory – League Conference Session CEU procedures - Informational
- 9.29 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund – 2010 Applications – Check with Larry Stefanile
- 9.30 NJLM Membership Fax Advisory – update “tool Kit” Developments – Check previous e-mails for resolution for next meeting
- 9.31 NJLM Mayor's Fax Advisory – Legislative Session Update - Informational
- 9.32 NJLM - Order Form – 2009 Laws of Interest - Informational
- 9.33 NJLM Mayor's Fax Advisory – Frequently Asked Questions re: Best Practices Checklist - In progress
- 9.34 DCA E-mail – Best Practices Inventory Frequently Asked Questions – On going information, checklist in progress
- 9.35 NJ Turnpike Authority – Pedestrian Bridge – Resolution will be on agenda for September 28, 2010
- 9.36 Michael Savino – Project Citizen Brainstorming and Collaboration – Set aside for next Caucus Meeting
- 9.37 Masonic Lodge #194 F & AM – 100th Anniversary - Informational
- 9.38 Verdeenergyusa – Discounted Electric Rates – Commissioner MacNeill collecting data
- 9.39 U.S. Dept. of Commerce – Decennial Census 2010 Field Operations completed - Informational
- 9.40 Bergen Swan – Hackensack River StoryNight - Informational
- 9.41 NJLM – website registration for League Conference - Informational
- 9.42 Boswell Engineering – Pedestrian Bridge – Resolution for Operation and maintenance – Resolution will be on agenda September 28, 2010
- 9.43 Lawrence Stefanile – Recovery Zone Facility Bonds – In progress
- 9.44 NJLM Membership Advisory – Workshop labor Negotiations - Informational

9.45 NJLM Membership Advisory – Municipal Liens/Primer on Foreclosure - Informational

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9.46 NJLM Membership Advisory – Applying for Grants - Informational

9.47 Port Authority NJ & NY – Teterboro Airport Wildlife Hazard management Plan – Commissioner Anlian will call Madeline Icappuchio to see if she is interested

9.48 NJLM Mayor's Fax Advisory – COAH Reform, Arbitration Reform, Civil Service Reform - Informational

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

DISCUSSION

Local Government Best Practices Checklist continued – per communications 08-35 and 09-34
Reviewed at last meeting, Commissioner Boyd finalizing input regarding checklist

Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 147 “Business Hours”
Hold for the next Caucus Meeting

Request for Proposals – Challenger Road Development – set dates
Hold for the next Caucus Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian the public portion of the meeting recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7) Potential Litigation: 105 Challenger Road, Potential litigation: Theater Parking Lot Challenger Road

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, and MacNeill, voted “YEA”.

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:15 p.m.

On a public motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Commissioners returned to open session at 7:35 p.m.

Commissioner Boyd pointed out that the RFP for Challenger Road Development needed a few corrections, Loews theatre is now called AMC, Acting Clerk should be Interim Clerk, Page 21 should designate who will oversee escrow, Page 24 should be 4:00 p.m. instead of 2:00 p.m.

Dates cannot be set at this time.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd reported: The Fall Festival is October 30, 2010. She will meet with Alan O’Grady, Doug Hanson and other emergency personnel in the beginning of October. There are 47 participants; publicity has been sent through the schools, JC Promotions, and local TV channels. Announcement will be put on Village website.

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Commissioner MacNeill reported: The Basketball and Volleyball court is complete. He then updated the Commissioners regarding Green Acres and the Multi-purpose field. The “at risk” letter is needed in order to move forward with the project and not risk losing funding.

Superintendent of DPW – Alan O’Grady stated that he received a letter from the Methodist Church asking for assistance to remove a dead tree.

The Board of Commissioners reached consensus approving the assistance of the DPW in removing the tree.

He then reported that the Village lost a few trees on Railroad Avenue and Hackensack Avenue in the storm the previous evening.

Commissioner MacNeill asked about the surge and the generator at Village Hall.

Mr. O’Grady stated that the generator kicked on when the power went out, but did not turn off when the power came back on, because generator runs until all power is returned. A new maintenance contract is needed for the generator, he will speak to Chief Rose regarding what they want in the contract. The Commissioners voiced the opinion that the police should continue to be in charge of the generator due to security issues.

Interim Village Clerk – no report

Mr. William Betesh, Esq. asked that the Board return to closed session regarding Tax Appeal Terrace Holdings vs. Ridgefield Park, Acquisition of Property, and Robert Inhosan vs. Ridgefield Park.

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On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, and MacNeill voted “YEA”.

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:00 p.m.

On a public motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Commissioners returned to open session at 8:07 p.m.

Commissioner Anlian reported: Teresa McDonough will be First Alternate on the Historic Preservation Board, Jeff Hoffman will be Second Alternate, and Gerald Garofalo will be appointed Member and Planning Board Representative. He is meeting with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission regarding a new health officer. There are two openings on the Board of Health. He spoke to Bernard and Elizabeth Clancy, both would like to serve on the Board. He then asked if anyone had any preferences regarding the

town Christmas tree which used to be in front of the Village Hall. It was suggested a temporary tree be set up until a decision is made regarding the replacement of the tree.

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Village Attorney - Martin Durkin thanked everyone for their efforts during the period he was out ill. He heard good reports regarding his staff who assisted the village in his absence. He then asked for a closed session regarding the Overpeck Park litigation with Bergen County.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill the public portion of the meeting recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7) Litigation with Bergen County re: Overpeck Park.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, and MacNeill, voted "YEA".

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:15 p.m.

On a public motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Commissioners returned to open session at 8:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Commissioner _____

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk