

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
December 9, 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 Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Martin Durkin, Esq., Edward Rose, Police Chief, Joseph Iannaconi, CFO, Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent and Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

**DISCUSSION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of November 23, 2010

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

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Poli to approve the minutes of the Closed Minutes of November 9, 2010

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

**Joseph Iannaconi Jr., Chief Financial Officer**

Mr. Iannaconi addressed the Mayor and Commissioners. He complemented the Finance Department Personnel, reviewed the 2% budget cap, explained the need for some modernization in the finance department and recommended a two week payroll schedule rather than the weekly schedule that is in place currently.

Mayor Fosdick recommended that Mr. Iannaconi meet with the department heads, he explained the Commission form of government and the Challenger Road leases with the Village.

There will be an amendment to the Nature Preserve Ordinance in January. The rent from Newmark is expected soon for the old Samsung building.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 1    Emergency Appropriation – Debt Service

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".

**CORRESPONDENCE**

11-27    Unison – Cell Tower Locations – not interested

11-28    GJEM- Public Officials Class – all Commissioners attending

## **December 9, 2010**

- 12-1 Lawrence Stefanile – Nature Preserve – Commissioner Anlian reported that the project was back on track and that the Preliminary Assessment was done
- 12-2 Lawrence Stefanile – Nature Preserve Title Policy – on track
- 12-3 Lawrence Stefanile – Update Veterans Park – Voucher – in for payment at the County
- 12-4 SBJIF – Elected Officials’ Training Seminar – all Commissioners attending
- 12-5 Mercedes and John Haines, Grand Marshal Chairpersons – 2011 Grand Marshal
- 12-6 PERMA – 2011 Budgets for SBMJIF, MEL, E-JIF, AND RCF
- 12-7 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Best Practices and COAH – Ridgefield Park reduction in state aid re: Best Practices is \$588.00
- 12-8 NJLM Membership Advisory – Training and Mayors Legislative Day – Informational – Mayor attending
- 12-9 Sergeant Hartnett - Recovery Bureau, Emergency Management – forwarded to the OEM
- 12-10 DCA – CY2010 Best Practice Checklist Results
- 12-11 DCA – GovConnect Update December 6, 2010 - informational
- 12-12 NJLM Membership Advisory – December 10, 2010 Seminar Cancelled - informational
- 12-13 Boswell Engineering – 2010 Road Improvement Payment for Certificate #2 – work performed, ok to pay per Mr. O’Grady. Commissioners consensus to pay
- 12-14 BCUA – Proposed 2011 Budget – Ridgefield Park has combined sewer and water and are exempt from some environmental penalties
- 12-15 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New Content on DLGS Website - informational
- 12-16 NJLM Mayors Advisory – League Testifies before Assemblyman McKeon’s Committee - Informational
- 12-17 Lawrence Stefanile – Recovery Zone Bonds Application – The funds are now being allocated to the State Authorities, not the municipalities

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No public present

### **REPORTS**

**Commissioner Boyd** reported that she met with JC Productions; feedback regarding the Street Fair was very good. The Business Association would like to sponsor another Street Fair next year on October 29, 2011. Commissioners reached consensus to approve another Street Fair.

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**Commissioner Poli** reported that the B-Med was expanding their marketing to other regions to attract municipalities with good experience ratings. There are six plans with Aetna, 7% of premium goes to administration of the B-Med. He made comparisons with other towns regarding insurance rates; the B-Med has a good rate. A resolution is needed for insurance coverage of non-employees

Mayor Fosdick asked Mrs. Fehre to get the data regarding all health insurance coverage in the Village.

Commissioner Poli checked with other towns regarding lifetime medical coverage. Bogota and Little Ferry do not offer lifetime medical.

**Commissioner MacNeill:** No report

**Commissioner Anlian** reported that the Christmas lights on the poles on Main Street were LED lights. This year the lights are only on the poles, not the trees, which saved labor costs.

**Mayor Fosdick** reported that the Senior Christmas party will be Sunday at the Elks Club. Monday 12/13 is the class Commissioners are attending regarding liability insurance, Tuesday 12/14, at the regular meeting, will be the installation of the Fire Department Officers. There will be a split award recommended by the Fire Department to purchase supplies and equipment. The Scott Pak purchase will be awarded as well. Boswell received a letter from the Turnpike Authority regarding the application of the Pedestrian Bridge.

**Interim Village Clerk Deborah Fehre** asked if the Commissioners would combine a caucus and regular meeting in November 2011 due to Election Day. Agreed. She then asked for the number of employees to be covered by the County Employee Assistance Program. 30.

Mayor Fosdick asked that Mrs. Fehre inform Teterboro that no one was available from the Village to attend the Goose Management Session.

**DPW Superintendent Alan O'Grady** informed the Commissioners that the new garbage truck was delivered, it will be lettered and on the road by next week.

**Village Attorney Martin Durkin** announced his retirement as Village Attorney after 49 years of service. He plans to move to Kentucky with his wife. He thoroughly enjoyed representing the wonderful Village of Ridgefield Park all those years and will miss everyone a great deal.

Mayor Fosdick praised Mr. Durkin for his devotion and service to the community; he always put Ridgefield Park first. "Well done"

Mr. Durkin recalled a meeting when a former Mayor called from Pearl Harbor to be sure the Commissioners were meeting!

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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 (4) Police Negotiations

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

/s/ John H. Anlian \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

/s/ Margaret R. Boyd \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

/s/ Adam A. MacNeill \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre  
Interim Village Clerk  
Approved on December 23, 2010