

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
February 3, 2011
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 29, 2010 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian (7:15), MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Absent: Commissioner Boyd

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Edward Rose, Police Chief, Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent, Dieter Lerch, Auditor (7:34), Tara O'Grady, and Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Borough of Ridgefield Re: Crown Carting Application for Waste Transfer Facility in Ridgefield

The following people attended the meeting in order to address the Board of Commissioners regarding their concerns related to the Crown Carting Application:

Councilman Warren Vincent, Councilman Todd, Residents of Ridgefield: Libet Gonzalez, Paula Capone, John Arnold, John Cahill (student), and Nick Lento Cliffside Park Resident

The application is currently before the Bergen County Utility Authority. The representatives of Ridgefield who were present stated their opposition to the application due to the following reasons: There are many facilities of this type to address the needs of the area, potential pollution hazard, the area has a higher potential for residential development and light rail service without this facility, trucks will be idling and traveling through Ridgefield Park as well as Ridgefield causing pollution and deterioration of the roads, currently the facility is a "carting" station not a "transfer" station, household garbage hospital and restaurant refuse were removed from the first application, but they are concerned that these items will be allowed in the future.

Mayor Fosdick commented that the Board of Commissioners would like to hear from Crown Carting as well to be sure to have knowledge of both side regarding this issue.

Mr. Lento stated that this was a bi-partisan effort in Ridgefield. He hopes the Board of Commissioners will pass a supporting resolution against the application. Councilman Vincent added that the Ridgefield redevelopment will benefit Ridgefield Park as well. They do not want to see a transfer station at the gateway.

Commissioner Anlian asked what the next step was regarding the application.

Councilman Vincent answered that it had been pulled from the last agenda of the BCUA and is now scheduled for a vote on February 24, 2011. Mr. Lento added that if the application is passed by the BCUA it will then go to the Bergen County Freeholder Board for approval.

The representatives left at 7:35 p.m.

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Robert Kilmurray, Resident of Ridgefield Park re: Full Day Summer Recreation Program

Mr. Kilmurray shared his background and desire to initiate a full day summer recreation program in order to accommodate the working parents of Ridgefield Park. He proposed an eight week program which would be offered in four two week sessions. The proposed cost would be \$250.00 per each two week session. He suggested future fundraising for scholarships to the program. He would like to hold the program at Veterans Park and use the High School in bad weather. He suggested offering swim lessons at the pool, sports, drama, etc., all of the traditional components of a summer camp. He also suggested a lesser fee for parents who prefer to send their children to the current town summer camp in the morning and attend this camp in the afternoon. This camp would not replace the current town summer camp. The camp should pay for itself through tuition and may turn a profit for the Village.

Village Attorney, Phil Boggia inquired about background checks for counselors. Commissioner Anlian asked about the increase in insurance rates for the Village. Mayor Fosdick stated that in order to start, a budget would have to be established. How would the Village anticipate the revenue? Commissioner Poli suggested Mr. Kilmurray speak with the Director of Recreation. Commissioner MacNeill liked the idea, but stated that the Commissioners need a complete cost analysis for the program. Village Auditor Dieter Lerch suggested that Mr. Kilmurray speak with his employees who are in the Village for the next week working, perhaps they could be of some assistance.

Background checks are done on all counselors over 16. Mr. Kilmurray will look into the details needed and get back to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Kilmurray left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Village Auditor Dieter Lerch announced that the budget calendar has been extended to March 11, 2011 for introduction due to Governor's presentation of budget matters on February 22, 2011. It is anticipated that the Governor will freeze funding at last year's levels. Mr. Lerch discussed the 2% budget cap, the exceptions to that cap and the significant increases of those exceptions.

Mayor Fosdick reported that the Village has been informed that the bank will no longer pick up the fees for payroll. This will mean a \$40,000.00 new expenditure for the Village.

Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent stated that due to significant snow fall, the summer help program may have to be canceled to pay for salt and overtime.

Chief Rose reported that the police department is losing four of the six dispatchers serving the Village. He proposed a new schedule for dispatchers which would increase each dispatchers hours, but decrease the number of dispatchers employed.

Mayor Fosdick read the pertinent parts of communication 01-47 to Mr. Lerch. The employee contribution is not to be treated as anticipated revenue it is in trust just like social security and taxes. Mayor Fosdick also asked Mr. Lerch about the library surplus

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in relation to contributions to the Library. Mr. Lerch stated that the library should segregate these funds from town funds. They must give back surplus of town funds.

Mr. Lerch left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1.39 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Mayors response to Legislative Priorities Survey - Informational
- 1.40 RPBOE – Superintendent of Schools letter complimenting RP DPW- Informational
- 1.41 NJLM – Publication of 2010-11 selected provisions: Personnel Policies- Informational
- 1.42 NJLM – Women in Government Day- Informational
- 1.43 American Cancer Society – Relay for Life – put on calendar
- 1.44 Governor Christie – Veto Re: COAH Legislation- Informational
- 1.45 NJLM Mayors Advisory – 1.5% Health Care Contributions - Held to be Constitutional - Informational
- 1.46 NJLM Mayors Advisory - Verizon Business Personal Property Tax Update- Informational
- 1.47 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Local Finance Notice 2011-2012 Budget Matters addressed above with Dieter Lerch, Auditor
- 1.48 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Affordable Housing/COAH- up in the air
- 1.49 IPD – Latest Budget Changes Workshop- Informational
- 1.50 NJLM Membership Advisory – Police and Fire Consolidation - Informational
- 1.51 State of New Jersey – 2011 Campaign Contribution Notice – Not Applicable
- 1.52 Bergen County Police – NJDEP informational policy for Snow Removal – using Challenger Road now - no waterways disposal yet
- 1.53 Troop 3 – Ridgefield Park Boy Scout Troop – Eagle Scout – mark calendars
- 1.54 NJLM Membership Advisory – Executive Leadership Training for Mayors - Informational
- 1.55 NJLM – Seminars regarding Arbitration Advisory Services- Informational

- 1.56 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Power Supply Procurement and Animal Rabies Cases- Informational – Commissioner MacNeill looking into power supply – Commissioner Poli added that it would have to go out for bid
- 1.57 Senator Weinberg – NJDOT Grant Award – Ridgefield Park received NJDOT grant for Main Street bypass in amount of \$150,000.00

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- 1.58 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Governor Signs A-2844 and S-1466 - Informational
- 1.59 NJLM – League Website Updates and Services for Governing Bodies - Informational
- 1.60 SBMJIF – Liability Claim Reporting Procedures – Mrs. Fehre and Mrs. O’Grady should attend
- 1.61 PSE&G – Rate Increases - - Informational for budget
- 1.62 Law Firm Advertisement – Reducing Real Estate Taxes- Informational
- 2.1 RP Junior Senior High School – Permit request for Commencement Exercises – okay, Mr. O’Grady sent permit
- 2.2 Bergen County – Letter of Introduction of New Chairman- Informational
- 2.3 PSE&G and Boswell Engineering – 2011 Construction Plans – Done, Boswell Engineering responded
- 2.4 SBMJIF – MEL Helpline/XL Claim Reporting Procedures – same as 01-60
- 2.5 Police Chief Rose – Funds for Building Security Cameras – research how to be done
- 2.6 Lawrence Stefanile – Nature Preserve Update – Commissioner Anlian spoke with Mr. Stefanile and Mr. Voytus, Commissioners consensus to authorize funds, introduction of bond amendment at next caucus if possible
- 2.7 US Census Bureau – 2010 Census data released for New Jersey- Informational
- 2.8 DCA – Rutgers Univ. Training Programs for Elected Officials- Informational
- 2.9 State of New Jersey – Phase II Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants- Informational
- 2.10 Lawrence Stefanile – New Jersey Clean Energy Program - moving forward
- 2.11 DCA – GovConnect Update February 3, 2011- Informational
- 2.12 Lawrence Stefanile – Green Acres/Nature Preserve Update – addressed with 02-06
- 2.13 State of New Jersey – 2011 Municipal Aid Program Grant for RP \$150,000.00 – additional notification same as 01-57
- 2.14 South Bergenite – Meadowlands Tax Sharing – need to review

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

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REPORTS

Commissioner Poli reported that the B-Med asked him to be a member of the executive board, he was honored to be asked, but it may interfere with his work schedule.

Commissioner MacNeill No Report

Commissioner Anlian addressed the issue on the agenda regarding the limiting of licenses for dogs and cats. Residents who have more than three cats or dogs will be grandfathered in for licensing. Mr. Boggia recommended a memo be distributed to the Clerk's office.

Mayor Fosdick announced that there will be a dedication of the gym floor to John Richardson at 6:30 p.m. before the Regular Commissioner meeting of February 22nd. There will be a new police officer sworn in at the February 8th meeting. Police Awards will be presented at that meeting as well. Relay for Life kick off is February 15th at 7:00 p.m. Tomorrow is wear red day for women's heart disease awareness.

Mayor Fosdick then asked for discussion regarding the scheduling of a budget workshop due to the new restrictions regarding the budget. It was agreed that the next caucus meeting of February 17, 2011 would be devoted mainly to a budget workshop. New budget worksheets with the final expenditure amounts will be distributed.

Interim Village Clerk Deborah Fehre: No Report

DPW Superintendent Alan O'Grady: No Report

Village Attorney Philip Boggia: No Report

CLOSED SESSION:

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, 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, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Absent: Commissioner Boyd

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 9:15 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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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 02/17/2011