

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
March 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 (7:07), Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Edward Rose, Police Chief, Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent, Gene McIntyre, Project Manager, and Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of February 17, 2011.

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

Mr. McIntyre reported that nothing was new regarding the Request for Proposals involving the four parcels of property on Challenger road. He left the meeting at 7:02 pm.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Wayne King – Re: Crown Carting Transfer Station

Mayor Fosdick shared an overview of the comments presented at a previous meeting by residents and council members of Ridgefield who oppose the application for Crown Carting's Transfer Station before the BCUA. He stated that before the Board of Commissioners decides to do or not do anything they would like to hear from both sides.

Mr. Wayne King and Mr. Chris Boel of Crown Carting addressed the Commissioners. They own the property where the transfer station would be, currently their carting station is there. The current zoning permits the facility. They hired an engineer to do the ground work. The BCUA hearing is next month. They shared a rendering of what the facility would look like. It is a self generated recycling facility. It will service only their own four trucks, 99 tons per day. The separating will be done in a closed building. The material is construction debris. They did a traffic study 60 trucks pass the corner of Church and Edgewater, four are Crown Carting. Trucks are not carrying garbage as originally thought. There are weekly visits by the DEP. The facility they built in North Bergen exceeded the DEP regulations. They ran this facility for five years with no violations.

Mayor Fosdick gave a copy of the handout from the Ridgefield residents to Mr. King.

Mr. King and Mr. Boel left the meeting at 7:29

Commissioner Anlian proposed canceling the March 17, 2011 meeting and rescheduling for March 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor and Commissioners agreed by consensus. Mayor Fosdick asked Mrs. Fehre to notify Mr. McIntyre.

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NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2011.35 Authorize Agreement with Ridgefield for Health Services
2011.36 Approve Additional Official Depository for Village Monies

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve Resolutions 2011-35 and 2011-36.

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

BOND ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

Resolution 2011-37 Capital Budget Amendment Resolution

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, to approve Resolution 2011-37.

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

Resolution 2011-38 Resolution to Introduce Bond Ordinance 2011-02

BOND ORDINANCE 2011-02

"1BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$67,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR USE AS A NATURE PRESERVE IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to approve Resolution 2011-38.

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

The public hearing on Bond Ordinance 2011-02 will be March 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

NJLM Mayors Advisory – Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act (*from previous Caucus Meeting*) - Informational

02-43 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Permits for Solar and Wind Facilities (*from previous Caucus Meeting*) - Informational

2.45 Boswell Engineering – 2010 Road Program Estimate #3 and Final – okay for warrant list

2.46 Boswell Engineering – Meeting Summary re: Route 46 Bridge over Hackensack River – Bus stops will be moved during construction

2.47 NJLM – Legislative Update re: Affordable Housing & COAH - Informational

2.48 NJLM – League Calls for End to Revenue Diversions - Informational

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- 2.49 PSE&G - Newsletter from Ralph LaRossa - Informational
- 2.50 William Betesh, Esq. – Shalom Realty Associates, Tax Appeal – closed session
- 2.51 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act – passed Assembly
- 2.52 Bergen County Freeholders – Resolution Honoring Army Spc Ryan A. Gartner - honor
- 2.53 DCA – GovConnect Update February 22, 2011 re: item #4 Diesel retrofit Mr. O’Grady stated that all DPW trucks have been addressed, he will check the emergency vehicles
- 2.54 Lawrence Stefanile – Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants, Phase II – Commissioner MacNeill stated that last year the Village received \$50,000.00, this year we may receive \$125,000.00.
- 2.55 D&S Land Development – Veterans Park All Sports Field Project Bid – Mr. Boggia reported that non-notarization of certain forms was not a defect regarding the bid.
- 2.56 Governor’s Office – Budget Presentation FY2012 – Commissioners aware of information
- 2.57 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Intercultural Trip to Turkey - Informational
- 2.58 NJLM Mayors Advisory – League Management Reforms & City of Orange - Informational
- 2.59 NJLM Membership Advisory – Seminar on Budget Updates March 4, 2011 - Informational
- 2.60 NJLM Membership Advisory – Seminar on Policies, Procedures and Social Networking - Informational
- 2.61 RP Soccer Association – Use of Village Property on Challenger Road – no objection provided the Village is supplied with insurance documentation, hold harmless agreement, notification of other properties, and county and local traffic notification. Mr. Boggia will send a letter to association.
- 2.62 NJLM Membership Advisory – Seminar Budget Updates March 8, 2011 - Informational
- 2.63 NJLM – Workshop on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency - Informational
- 2.64 Job & Job – Nature Preserve Surveys - ok
- 2.65 NJLM Mayors Advisory - Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act - Informational
- 2.66 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Community Development Block Grant – funding is going
- 2.67 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Collaborating on Real Solutions to the 2% Cap - Informational
- 2.68 NJLM Mayors Advisory – 2012 Budget Proposed Termination of UEZ Program - Informational

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- 2.69 NJLM Mayors Advisory – State Budget Week in Review & Call for Action - Informational
- 2.70 BC Office of Community Development – Appealing NJ Property Tax – possible conflict?
- 2.71 DCA – Training Courses by New Jersey Redevelopment Authority - Informational
- 2.72 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Snow Emergency/Levy Cap Guidance – 75% reimbursement
- 2.73 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Get Out the Vote on April 27, 2011 – School election
- 2.74 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Our Town Grant Available for Creative Placemaking - Informational
- 2.75 NJLM Mayors Advisory – CY 2011 Cap Referendum Procedures - Informational
- 3.1 NJDOT – Thank you for Hosting Meeting re: Route 46 Bridge over Hackensack River
- 3.2 Roux Associates – Report re: 100 Industrial Avenue – on file
- 3.3 William Betesh, Esq. – Proposed Amendment to Village Ordinance Chapter 183 – Commissioner Boyd noticed a drop in payments and recommends ordinance be placed on the March 8, 2011 agenda for introduction. Consensus was reached to place ordinance on agenda.
- 3.4 Board of Elections – Municipal Levy Cap Referendum – N/A
- 03-05 Boswell Engineering – Recommendation of Award for Bid re: All Sports Field – resolution will be placed on March 8, 2011 agenda for award.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Warren Vincent, Ridgefield Councilman, asked how the Village was notified that they were owed money regarding hotel occupancy fees. Commissioner Anlian responded that Commissioner Boyd inquired at the State. Commissioner Boyd explained that based on previous experience it appeared that payments were not coming in. Mr. Vincent then asked if Ridgefield Park would like the Transfer Station at the entrance to their development area.

DISCUSSION:

Pedestrian Bridge – Matter is still in review

Village Newsletter – Mayor Fosdick requested that the Commissioners take turns writing articles for the newsletter.

County Park Field Schedules – Schedules are being addressed

Mayor Fosdick asked who would like to accompany him to the next taping for RPTV on March 29, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner MacNeill agreed to go.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd shared several articles of interest with everyone from the League of Municipalities magazine. One article addressed escrow accounts. Perhaps the Village can pass a resolution regarding the balances in the escrow accounts. Mr. Boggia will look into it. There is also information regarding federal grants and free construction code software from the DCA.

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Commissioner Poli: No Report

Commissioner MacNeill: No Report

Commissioner Anlian: No Report

Mayor Fosdick reported that the Eagle Scout ceremony will be at 3:00 p.m. on March 12th. He then announced that the Ridgefield Park Baseball Organization sign will cost \$125.00. Each Commissioner personally paid \$25.00 each. The new fire truck is scheduled for delivery on Friday the 5th. The fundraiser for the PBA Motorcycle Tour will be Monday the 7th at the 101 Pub. Saturday the 12th is the Citizen of the Year/St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance at the Elks. Saturday the 19th is the autism fundraiser at the Elks.

Interim Village Clerk Deborah Fehre: No Report

DPW Superintendent Alan O'Grady: The gas and diesel fuel bills are increasing. The Elgin sweeper will have to be replaced this year. The Village will not have to bond; there is money in recycling trust account. Prices are up for recycled goods.

Police Chief Edward Rose: Police received \$85,000.00 grant for the cameras that will be installed in the police cars over the next two weeks.

Village Attorney Philip Boggia: He is working with the Building Department to address outstanding violations by applicants.

CLOSED SESSION I:

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, 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, 8) Shalom Realty Associates v. Ridgefield Park and Personnel Procedures

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

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

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:50 p.m.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Commissioner Boyd reviewed some suggestions for reductions regarding the proposed 2011 budget. The Commissioners reached consensus on the reductions.

CLOSED SESSION II:

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 (4) Collective Bargaining Police Personnel

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 9:17 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Commissioner _____

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk
Approved 03/22/2011