

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
March 22, 2011  
6:00 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 revised notice for this meeting was sent to the Record on March 4, 2011 and to the Star Ledger on March 7, 2011 and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

**ROLL CALL**

Those present were Commissioners Anlian (7:10), Boyd, MacNeill, Poli (7:10) and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: John DiNiro, Police Captain, Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent, Tara O'Grady and Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of March 3, 2011 and the Closed Session Meeting of March 3, 2011.

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

Absent: Commissioners Anlian and Poli

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 3.6 Montclair State University – State Budget Public Hearing – took place last Wednesday
- 3.7 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Urging Exemption for Reserve for Uncollected Taxes – informational
- 3.8 NJLM Mayors Advisory –A-376 S-2664 "Market Competition Consumer Choice Act" – Legislation tabled yesterday
- 3.9 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Corrected Version A-376 S-2664 - tabled
- 3.10 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Revised – Urging of Exemption for Uncollected Taxes - informational
- 3.11 NJLM Mayors Advisory – CY Budget and Levy Cap Update LFN 2011-10 – Mayor asked Mrs. Fehre to check if this includes police cars and copier leases
- 3.12 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Budget Hearing Schedule Set - Informational
- 3.13 Knight of Columbus – Scholarship - Schwartz/ Criscoulo Memorial Golf Outing each Commissioner aid \$20.00 personally
- 3.14 DCA – GovConnect update March 7, 2011 – re: retro fit for diesel section: Mr. O'Grady reported that the emergency vehicles are exempt
- 3.15 NJLM Mayors Advisory – League perspective on State Budget Proposal - Informational

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- 3.16 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Calculation of the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes – Usually tax sales are in November
- 3.17 NJLM Mayors Advisory – S-2718 Senate Pres. Sweeney Health Care Reform – significant legislation that will impact employees next month
- 3.18 SBMJIF – 2011 Lost Time Accident Frequency Report – Ridgefield Park improved
- 3.19 Maureen Kanka – Free Funding for Fingerprint Background Checks – Commissioner Poli reported that recreation is participating
- 3.20 NJLM Mayors Advisory – League Position on Sweeney Shared Service Bill S-2794 – Mayor Fosdick explained that this could result in a committee recommending savings which if not adopted by municipality, the penalty would be the perceived savings by the committee. We need to draft a response to address this entire issue
- 3.21 NJLM Mayors Advisory – S-2664 “Market Competition Consumer Choice Act” - tabled
- 3.22 Teaneck Township – Ordinance #4208 rescheduled Hearing for April 5, 2011 - Informational
- 3.23 Thomas A. Blumenthal – Village of Ridgefield Park vs. Ashraf Shaker – wait to discuss with attorney
- 3.24 Philip N. Boggia – Village of Ridgefield Park vs. Ashraf Shaker – wait to discuss with attorney
- 3.25 NJ Planning Advocacy – Areas in Need of Redevelopment – list request – distributed to Planning Board
- 3.26 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Oppose S-2664 “Market Competition Consumer Choice Act” - tabled
- 3.27 NJLM Mayors Advisory – League addresses Budget Issues with State Treasurer - Informational
- 3.28 Englewood City – Resolution re: 5% fee increase for Water Pollution Control Services – Copy for Alan O’Grady, DPW
- 3.29 Boswell Engineering – Pre-construction Meeting re: Veterans Park All Sports Field – Commissioner MacNeill reported that the meeting went well, pleased with the contractor
- 3.30 Volunteer Center – Celebrate Volunteers, April 6, 2011 – N/A
- 3.31 NJDEP – Freshwater Wetlands Protection Rules – Commissioner Anlian will address
- 3.32 Lerch, Vinci, Higgins – Tax Exempt Bonds - Informational
- 3.33 NJLM Mayors Advisory – vote S-2664 “Market Competition Consumer Choice Act” - tabled

- 3.34 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Legislative recap for Monday, March 14 - Informational

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- 3.35 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Legislative Preview for Monday, March 21, 2011 - Informational
- 3.36 Boswell Engineering – 2011 Road Improvement Program Engineering Proposal - Mrs. Fehre will keep in touch with Mr. O’Grady and Engineer for estimated cost for bonding purposes
- 3.37 DCA – Local Finance Notice 2011-12 – allows a bidder to withdraw bid due to a mistake for public works bids. The bidder may not bid again on that same contract if all bids are rejected
- 3.38 DCA – GovConnect March 21, 2011 – re: Financial Disclosures section; new information has been mailed with the forms regarding submission by officials
- 3.39 Rothfelder Stern, LLC – Fiber Networks – Request for Use of Right of Way – refer to Mr. Boggia, Village Attorney

### HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

### REPORTS

**Commissioner Boyd:** No Report

**Commissioner Poli:** No Report

**Commissioner MacNeill:** No Report

**Commissioner Anlian:** No Report

**Mayor Fosdick** reminded everyone that the School Superintendent Mr. Onorato will be attending the April 7, 2011 Caucus Meeting. He also asked if the appointment of Douglas Hansen as Fire Marshal/Fire Official and Emergency Management Coordinator could be added to the Regular Agenda. Consensus of the Commissioners was reached to add the resolution. He then asked for a motion for closed session to discuss the Overpeck Park litigation.

### CLOSED SESSION:

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli 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 Ridgefield Park vs. Bergen County Overpeck Park

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 6:29 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 6:36 p.m.

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**Interim Village Clerk Deborah Fehre** reported that the budget transfer resolution changed slightly. The Clerk's office received a letter from First Priority asking the Village not to return the performance bond to Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC because they are making a claim against the bond.

**DPW Superintendent Alan O'Grady** Bergen County called, they are paving Teaneck Road. If Ridgefield Park buys new man hole covers, the county will install.

**Police Captain John DiNiro** reported that the Village was back to alternate side of the street parking. He has sent a press release out.

Mr. O'Grady asked if the Police would like to consider eliminating alternate side of the street parking in January and February each year due to no street cleaning takes place during those months.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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 04/07/2011