

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
June 9, 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 (7:10), Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Edward Rose, Police Chief, 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 May 19, 2011 and the Closed Session Meeting of May 19, 2011.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5-41 NJLM Mayors Advisory – National Hurricane Week Approaches – Be Prepared - Informational
- 5-42 NJLM Mayors Advisory – S-2795 Multiple Dwellings under State Housing Code – Construction Official Mike Landolfi has survey
- 5-43 Thomas Blumenthal, Esq. – Shaker v. Ridgefield Park
- 5-44 Doug Hansen, EMC – Additional monies received for March 2010 storm - \$29,763.62 in total received
- 5-45 NJLM Mayors Advisory – DEP’s Proposed Public Access Rules – ongoing issue, may have peripheral effects for public walkways i.e.: Hackensack River
- 5-46 Mark Olsen – Block Party – Request to close block – consensus to put resolution on June 14 agenda
- 5-47 William Betesh, Esq. – Tax Appeal Masao Shimamura v. Ridgefield Park – closed session
- 5-48 William Betesh, Esq. - Tax Appeal Ander Co. LLC v. Ridgefield Park – closed session
- 5-49 BC Freeholders – Resolutions passed - Informational
- 5-50 NJLM Membership Advisory – Ethics & Conflicts of Interest - Informational
- 5-51 NJLM Membership Advisory – E-mail Retention and Security – Informational

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- 5-52 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Hurricane Preparedness Planning – sent to all applicable departments
- 5-53 Lawrence Stefanile – FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Ridgefield Park on list
- 5-54 NJLM Mayors Advisory – A-3285 Cost Estimates Bid Ads and S-2762 Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Refunds – This would tip the municipalities hand - informational
- 5-55 Borough of Bogota – Thank you for donation of onboard vision cameras
- 5-56 RP Jr. Sr. High School – Thank you for your support for the Awards Dinner
- 5-57 NJDEP – 4<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing on Public Access Rules – June 2, 2011 sent to Environmental Commission
- 5-58 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Affordable Housing and COAH Update Ridgefield Park currently in compliance
- 5-59 NJLM Mayors Advisory Community Development Block Grant Action Alert - support
- 5-60 NJLM Mayors Advisory – DEP’s Proposed Public Access Rules, final hearing
- 5-61 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Recent Interest Arbitration Award – Spotswood Borough – for negotiation file
- 5-62 Kathleen Donovan, BC Exec. – Shared Service Meeting invitation
- 5-63 BC Planning & Economic Development – Open Space 2011 Funding Round – sent to applicable departments
- 5-64 Boswell Engineering – Veterans Park All-Sports Field – waiting for soil test to come back
- 5-65 American Conf. Diversity – Nominations Community Diversity Champion - Informational
- 5-66 William Betesh, Esq. Tax Appeal Chi Mahn In v. Ridgefield Park – closed session
- 6-1 US Census Bureau – Demographic Profile data online - Mrs. Fehre should go online and print
- 6-2 Senator Weinberg – Received RP support of A3412/S2904 Share the Burden
- 6-3 Port Authority NY & NJ – Safety Project for Teterboro Airport Runway 24 – Capacity not being increased for larger planes
- 6-4 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Implementation of c. 52, P.L. 2011 Div. of Pensions & Benefits – done by CFO, Joe Iannaconi

- 6-5 NJLM Mayors Advisory – A-3992/S-2887 Exempts certain wind turbines from local review

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- 6-6 Rochelle Park – Honoring Those Responsible In Carrying Out The Mission In Capturing And Killing Osama Bin Laden
- 6-7 NJLM Mayors Advisory – SCR-107 Reduce property taxes for certain preserved Open Space - Informational
- 6-8 NJDEP – Calendar of Activities June NJ State Parks - Informational
- 6-9 Steve Rogut, Esq. – Secondary Market Disclosure Obligation
- 6-10 Mark Cacci Carne – Block Party – Request to close Pine Street – consensus to put resolution of June 14, agenda
- 6-11 DCA – GovConnect Update June 6, 2011 - Informational
- 6-12 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Sustainable Energy Announces \$175,000.00 available for Municipal Projects - Informational
- 6-13 BC Community Development – Meeting Notice for June 22, 2011 – sent to the two representatives and Alan O’Grady
- 6-14 William Betesh, Esq. – Tax Appeal VCG, LLC v. Ridgefield Park – closed session
- 6-15 BC Freeholders – Resolutions passed - Informational
- 6-16 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Month 25 Economic Recovery - Informational
- 6-17 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Community Development Block Grant Appropriations - Informational
- 618 NJLM Mayors Advisory – NJN Network – station may be eliminated when taken over by NET
- 6-19 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Changes at the Division of Local Government Services - Informational
- 6-20 Assemblyman Schaer – A-3412 Share the Burden
- 6-21 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New State Energy Master Plan - Informational
- 6-22 William Betesh, Esq. – Tax Appeal Sami Elfouli – closed session
- 6-23 William Betesh, Esq. – Tax Appeal John Choi v. Ridgefield Park – closed session

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Craig Veri stated he was attending the meeting to keep informed.

**REPORTS**

**Commissioner Boyd** reported that she attended the Ridgefield Park Business Association meeting. Would the Commissioners like to do something other than a pie eating contest? Can something be done to make crossing Bergen and Park easier that day? Chief Rose will look into it.

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She suggested an ordinance regarding property maintenance of homes that are no longer occupied. She passed out the audit and LOSAP reports to the Commissioners. She then reviewed the four recommendations and reported that they were either addressed or being addressed. Commissioner MacNeill asked about the Village accepting credit cards. Commissioner Boyd stated she would look into it. The pool is not up to 200 members yet.

**Commissioner Poli** reported that the deck on the Ambulance Corps Building and the monument, both Eagle Scout projects, are progressing nicely. There is an issue with people bringing their dogs to the parks where dogs are not allowed.

**Commissioner MacNeill** no report

**Commissioner Anlian** reported that he attended a meeting regarding purchasing energy through a third party. There is a possibility that the residents and the Village can save money through this third party purchase. He suggested that the company come in and discuss this option with the full Board of Commissioners. Mayor Fosdick pointed out that if the Village decided to participate in such a program it would have to be through the bid process. Commissioner Anlian agreed and stated that this is known by the company.

**Mayor Fosdick** reported that he will not be at the regular meeting on June 14, 2011. There has been correspondence regarding the Pedestrian Bridge. New people at the County do not know the entire history of the Overpeck Park case. Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> is the Eagle Scout ceremony for Thomas Gerken. He attended a meeting in Rivevale re: lowering the reservoir level. He met with Chief Rose regarding shared services for the Police Department.

**Interim Village Clerk Deborah Fehre** reported that Primary Election Day had a very low turnout; 159 votes.

**Police Chief Rose** reported that there is a pilot program available regarding cameras that are mounted on the police cars to take pictures of license plates while patrolling. The Click it or Ticket campaign ended June 5, 2011. Ridgefield Park Police issued 641 tickets. The Junior Police Academy will be the last week of June. It is combined with Little Ferry. The ceremony will be at Lincoln School.

### **DISCUSSION**

Draft of Cell Tower Ordinance – no discussion took place

Chief Rose left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

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) Tax Appeal Masao Shimamura v. Ridgefield Park, Tax Appeal Ander Co. LLC v. Ridgefield Park, Tax Appeal Chi Mahn In v. Ridgefield

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Park, Tax Appeal VCG, LLC v. Ridgefield Park, Tax Appeal Sami Elfouli, Tax Appeal John Choi v. Ridgefield Park

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 Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:25 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved on June 23, 2011