

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING**  
**RIDGEFIELD PARK**  
**August 18, 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, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., John DiNiro, Police Captain, Tara O'Grady, Assistant to Clerk, Eugene McIntyre, Project Manager, Fred Rosen, Planning Board Chairman, 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 August 4, 2011 and the Closed Session Meeting of August 4, 2011.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution:

2011-107          Authorize Request of Seagrave Sales to Display Ridgefield Park's Fire Truck

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to approve Resolution 2011-107.

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

**DISCUSSION**

Fred Rosen, Chairman of the Ridgefield Park Planning Board, reviewed two resolutions memorialized by the Planning Board on April 4, 2011, regarding Regulations For The Planned Development -1 Zone and Proposed Zone Plan Changes. Both recommendations are consistent with the Master Plan. The Planning Board recommends that the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park adopt ordinances to comply with these recommendations. All regulations governing the adoption of these ordinances will be adhered to including the public hearing prior to adoption.

**CLOSED SESSION I:**

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 (5) Land Lease Contract Negotiation regarding Development of Three Parcels on Challenger Road

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

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The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:20 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Rosen and Mr. McIntyre left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

### DISCUSSION

Viridian Energy Presentation – Third Party Energy Billing

Bo Bowidowicz and Tom DeSocio attended the meeting representing Viridian. Mr. Bowidowicz explained the third party billing for energy process stating that customers' bills are reduced. Viridian has a usage bonus plan which could raise revenue for the Village. For every resident of the Village who signs up for the third party billing with Viridian, the Village would receive funds. The Commissioners requested that all information regarding the bonus program be forwarded to the Village Attorney Philip Boggia for review. No decision was made to enroll in the bonus program. If the Village were to decide to use third party billing for Village energy use, the bid process would have to be followed.

### CORRESPONDENCE

08-12 Legislative District 37 – Americans with Disabilities Act – already done

08-13 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Calendar Statewide Activities to Honor Memory of 9/11 Victims – Mayor Fosdick going at invitation of Governor

08-14 NJLM Membership Advisory – Labor Negotiations Seminar October 25, 2011 - Informational

08-15 PERMA – Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Re: Membership renewal – Resolution to renew will be on September 13, 2011 agenda

08-16 NJLM Mayors Advisory – S-2795 and A-3835 Inspection of Multiple Dwellings – Commissioner MacNeill will speak with Building Inspector

08-17 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Guide to Medical Leave Laws - Informational

08-18 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Recycling Grants and Southern Pine Beetle Suppression - Informational

08-19 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Standard and Poor's Downgrade

08-20 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence re: Village of Ridgefield Park v. County of Bergen – payment of legal fees expected

08-21 Peter J. King – Environmental Joint Insurance Coverage - no coverage for old issues that were before the EJIF

08-22 Philip Boggia, Esq. Copy of Correspondence re: NJ Turnpike Authority Parcels R543x & R534x-3

08-22 (A) New Jersey Turnpike Authority – Pedestrian Overpass – Overpeck Park – closed session

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- 08-23 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence re: Village of Ridgefield Park v. County of Bergen – closed session

### **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 (7) Village of Ridgefield Park v. County of Bergen

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:35 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:47 p.m.

- 08-24 Senator Weinberg – Port Authority Toll Hikes – Both Governors approving lesser amounts
- 08-25 NJLM – League of Municipalities Conference - Informational
- 08-26 Extreme Energy Solutions – InterCharger/SMART Emissions Reducer article - Informational
- 08-27 BC Freeholders – Resolution re: Women’s Equality Day - Informational
- 08-28 BC Freeholders – Bond Ordinances – First Readings - Informational
- 08-29 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Pedestrian Bridge – Overpeck Park – closed session
- 08-30 NJLM Membership Advisory – Govern with Less Doing More Seminar Sept. 28, 2011 - Informational
- 08-31 Boswell Engineering – State Aid Applications for Fiscal Year 2012 – Resolutions on agenda for September 13, 2011 meeting
- 08-32 NJDEP – LSRP Rule Proposal to accelerate contaminated site cleanups in the State - Informational
- 08-33 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Federal Transportation Funding Debates - Informational
- 08-34 RP Jr. Football Association – Stipend request for players and cheerleaders – Commissioner Poli will address
- 08-35 Kathleen Donovan, BC Executive – 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony – Mayor Fosdick and Commissioner Poli will attend both services, Commissioner Boyd may attend

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No public present

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**REPORTS**

**Commissioner Boyd** relayed a message regarding a shade tree in the Village to Commissioner Anlian.

**Commissioner Poli** - No report

**Commissioner MacNeill** - No report

**Commissioner Anlian** - No report

**Mayor Fosdick** reported that all Commissioners are invited to the opening of school the day after Labor Day. The Masons v Knights of Columbus softball game is October 8<sup>th</sup>.

He then asked if all were informed regarding the Korean American Association Thanksgiving Festival and if any Commissioner had an objection regarding the event. Consensus of the Board of Commissioners was that there was no objection to the event. Mrs. Fehre added that the association may request permission to park on Village property located on Challenger Boulevard. Mayor Fosdick asked Mrs. Fehre to send the association a letter stating that the Board of Commissioners has no objections to the event along with the requirements for use of Village property for parking.

Mayor Fosdick announced that the Boy Scouts have requested to use the court room on the following Tuesday during the day. The calendar should be checked for any conflicts. He then distributed a copy of the article he wrote for the Village Newsletter. The River Keeper Dinner is on October 27, 2011. He has been asked to serve on the dinner committee.

Philip Boggia, Esq., John DiNiro and Tara O'Grady left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION III:**

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, 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 (4) Police and Department of Public Works Negotiations

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 9:00 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
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 September 8, 2011