

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
October 20, 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, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Absent: Commissioners Boyd and MacNeill

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Edward Rose, Police Chief, Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk, and Tara O'Grady, Assistant to Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Mayor Fosdick to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of October 6, 2011 and the Closed Session Meeting of October 6, 2011.

On roll call, Commissioner Anlian and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner Poli abstained.

Absent: Commissioners Boyd and MacNeill

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

NJ Wave Swimming

Mr. Ken O'Reilly gave an overview of a proposal by NJ Wave Swimming to temporarily cover the Ridgefield Park swimming pool during the winter. NJ Wave Swimming would use the pool for swim team practice and lessons. They would pay all operating and construction expenses. ADA required equipment and winterization of the pool would also be at their cost. A rental agreement paying the Village for the use of the pool would be negotiated. They are considering a bubble type structure which would be removed to off site storage during the summer months while the Village residents are using the pool. They would construct a temporary structure leading to the bathrooms. Permanent anchors for the structure would be in place year round. These anchors would be flush with the ground and blend into existing pavement. NJ Wave Swimming is a non-profit organization.

NEW BUSINESS

2011-136 Amend Resolution 2011-134 Tax Payment Refund

2011-137 Rescind Resolution 2011-122

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve Resolutions 2011-136 and 2011-137.

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

Absent: Commissioners Boyd and MacNeill

CORRESPONDENCE

10-10 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of correspondence regarding delinquent taxes - Informational

10-11 DCA – Correction regarding DCA sessions at the League of Municipalities Convention - Informational

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- 10-12 Mikuem So – Notification of application to Ridgefield Park Board of Adjustment – Hearing being continued
- 10-13 Bergen Risk Managers, Inc. – Flood Loss of August 28, 2011 – No coverage for DPW pilings
- 10-14 NJLM – 14th Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame - Informational
- 10-15 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Gov. Christie signs bill on sundry changes to taxicab laws - Informational
- 10-16 Joseph Voytus, Esq. – Copy of Order from Judge Doyne re: Shaker v. Ridgefield Park - Informational
- 10-17 Boy Scout Troop 3 – Eagle Scout – Proclamation next meeting and plaque will be ordered, Mayor will not be available for ceremony
- 10-18 Governor Christie – Hurricane Irene Volunteer Recognition Ceremony – Doug Hansen, Fire Marshal has submitted three names for recognition
- 10-19 NJLM Washington Watch – Local Priorities Squeezed in Competing House/Senate Bills - Informational
- 10-20 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of correspondence re: Pedestrian Bridge, Overpeck Park – Closed session
- 10-21 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Nationwide Test of Emergency Alert System – All emergency departments mandated to participate
- 10-22 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Resolution supporting S-3062 keeping video franchise related revenue for municipalities - Informational
- 10-23 NJLM Mayors Advisory – First 2011-2012 CDC Flu News Report Issued - Informational
- 10-24 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Holiday Displays - Informational
- 10-25 NJLM Membership Advisory – Best Practices in Electronic Records management - Informational
- 10-26 Lawrence Stefanile – Safe Routes to School Program – Larry Stefanile processing
- 10-27 Tom DeSocio – Copy of newspaper article re: Viridian Energy in Garfield – Mrs. Fehre should call Garfield and Elwood Park for copies of agreements with Viridian
- 10-28 DCA – GovConnect Update October 19, 2011 - Informational
- 10-29 BC Freeholders – Resolutions and Ordinance - Informational
- 10-30 NJLM – League of Municipalities shuttle bus and parking information - Informational
- 10-31 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Webinar on Healthcare Coverage Reporting – Distributed to all appropriate departments

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10-32 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Village of Ridgefield Park v. County of Bergen – Ridgefield Park received check for reimbursement of legal expenses in connection with this litigation

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

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) 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 8:13 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8: 25 p.m.

REPORTS

Commissioner Poli reported that there will be an eight percent increase in health costs. Six percent will be outside to budget cap. He will be attending a meeting with the B-Med next week; there will be three new plans to comply with the new state law. Open enrollment is now. There will be another open enrollment in January when the new plans are available. The Joint Insurance Fund has asked the municipalities to appoint a Webinar Administrator.

Commissioner Anlian - no report

Mayor Fosdick reported that the Rescue Squad will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on November 18th. The Fire Department Dance is November 4th. Hose Company No. 4 will celebrate 100 years on November 12th. A bowl will be ordered to present to the company. There has been no response from the Governor’s office regarding Star Candle. He asked Mrs. Fehre to follow up with Matt Mowers of the Governor’s office. The new narrow banding mandate is still being resolved. He received a copy of the application to the Local Finance Board regarding Ridgefield Park’s application for the funding of various tax appeal settlements.

Interim Village Clerk Deborah Fehre - no report

DISCUSSION

Review Proclamation – Boy Scout Troop leaders – content fine, adjust for proclamation
Village Newsletter submission – okay to submit

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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/s/ John H. Anlian
Commissioner

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/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk
Approved on November 3, 2011