

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
November 3, 2011
6:30 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., Eugene MacIntyre, Project Manager, (7:00) Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent, Tara O’Grady, Assistant to Clerk, and Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Mayor Fosdick to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of October 20, 2011 and the Closed Session Meeting of October 20, 2011

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- 10-33 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Affordable Housing – Appellate Division Rulings – Rules remain the same with the DCA
- 10-34 JLM Mayors Advisory – Support H.R. 674 (S1726) Repeals 3% Public Contract IRS Withholding Mandate – believed to have passed congress
- 10-35 New Jersey Courts – Implementation of Working Group Report on the Professionalism and Qualification of Municipal Court Directors, Administrators, and Deputy Admin. – Interferes with local control
- 10-36 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New Information DLGS Website - Informational
- 10-37 NJLM Mayors Advisory – League Position on Internet Sales Taxation - Informational
- 10-38 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New State Plan – “State Strategic Job Growth Plan” - Informational
- 10-39 BC Community College – 2011 Medallion Awards Dinner - Informational
- 10-40 SBMJIF – Public Hearing – Proposed 2012 Budgets – Public Hearing is November 22, 2011
- 10-41 NJLM Mayors Advisory – State Health Benefits Open Enrollment – New Plans Available – Informational (N/A)
- 10-42 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Guidance Issued on the “New Jersey First Act” – Keep on file, bill calls for hiring New Jersey residents with some exceptions

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- 10-43 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence re: Skymark Proposed Crushing Operation – Concerns with noise, Mr. Landolfi, Construction Official and Mr. Rosen, Planning Board Chairman should be invited to the next Caucus Meeting to discuss.
- 10-44 NJLM Mayors Advisory – NEW AOC rules regarding Municipal Court Administrators – interferes with local control. Endorse league's opposition once the league passes their resolution at the league conference.
- 10-45 BC Freeholders – Resolution passed - Informational
- 10-46 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Federal Health Care Reform and New Jersey Municipalities - Informational
- 10-47 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New Jersey's 2011 Holiday Blood Drive Campaign - Informational
- 10-48 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Action Needed to Protect Federal Transportation Enhancement Program - Informational
- 10-49 BC Freeholders – Ordinance Adopted - Informational
- 11-01 Governor's Office – Statewide Weather State of Emergency - Informational
- 11-02 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence Ridgefield Park v. Bergen County – Closed session
- 11-03 DCA – GovConnect Update November 1, 2011 - Informational

CLOSED SESSION I:

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, 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) 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 6:40 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 6:42 p.m.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd reported that the Local Finance Board communicated with Mr. Lerch that the application for tax appeal funding must be a three year plan. The Village has not received the judgment yet regarding the appeals, this may delay the process. Mr. Lerch will follow up with the Local Finance Board.

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There will be a walk through at the municipal pool with NJ Wave Swimming and the pool maintenance person.

Meeting dates for all boards should be sent to Clerk's office soon for annual meeting notice.

The Commissioner asked if the legal bills regarding litigation concerning the pedestrian bridge may be paid now that the Village has received reimbursement for legal fees from the County.

Consensus was reached to submit legal bills to the finance department for payment. Engineering bills will wait until the County reimburses the Village for engineering costs.

The Commissioner then asked Commissioner Poli if the Joint Insurance Fund dividend would be applied as a credit toward the next Joint Insurance Fund invoice. Commissioner Poli stated yes, it will be used as a credit.

Commissioner Poli reported that one of the exclusions in the changes in Health Plans allows the B-Med not to be obligated to provide less expensive health plan options. He has a chart, to be forwarded to payroll, showing the contribution table for employee contributions. The B-Med website has a tool to assist in calculating contributions as well. The Loss Control report regarding Ridgefield Park DPW picking up trees, received an A+ rating.

Francine Orovitz has agreed to be the Webinar Administrator for the Joint Insurance Fund. Commissioner Boyd asked about the duties related to the position. Commissioner Poli stated that he will be incorporating additional responsibilities associated with the position and insurance liability. Commissioner MacNeill agreed that additional responsibilities would be beneficial.

Consensus was reached to hold the appointing resolution until the responsibilities associated with the position are clarified.

Commissioner MacNeill reported that the Multipurpose Field clean up is complete. The field should be finished in two weeks.

Commissioner Anlian complimented the DPW on their good work cleaning up after the snow storm which caused a lot of damage, especially to trees.

Mayor Fosdick reported that the Fire Department dance would be November 4th. Veterans Day service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11th at the Veterans Monument on Euclid Avenue. He asked Mrs. Fehre to order the flowers for the service.

A reply was received from the Governor's office regarding Star Candle.

The Mayor asked the Commissioners if they would like to place the same ad as was placed in the 2011 High School yearbook in the 2012 yearbook. All agreed.

The federal mandate regarding narrowbanding for emergency personnel radios will cost the Village approximately \$155,000.00.

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The Mayor then asked Mrs. Fehre to send another copy of the letter sent to the Korean Produce Company regarding reimbursement of Village expenses associated with their festival. He asked Commissioner Boyd when the next street fair may be. Commissioner Boys answered that they are trying to get a date in the spring. He asked Mr. Boggia to look into how many times the Village needs to go out for bid to sell the old fire truck before they can sell or give away without bidding.

Interim Village Clerk Deborah Fehre asked for closed session regarding proposed contract with Viridian, third party energy provider.

CLOSED SESSION II:

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill 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) Proposed Viridian contract

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

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

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlain, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 7:26 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 on November 17, 2011