

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
December 22, 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 Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Edward Rose, Police Chief, 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 Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of December 8, 2011 and the Closed Session Meeting of December 8, 2011.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

**CORRESPONDENCE**

12-05 Troop 3 Boy Scouts – Eagle Scouts – previously done

12-06 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Bills passed by the Assembly - Informational

12-07 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence re: Requests for Proposals Challenger Road Development Area – waiting for review to be completed

12-08 DCA – GovConnect Update December 12, 2011 - Informational

12-09 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Assembly and Senate Bill Updates – Commissioner Boyd stated that the Volunteer Emergency personnel would like the Commissioners to respond regarding lack of funding for training. Mayor Fosdick will draft a response.

12-10 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence re: Shaker v. Village of Ridgefield Park - Informational

12-11 Borough of New Milford – Resolution re: Support of Assembly Bill 4287 - Informational

12-12 Job & Job – Property Acquisitions for Nature Preserve – no map has been provided

12-13 BC Freeholders – Pay to Play Ordinance - Informational

12-14 BC Freeholders – Resolution Pearl Harbor, Bond Ordinance - Informational

12-15 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New Content on DLGS Website - Informational

12-16 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Paterson Police PBA Local 1 et al v. Paterson – PBA Salary

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- 12-17 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New Requirements for Budget Message in 2012 - Informational
- 12-18 NJLM Mayors Advisory – DLGS Issues Guidance on CY 2012 Budget - Informational
- 12-19 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Local Finance Board re: Refunding Bond Ordinances and Debt Service - Informational
- 12-20 NJLM Mayors Advisory – BPU Preliminary Report on Power Company Performance- Informational
- 12-21 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Ethics resources from the League - Informational
- 12-22 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Legislative Alert – Bills on Governor’s Desk – Informational  
Ambulance Corps portion a concern
- 12-23 BC Freeholders – Flood Advisory Council – will discuss
- 12-24 BC Freeholders – Invitation to Annual Reorganization Meeting
- 12-25 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Webinar re: Sustainable Jersey – Send to Mr. Stefanile
- 12-26 Philip Boggia, Esq. - Copy of Correspondence re: Village of Ridgefield Park v. Shaker - Informational
- 12-27 Ridgefield Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee – Nominations being sought for Grand Marshall  
2012 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Philip Boggia, Village Attorney, proposed a \$5,000.00 fee per month to be paid to the Village by Skymark for its stone crushing operation. This operation is necessary because Skymark needs the fill for their site. Additional fill will be processed and sold.

### **DISCUSSION**

Professional Service Appointments – The Mayor and Commissioners reviewed the professional appointments made during the year 2011. Consensus was reached to place the resolutions, with minor wording changes, on the December 27, 2011 agenda for approval. Mrs. Fehre was asked to verify percentage paid to Risk Managers.

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No public present

### **CLOSED SESSION I:**

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, 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 Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.  
Absent: Commissioner Anlian

**December 22, 2011**

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:47 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:57 p.m.

#### REPORTS

**Commissioner Boyd** asked for clarification on behalf of library staff regarding health benefit deductions on base or pensionable salary. Mrs. Fehre was asked to copy information distributed for the Library Director. She reported that, at her request, Mrs. Fehre spoke to a Qualified Purchasing Agent who may be willing to work for the Village on an as needed basis. She then asked that the budget sheets, previously distributed to the Commissioners, be returned as soon as possible.

**Commissioner Poli** no report

**Commissioner MacNeill** stated he had a personnel policy question for closed session.

**Mayor Fosdick** reported that next Tuesday's meeting would include administering oaths of office to the Volunteer Ambulance Corps Officers. The Fall Festival will be September 22, 2012.

**Interim Village Clerk Deborah Fehre** informed the Commissioners that the resolution regarding transfers of funds will be provided the day of the meeting due to the necessity of determining payroll that day prior to the transfer list.

**DPW Superintendent Alan O'Grady** reported that JT Cleary looked at the DPW dock; everything needs to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$87,000.00. He will speak to Mr. Stefanile regarding any funding that may be available for this type of storm damage.

**Police Chief Edward Rose** reported that the proposals for a new phone system are ready. The cost is estimated to be \$24,000.00.

#### CLOSED SESSION II:

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, 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 (8) Policy Regarding Personnel Matters

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:02 p.m.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

**December 22, 2011**

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Commissioner Anlian

/s/Margaret R. Boyd\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

/s/Hugo R. Poli\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

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Mayor Fosdick

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre  
Interim Village Clerk  
Approved on January 5, 2012