

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
February 9, 2012
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 28, 2011 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian (7:42), Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Edward Rose, Police Chief, Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent, Steven Boswell and Michael Kelly, Village Engineers, Christopher Onorato, School Superintendent, Fred Rosen, Planning Board Chairman, Edward Trawinski, Bergen County Administrator, Leon Sokol, Counsel to Bergen County, Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk, and Tara O'Grady, Deputy Clerk

CLOSED SESSION I:

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, 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 and Anticipated Contract Negotiations Property Development: AvalonBay Communities, Inc.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:05 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:16 p.m.

Steven Boswell, Michael Kelly, Christopher Onorato, Edward Trawinski, and Leon Sokol left the meeting during closed session after the Ridgefield Park v. Bergen County discussion concluded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of January 19, 2012

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

Fred Rosen left the meeting at 9:18.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 01-25 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Bills signed by Governor - Informational
- 01-26 Robert Binetti – Board of Adjustment Notice to property Owners - Informational
- 01-27 NJLM Membership Advisory – Budget Updates Seminar - Informational
- 01-28 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Article Charter School Rejected
- 01-29 DCA – Retirement of Deputy Director Marc Pfeiffer - Informational
- 01-30 DCA – GovConnect January 23, 2012 –Item #2 to be updated
- 01-31 Governor’s Office – Supreme Court Nominations - Informational
- 01-32 DCA – Local Finance Notice 2012-2 Budget Calendar Modification - Informational
- 01-33 DCA - Local Finance Notice 2012-2 Budget Calendar Modification corrected - Informational
- 01-34 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Summary of Recently Enacted Legislation - Informational
- 01-35 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Supreme Court Decision Polzo v. Essex County - Informational
- 01-36 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Budget Introduction Deadline Extended - Informational
- 01-37 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New Content of DLGS Website - Informational
- 01-38 Christopher Onorato, School Superintendent – Charter School Application Denied - Informational
- 01-39 Wisneski Family – Thank You Card
- 01-40 BC Freeholders – Flood Advisory Council - Informational
- 01-41 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Judgment Ridgefield Park v. Shaker – now earning interest
- 01-42 NJLM Educational Foundation, Inc. – Land Use Controls: Sustainable Energy Sources Present New Challenges - Informational
- 01-43 NJLM Membership Advisory – Shared Service Process Seminar - Informational
- 01-44 William Betesh, Esq. – Advance Housing v. Village of Ridgefield Park – proceeding
- 01-45 Paul Kaufman – Fischer Appraisal Associates’ Fee - completed
- 01-46 Governor Christie – Response to Ridgefield Park’s Comments re: Assembly Bill 2095 Emergency Medical Services - Informational

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- 01-47 SBJIF – Annual Meeting Calendar - Informational
- 01-48 BC Freeholders – Resolutions Approved - Informational
- 01-49 Governor’s Office – Town Hall Meeting with Governor Christie - Informational
- 01-50 NJLM Mayors Advisory – 2012 Census Boundary and Annexation Survey – Mike Landolfi sent to Boswell Engineering for certification
- 01-51 Matthew Paladino, School Business Administrator – Resolution to Change School Election to November
- 02-01 NJ Wave Swimming – Dome Project Update – Delayed for a few years
- 02-02 DCA – Local Finance Notice 2012-04 Tax Appeal Bonding - Informational
- 02-03 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Village of Ridgefield Park v. County of Bergen – motion filed, request to move date
- 02-04 Lawrence Stefanile – CCR Registration Reminder – follow up scheduled on calendar
- 02-05 Mutual Aid Training Group, LLC – Donation of Ridgefield Park 1984 Fire Truck – Through the FDNY donation of Fire Truck will be facilitated. Consensus to place resolution for donation on the February 14, 2012 agenda.
- 02-06 Senator Sarlo – Change in Address Notification - Informational
- 02-07 James Donohue, Principal – Commencement on Football Field Veterans Park – Mr. O’Grady issued permit
- 02-08 BC Parks Department – Show Master Mobile Stages - Informational
- 02-09 William Betesh, Esq. – Pending Tax Appeals – consensus proceed as outlined
- 02-10 Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP – December 31, 2011 Annual Audit- annual routine letter - agreed
- 02-11 ELEC – Request Forms for Compliance Manuals
- 02-12 SESCIL – Hold the Date for Gala Dinner – Mary Hirschman is honoree
- 02-13 BCUA – Recycling Tonnage Grant Assistance Program – Mr. O’Grady stated that Mr. Monroe is certified to sign documents
- 02-14 BC Community Development – Policy Memorandum 95-04 and 95-04(A) – Mr. Stefanile responded and clarified memo
- 02-15 BC Freeholders – Flooding Issues in Bergen County - Informational
- 02-16 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Site Remediation Agreement – Skymark Development – clarified \$5,000.00 per month begins April 1, 2012.
- 02-17 NJLM Membership Advisory – Leadership Training Seminars - Informational

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- 02-18 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New Content on DLGS Website - Informational
- 02-19 BC Freeholders Approved Resolutions and Adopted Refunding Bond Ordinance - Informational
- 02-20 Philip Boggia, Esq. – BC Resolution Award of Fort Lee Road Access Contract – Leonia’s bridge access
- 02-21 Job & Job – Survey Plats and Meets & Bounds for Nature Preserve - completed
- 02-22 DCA – GovConnect Update February 7, 2012 - Informational
- 02-23 BC Executive & Freeholders – Invitation to Black History Month Celebration - Informational
- 02-24 Joe Voytus, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence Ridgefield Park v. Bergen County – New attorney being appointed to represent Freeholder Board
- 02-25 Joseph Voytus, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence Shaker v. Ridgefield Park – Ridgefield Park’s motion to dismiss, unopposed, granted
- 02-26 Douglas Bern, Esq. – Chase Partner, LLC Re: RFP Challenger Road
- 02-27 Wild Dog Foundation – Coyote Education – Commissioner Anlian will forward to Environmental Commission.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

Discussion on the proposed changes to the Taxicab and Limo Ordinance was postponed to the next Caucus Meeting.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd reported that the 85 Challenger Road tax appeal should be scheduled for payment. This appeal was included in the refunding bond ordinance.

Commissioner Poli no report

Commissioner MacNeill reported that Ridgefield Park has received funding from Clean Energy on a number of projects. The next project will be three ten ton air conditioning units for Village Hall and a boiler at the DPW at no cost to the Village.

Commissioner Anlian reported that Nick Gerken is planning to plant trees as an Eagle Scout project for the Nature Preserve. The Environmental Commission will have hanging tree limbs removed prior to the project.

Mayor Fosdick reported that the soccer dance will be on the 25th. It has been suggested that a sign be put up regarding coyote sightings in the area. He then noted several changes that should be included in the next personnel policy manual and handbook. He gave his copy with his input to Mrs. Fehre. He has made a file of all correspondence regarding the charter school application in Ridgefield Park. The pool ordinance should be

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introduced at the next regular meeting. The narrow banding mandate must be addressed. He then asked Mrs. Fehre to forward Fourth of July information to the Fourth of July Committee Chairman Mr. Tyman.

Alan O'Grady left the meeting at 9:53.

CLOSED SESSION II:

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 (8) Personnel Procedures

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 9:53 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 10:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 10:02 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 February 23, 2012