

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
April 5, 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 (7:05), Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., John DiNiro, Police Captain, Eugene McIntyre, Project Coordinator, Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent, and Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of March 22, 2012

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

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Closed Meeting of March 22, 2012

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

**SPECIAL REPORT**

Robert McNerney and Gregory Statham of McNerney & Associates, Inc. - Closed Session I

**CLOSED SESSION I:**

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, 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 (5, 7) RFP re: Development of Challenger Road and Ground Lease 85 Challenger Road

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

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

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:06 p.m.

Mr. McNerney and Mr. Statham left the meeting at 8:04

Mr. McIntyre left the meeting at 8:06

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution:**

2012-41                      Appointments to Recreation Board

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Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner Boyd to approve Resolution 2012-41.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 03-40 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Energy Tax Funding Gaps, Funding Cuts, and State Skim - Informational
- 03-41 MCANJ – Copy of correspondence received by James Doherty from Senator Weinberg re: S1451 and S1452 revising OPMA and OPRA – Check status
- 03-42 Adam Brodka – Current Property Taxes – Commissioner Boyd wrote to Mr. Brodka
- 03-43 BC Emergency Management – Countywide Emergency Notification System – Per communication 03-50 from Doug Hansen, EMC, the recommendation is to not sign up with the County
- 03-44 USPS – Update regarding Proposed Service Standard Changes - Informational
- 03-45 BC Freeholders – Resolution to Deny Parole to Christopher Righetti – Place resolution on agenda for Tuesday meeting
- 03-46 Governor Christie - NJDOT award of \$146,500.00 to Ridgefield Park for Improvements to Laurel Street – Mr. O’Grady commented that the work includes paving and curbing
- 03-47 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence re: Village of Ridgefield Park v. County of Bergen - addressed in Closed Session II

**CLOSED SESSION II:**

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 (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 Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:21 p.m.

- 03-48 James Ruff, Chairman Environmental Comm. – New York Rowing Association – Environmental Commission would like to attend the next Caucus Meeting to discuss the use of Overpeck Creek/Lake by the New York Rowing Association. It was agreed that the Environmental Commission should attend the April 19<sup>th</sup> Caucus at 8:00 p.m. due to Ken Ochab, Planner, coming at 7:00 and School Superintendent coming at 7:30.
- 03-49 Senator Sarlo - NJDOT award of \$146,500.00 to Ridgefield Park for Improvements to Laurel Street – same information as 03-46

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- 03-50 Douglas Hansen, EMC – Bergen County Reverse 911 – Recommendation not to sign up with County Reverse 911 system
- 03-51 BC Freeholders - Bond Ordinances and Resolution - Informational
- 03-52 NJLM Membership Advisory – 2012 Annual Legislative Correspondents Club Show - Informational
- 04-01 Governor Christie – Bipartisan Pension and Health Benefit Reforms - Informational
- 04-02 James Simpson, Commissioner NJDOT – Pedestrian Bridge Overpeck Park – Addressed in Closed Session II
- 04-03 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New Jersey Clean Air Council Annual Hearing - Informational
- 04-04 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Support National Life Month - Informational
- 04-05 K. Ochab and L. Stefanile – Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) Trust Fund – Mayor discussed with Mr. Stefanile
- 04-06 AvalonBay – Invitation to Avalon Hackensack Groundbreaking
- 04-07 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Assembly Resolution Introduced re: Extending the Deadline on Housing Trust Fund – Place resolution to support extending the Housing Trust Fund deadline on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting.
- 04-08 DCA – GovConnect Update April 3, 2012 - Informational
- 04-09 Marc Phieffer, DLGS and Editor of GovConnect – Farewell note due to retiring from State government service
- 04-10 Oakland Borough – Opposition to BC Freeholders Resolution 27-2012 Re: Bridge Culverts - Informational
- 04-11 Adam Altman – Ground Lease, 85 Challenger Road – Addressed in Closed Session I
- 04-12 Flo Muller, Shade Tree Chairperson - Invitation to Arbor Day 2012
- 04-13 Wanda Canoe Club – Request for Portable Toilette – Hold until next Caucus Meeting, copy Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No public present

### **DISCUSSION**

RFP Challenger Road – Closed Session I

### **REPORTS**

**Commissioner Boyd** reported that she received a complaint from a senior citizen regarding the sidewalk by the train station; it is being lifted by tree roots.

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**Commissioner Poli** reported that he received a complaint regarding the sidewalk on Hazelton Street by Roosevelt School. He stated that he will ask Matt McArrow to take over the duties of Health Ambassador for the Village. Health Ambassador disseminates information to employees regarding good health.

**Commissioner MacNeill** no report

**Commissioner Anlian** no report

**Mayor Fosdick** reported that the Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 will have a fish & chips dinner Friday at 7:00. Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday morning. The new coffee shop will have an opening on April 15, 2012. The Annual Arts Festival at the High School will be April 13<sup>th</sup>. The FDNY was delayed picking up the donated fire truck, should pick up by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Hose Company No. 1 has equipment they would like to donate to the FDNY project. The Police Bike Fundraiser will be Monday at the 101 Pub. There is a Scout who would like to do an Eagle Scout project behind the DPW building.

**Captain DiNiro** reported that the sea box is installed in the municipal parking lot for additional police department storage.

**Village Attorney Philip Boggia** reported that he met with Ken Ochab and Fred Rosen regarding unifying the entire Challenger Road area and clarifying as a redevelopment area.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian  
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

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Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre  
Interim Village Clerk  
Approved on April 19, 2012