

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
June 12, 2012
6:00 PM**

Mayor Fosdick announces 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 May 23, 2012 and the Star Ledger on May 29, 2012 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian (6:20), Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Edward Rose, Police Chief, Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent, Tara O'Grady, Deputy Clerk, 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 May 3, 2012

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

CORRESPONDENCE

05-29 NJLM Mayors Advisory – CDC Proposes Hepatitis Testing Guidelines for Boomers – put in folder for next Village Newsletter

05-30 Borough of Little Ferry – Resolution Supporting Employment Initiative Program for Guard and Reserves - Informational

05-31 Lawrence Stefanile – Recommended Questions for Potential Grantsman Candidates – file for future grant personnel interviews

05-32 NJLM Mayors Advisory – User Fee Bill, Released From Committee for Senate Floor - Informational

05-33 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Sustainable Jersey Free Financing Advice and Media Information - Informational

05-34 NJLM Mayors Advisory – ACR-37, Overturning the DEP Waiver Rule - Informational

05-35 NJLM Media Advisory – League Urges Swift Passage of DEP Waiver Rule - Informational

05-36 NJLM Mayors Advisory – State Budget Estimates Down as Budget Deadline Looms, Immediate Action Needed on Municipal Funding Restoration (S-1900/A-2921) - Informational

05-37 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Employee Health Benefit Contribution Set to Increase in July – has been distributed

05-38 Copy of Record Newspaper Article – Bogota Audit – passed temporary budget, can pay bills

05-39 Copy of Record Newspaper Article – Bogota Council Fails to Pass 2012 Budget –

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Commissioners discussed possible relationship between Bogota DPW and Ridgefield Park DPW. Mr. O'Grady will contact Mr. Kohles and Mr. Nicolosi

- 05-40 DCA – NJLM Education Foundation – Seminar re: Economic Recovery - Informational
- 05-41 DCA – GovConnect Update May 25, 2012 – refunding bond rule
- 05-42 DCA – Enforcement of New Jersey Fireworks Laws - Informational
- 05-43 RP Board of Adjustment – Application for 9 Brinkerhoff Street - Informational
- 05-44 Mayor Fosdick – Draft Letter to RPJS Honors Civics 7 Class – Consensus: agreed to send letter
- 05-45 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Vote on User Fee Legislation and Affordable Housing COAH Trust Funds, Senate Bill Introduced – today in newspaper: COAH reinstated
- 05-46 BC Director of Parks – Use of the Overpeck Lake by the NY Rowing Association – good letter by Director. Commissioner Boyd asked if a calendar of events at Overpeck Park could be obtained.
- 05-47 BC Freeholders – Adopted Ordinance and Approved Resolution - Informational
- 05-48 Senator Joe Pennacchio – S-302 Transparency in Government Act - Informational
- 06-01 RP 4th of July Committee – Trophy Sponsor Listings for Fourth of July Program - Informational
- 06-02 BC Executive Director, Open Space Trust Fund – 2012- Funding Round – Mrs. Fehre was asked to get the forms
- 06-03 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Senate Voting Session: User Fee Bill and other legislation – copy for emergency services
- 06-04 NJLM Mayors Advisory – National Hurricane Preparedness Week - Informational
- 06-05 Douglas Bern, Esq. – RFP for Challenger Road Redevelopment Project - RFP
- 06-06 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Legislative Alert: COAH, Voting Session, User Fee Bill - Informational
- 06-07 RP 4th of July Committee – Instructions for Fourth of July Parade - Informational
- 06-08 Mr. Kilmurray, RPJS High School Dean of Students – Thank you for support, Awards Banquet
- 06-09 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence to Bond Counsel – Dieter Lerch copied
- 06-10 William Betesh, Esq. – Gates Road Partners, LLC Tax Appeal – addressed in Closed Session I

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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) Gates Road Partners, LLC v. Ridgefield Park Tax Appeal

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 6:34 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 6:35 p.m.

- 06-11 RP Elks Lodge 1506 – Annual Flag Day Service, Sunday, June 10, 2012 -
- 06-12 NJLM Mayors Advisory – COAH Trust Fund Extension Up in Both Houses – in limbo
- 06-13 Boswell Engineering – Payment: Main Street Bypass & Bergen Avenue Improvements – okay to pay
- 06-14 RP Board of Adjustment – Application for 9 Brinkerhoff Street - Informational
- 06-15 NJLM Mayors Advisory – S-1534/A-2586 Equalizes Standing of Private and Public Colleges before Land Use Agencies – no colleges in Ridgefield Park
- 06-16 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Memorandum of Understanding – P.B.A. Local 86 – Addressed in Closed Session II
- 06-17 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence re: PBA Ratification – addressed in Closed Session II

CLOSED SESSION II:

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, 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 (4) Police Contract Negotiations

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 6:37 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.

- 06-18 NJLM Mayors Advisory – COAH Extension Advances in Both Houses and Municipal Land Use Law Exemption for Private Colleges - Informational
- 06-19 NJLM Media Advisory – Housing Trust Funds Should be Kept and Used Locally - Informational

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- 06-20 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Final Push for Funding Restoration State Budget Deadline Three Weeks Away - Informational
- 06-21 BCUA – 2012 Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant, RP School to Receive \$1,000.00 – receipt of grant good for high school
- 06-22 Key Tech – Request to submit Proposal Re: Laurel Street - - Informational
- 06-23 DCA – GovConnect Update June 11, 2012 - Informational
- 06-24 IVI Telecom Services, Inc. – MetroPCS Proposal of new wireless Communication – for Planning Board, they were copied
- 06-25 Assemblywomen Huttie & Wagner – Affordable Housing Trust Fund Accounts – urging to keep money local, now on hold

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd asked if the carriage has been ordered for the Fourth of July. Commissioner Anlian answered that he is taking care of it. She then reported that this month \$18,000.00 was collected for Hotel tax, but last month was only \$9,000.00. A law has been passed to show which hotels are paying what amounts. Some hotels have filed suit against Division of Taxation. She asked Bill Betesh to investigate. The Division checks this once per year. She then asked to have all Commissioners copied on Mr. Betesh's letter. Commissioner Boyd asked if salons could be limited, a resident approached her. She then asked about summonses in loading zones per the new ordinance. Mayor Fosdick answered that he will discuss this with Chief Rose.

Commissioner Poli - no report

Commissioner MacNeill - no report

Commissioner Anlian - no report

Mayor Fosdick reminded all that they must continue to get information regarding grant writers, there are busy agendas coming up due to the RFP, but we also have to interview grant writers. He spoke to Douglas Hansen, OEM, regarding the narrowbanding. Argentina's ports are closed, this is delaying the donation of Ridgefield Park Fire Truck to a fire department in Argentina.

Interim Village Clerk Deborah Fehre reported that all liquor licenses on the agenda for the Regular Meeting have their tax Clearance, those who do not and those who need special rulings will not be renewed until compliant.

Police Chief Rose reported that the department found a new phone system vendor that has equipment that is compatible with their recording system. Lt. Ehalt is addressing the long distance calling issue. He is also changing providers which will result in significant savings for the Village.

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CLOSED SESSION III:

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 (8) Personnel – Commissioner Assignments

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:02 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Fosdick commented that the annual Pine Street block party is on the Regular Meeting agenda. Commissioner Poli asked if the noise ordinance was different for the weekends.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 7:16 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 July 5, 2012