

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**  
**RIDGEFIELD PARK**  
**July 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 (8:50), Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Philip Boggia, 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 Poli seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of June 12, 2012 and the Closed Meeting of June 12, 2012.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 06-45 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Senate Committee to Consider S-1900, Attention to Property Tax Relief Funding Restoration Growing – Governor vetoed
- 06-46 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Mentors Needed for Tuesday's Children – Informational
- 06-47 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Municipal Property Tax Relief Funding Bills Advance – Governor vetoed
- 06-48 Rochelle Park – Resolution in Support of S-1900 Restoration of Property Tax Relief – Informational
- 06-49 NJLM Mayors Advisory – S-1925 & A-2966, Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC) – Informational
- 06-50 Lawrence Stefanile – Copy of Correspondence re: Nature Preserve – additional surveys needed
- 06-51 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence re: Ground Lease 85 Challenger Road – Closed Session

**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 (5, 7) Ground Lease 85 Challenger Road, Redevelopment of Challenger Road RFP, Village of Ridgefield Park v. County of Bergen

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:04 p.m.

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On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:12 p.m.

- 06-52 Lawrence Stefanile – Copy of Correspondence re: Nature Preserve – Informational
- 06-53 Douglas Bern, Esq. – Challenger Road Redevelopment Project – Chase Partners – Closed Session I
- 06-54 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Urgent Alert – Affordable Housing Trust Funds – will be addressed with Mr. Ochab later in the meeting
- 06-55 NJDEP – Possible Meeting with Ridgefield Park re: DEP Assistance – Ms. Curtis’s Commissioner would like to change the face of the DEP. She met with Commissioner MacNeill; he showed her the Village’s parks. She asked to be involved to assist in any issues in Ridgefield Park.
- 06-56 NJDEP – Press Release re: Mosquito Control in conjunction with Department of Agriculture – Informational
- 06-57 BC Freeholders – Copy of Resolution re: Special Education Programs and Services – Informational
- 06-58 BC Freeholders – Copies of Adopted Ordinances – Informational
- 06-59 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of The Record article re: Englewood Cliffs PBA Agreement – Informational
- 06-60 Boswell Engineering – Copy of Correspondence re: Village of Ridgefield Park v. County of Bergen – Closed Session I
- 06-61 DCA – GovConnect Update July 2, 2012 – Informational
- 06-62 RPJSHS Alumni Association - 2012 Homecoming Celebration
- 06-63 RPJSHS All-Sports Booster Association, Inc. – Fundraising for Renovation of Field House in Veterans Field – Booster Club is now incorporated. Commissioner MacNeill will invite Becky Stauffer to the July 19<sup>th</sup> Caucus Meeting.
- 06-64 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Legislative Recap re: Various Senate and Assembly Bills – Informational
- 06-65 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Senate Approves A-2921 Municipal Property Tax Relief Restoration Goes to Governor – Informational
- 06-66 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Urgent Alert, Affordable Housing Trust Funds – Informational
- 06-67 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New Information DLGS Website – Informational
- 06-68 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Property Tax Relief Restoration Next Steps – Informational
- 06-69 NJLM Washington Watch – Transportation Reauthorization “MAP-21” Linked to Student Loan Interest and Flood Insurance Extensions – Informational

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HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

DISCUSSION

Kenneth Ochab, Planner addressed the Affordable Housing Trust Fund issue. He recommended the Village pass a resolution or ordinance committing Ridgefield Park's affordable housing trust funds to a project or program. The Board of Commissioners agreed to have the resolution, committing the funds to the redevelopment project that the Commissioners are reviewing for Challenger Road as well as the redevelopment of the Skymark property, placed on the Regular Agenda of July 10, 2012. Mr. Ochab stated he would work with Phil Boggia, Village Attorney in order to draft the resolution.

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 (5, 7) Status of Redevelopment Plan and Skymark/Turnpike Property

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:28 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:23 p.m.

REPORTS

**Commissioner Boyd** inquired about the Skymark fee due to the Village for their stone crushing operation. Mr. Boggia commented that Skymark seems to believe if they are not crushing they do not have to pay, however that was not the agreement.

**Commissioner Poli** no report

**Commissioner MacNeill** asked the Board of Commissioners to read and make suggestions regarding the proposed background check ordinance drafted by Phil Boggia, Village Attorney. Chief Rose would like to include another of his personnel when the ordinance is being discussed.

**Commissioner Anlian** absent

**Mayor Fosdick** reported that the Fourth of July parade worked out well. The Fire Marshal will be purchasing a new vehicle at no cost to tax payers; the funds will come from the fire prevention dedicated account. The old vehicle will be given to the Fire Department for use by the assistant fire chief. He has drafted a letter to the Director of County Parks, Ron Kistner, regarding the condition of the spider web at the children's playground and his concern for the ability of emergency vehicles to use the bridge being built at the north end of Overpeck Park.

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**DPW Superintendent Alan O'Grady** reported that he had a meeting with Bogota regarding shared DPW services.

**Police Chief Edward Rose** reported that the loading zones have been striped. An additional handicap parking space needs to be added on Main Street. The new police department website is up. There is new information and forms for the public on the site. There is a new program called Nixle that residents can sign up for and receive emergency alerts. They are in the second phase of replacing parking and traffic signs. There was a surprise inspection by PEOSHA.

**CLOSED SESSION III:**

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, 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 (4, 7, 8) DPW Contract Negotiations, personnel contracts and appointments, and Ridgefield Park v. Ashraf Shaker

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:40 p.m.

Commissioner Anlian arrived at 8:50 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:05 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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Commissioner

/s/ Margaret R. Boyd  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

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