

COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
July 19, 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 (7:46), Boyd, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.
Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Edward Rose, Police Chief, Eugene McIntyre, Project Coordinator, 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 Meetings of June 21, 2012 and July 5, 2012.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2012-106 Approve Establishment of Handicap Parking Space on Main Street

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve Resolution 2012-106.

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

2012-107 Authorize Renewal of 2012-2013 Pocket Liquor License

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve Resolution 2012-107

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

DISCUSSION

Gerard Garofalow and Richard LaTour were in attendance to discuss the 9/11 Memorial Monument. The Village of Ridgefield Park obtained a piece of steel from the World Trade Center site and a monument is currently in construction on Euclid Avenue. There will be a 9/11 memorial service on September 11, 2012 to dedicate the monument to the firefighters, EMT, police officers, rescue personnel and civilians that have perished due to the terrorist attack on 9/11/2001.

Commissioner Poli commented on the outstanding job by all.

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Becky Stauffer, Janet Esposito, and Rich Tecchio were present representing the All-Sports Booster Club to discuss their fund-raising goals for renovation to field house in Veteran's Park and to minimize out of pocket expenses for parents of Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr High School athletes.

Mayor Fosdick added that the most successful fundraiser in the Village is the Fire Department Fund Drive which requires door to door solicitation. The Board of Commissioners will do their best to support their efforts.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 07-01 Mayor Fosdick – Copy of Correspondence to Bergen County Parks Department – Previously addressed.
- 07-02 BC Executive Office – NJDOT County Minor Bridge (Culvert) Inspection Program – not applicable
- 07-03 BC Parks Department – Update re: Playground Repairs and Bridge at North End of Park – Reply to 07-01. Repairs and concerns addressed.
- 07-04 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Recreation and Park Month - Informational
- 07-05 NJLM Mayors Advisory – league Files Brief to protect Municipal Housing Fund – Another update below, 07-10.
- 07-06 Assemblywoman Wagner – Management and Flood Prevention of Waterways Flowing Between Bergen County and Rockland County – Informational.
- 07-07 PSE&G – Energy Independence & Security Act - Phasing out of Incandescent Light Bulbs by 2014 – As per Mr. O'Grady, street lighting bulb replacement has begun in surrounding towns.
- 07-08 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence re: Ridgefield Park v. Bergen County – Closed Session #II.
- 07-09 Kenneth J. Job, PE – Nature Preserve Survey Plat and Metes and Bounds Description – maps sent to Green Acres.
- 07-10 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Appellate Division Decision Regarding Trust Funds – If state confiscates funds, Ridgefield Park will appeal.
- 07-11 NJLM Membership Advisory – Taking the Mystery out of Applying for Grants – Need to address grant writer position.
- 07-12 Mark Olson – Request for Alcohol Consumption Permit
- 07-13 NJ Economic Development Authority – Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Program – Mr. O'Grady will follow up regarding site.

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- 07-14 Lawrence Stefanile - Copy of Correspondence re: Green Acres Grant/Loan Multipurpose Field Project – Remaining items need to be addressed.
- 07-15 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Improper Participation in the Pension Program – Ridgefield Park in compliance.
- 07-16 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Affordable Housing Trust Funds – Please Advise the League of Your Status – If state confiscates funds, Ridgefield Park will appeal.
- 07-17 Michael DeMarrais, Esq. – Ashraf F. Shaker – Variance application appeal – Boggia Office will copy M. DeMarrais on all correspondence regarding variance appeal.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

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) RFP-Redevelopment Challenger Road.

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

Absent: Commissioners Anlian and MacNeill.

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:34 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:46 p.m.

Commissioner Anlian arrived at 7:46 p.m.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd reported the new tax rate for 2012 is 3.341.

Commissioner Poli reported on the JIF Loss Control Report. A spot check was conducted regarding the crossing guards' procedures.

Commissioner MacNeill - Absent

Commissioner Anlian – No report

Mayor Fosdick reported he attended the Grand Celebration for E-Nopi earlier in the day. E-Nopi is an educational learning center similar to the Kaplan School. He then asked Chief Rose to check on the Juvenile Conference Committee and confirm if Ridgefield Park is the lead agency with Little Ferry. The Senior Citizen Picnic, hosted by the County, will be held in Overpeck Park on 9/12/12.

Interim Village Clerk Deborah Fehre reported that the front office is proceeding well in the transition of new assignments for personnel.

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DPW Superintendent Alan O’Grady reported the gas and diesel tanks were tested and in compliance. He received \$95,000 reimbursement check from the County for the multi-purpose field, however, there are outstanding Boswell Engineering bills regarding environmental issues from project. Police Department was contacted regarding a paving company vehicle being parked and dumping equipment on the Challenger Road parking lot. American Way representatives stated they had permission, however this was not confirmed. Joseph Voytus, Esq. will send a letter to vacate the property.

Village Attorney Philip Boggia – Closed Session II

Police Chief Edward Rose reported the Verizon pole at the Main Street By-Pass has been replaced. Demonstration of a new parking meter system was reviewed by his personnel. He then commented that the Joint Insurance Fund training videos need updating.

CLOSED SESSION II:

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 (4, 7) DPW Contract Negotiations, Police Chief Contract, Village of Ridgefield Park v. County of Bergen

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:08 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Commissioner

/s/ Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk

Approved on August 9, 2012