

COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 20, 2012
6:00 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 MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Absent: Commissioners Anlian, Boyd

Also present: Phil Boggia, Esq.; Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent; Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of December 6, 2012 and the Closed Session of December 6, 2012

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

Absent: Commissioners Anlian, Boyd

CORRESPONDENCE

12-11 SNJ DEP – 2013 Green Communities Grant – Information was forwarded to the Environmental Commission and the Shade Tree Commission

12-12 NJLM Mayors Advisory – A2753 Direct Payment of Energy Taxes - Informational

12-13 Boswell Engineering – 12/5/12 DEP/FEMA Meeting – Informational, 17 Teaneck Road

12-14 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Resolutions and Ordinances - Informational

12-15 Ricardo Salcedo – Use of Municipal Buildings – Civic Center is available and Permission has been granted

12-16 NJLM Washington Watch Advisory – Fiscal Cliff Solution/Oppose Federal Income Tax Exemption for Municipal Bonds - Informational

12-17 NJ General Assembly – DEP Recycling Tonnage Grant – Mr. O'Grady stated the Village currently pays \$3 per ton recycling tax to DEP, the Grant is essentially our own money

12-18 SNJ Dept. of Agriculture – Plant Inspections - Informational

12-19 NJLM – Annual Mayors Legislative Day - Informational

12-20 SNJ DEP – Land Use Regulation Application – Informational

12-21 Eastern Surplus and Equipment Co. – Emergency Rescue Vehicles - Informational

12-22 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Resolution Supporting Direct Payment of Energy Taxes – Ms. O'Grady to circulate a copy of the resolution for future discussion.

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12-23 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Disaster Assistance Extension - Informational

12-24 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Senate Vote on Amended OPRA and OPMA Bills – Informational

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Poli discussed the Chapter 78 proposed regulations for non-State Health Benefit Plan Insurance Plans. He added that a resolution opposing the regulations ought to be considered in support of PERMA, Public Entity Risk Management Authority.

The Mayor and Commissioners discussed proposed tax appeal settlements on 73-75 Central Avenue and 165 Bergen Turnpike.

REPORTS

Commissioner Poli reminded all the Ambulance Corps. Installation of officers is tonight during the Regular Commissioner's Meeting.

Commissioner MacNeill brought up concerns regarding a new electronic sign to replace the existing one in front of the Municipal Building. The current ordinance states that signage cannot flash. He would prefer the Board of Commissioners to present the sign, which would be used for informational purposes, before the Zoning Board. Village Attorney Boggia stated the Village is exempt from the ordinance. Mr. O'Grady added the sign would have been great to have had during Hurricane Sandy.

Mayor Fosdick reported last Friday and Saturday were the final stages of the Police Department Accreditation. This process has taken 2 years and feels RPPD did very well. The Police Chief will have a final interview in January 2013. Hose Co. No. 4 has been informed to submit a set of specs for a new fire engine. 2013 Budget sheets have been distributed to his departments and would like them submitted by the January 3, 2013 meeting. Luka's Restaurant will be moving to Bogota in the spring.

CLOSED SESSION:

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, 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, 8) Village of Ridgfield Park v. County of Bergen, Redevelopment of Meadowlands, and Personnel Matters

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 6:40 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 6:50 p.m.

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Alan O'Grady stated he met with the Hackensack Riverkeeper. Rutgers will be here on January 16, 2013 regarding a Sewer System project.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Commissioner

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/s/Adam A. MacNeill

Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli

Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick

Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady

Village Clerk

Approved on January 3, 2013