

EXECUTIVE MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
January 21, 2010
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, 2009 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

Those present were Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioner Anlian was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 7, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill and Poli voted "YEA". Mayor Fosdick abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

01-07] Mayors Fax Advisory – Up In The Assembly On Monday- Informational.

01-08] Mayors Fax Advisory – A-4261/S3071-Alloows Certain Current Managerial And Confidential Employees To Unionize-Informational..

01-09] Letter from Congressman Rothman-Received Grant For Digital Cameras.

01-10] Letter From viva Roma – Business On Main Street-will be discussed.

01-11] NJ Department of Transportation – Safe Street To Transit Program-Informational..

01-12] E-mail From L. Stefanile – Digital Cameras Grant-Informational.

01-13] Boswell McClave Engineering – RP Lodging Associates-Hilton Garden Inn-Informational.

01-14] E-Mail – GovConnect Update January 11, 2010-Informational.

01-15] NJLM-Budget Updates-Informational.

01-16] Mayors Fax Advisory – Less Than Four Months To Census Day-Informational..

01-17] Mayors Fax advisory – Changes To The DLGS Website-Informational.

01-18] GJEM Insurance – 2010-2011 MEL Training Program-Meeting on Monday.

01-19] GJEM Insurance – 2010-2011 Employment Practices Risk Control Program-Informational.

01-20] Mayors Fax Advisory – Help For Haiti-Informational.

- 01-21] Mayors Fax Advisory – Urgent Prevailing Wage For Maintenance Road Projects On Governor’s Desk-Informational.
- 01-22] Mayors Fax Advisory – Bills Signed By The Governor-Informational.
- 01-23] Mayors Fax Advisory – Bills On The governor’s Desk-Informational.
- 01-24] Mayors Fax Advisory – President Anzaldi Meets Governor-elect’s Chief of Staff-Informational.
- 01-25] Bergen County Utilities Authority Sewer Connection Fee-Returned to BCUA.
- 01-26] NJ Department of State – 2010 Campaign Contribution Notice-Informational.
- 01-27] Knights of Columbus – Service Awards Ceremony-Tomorrow night at Knights of Columbus Awards at 7:30 PM.
- 01-28] Mayors Fax Advisory – Court Grants League Status In Telecommunications Tax Case-Informational.
- 01-29] Bergen County Utilities Authority – Sewer Service Charge 2010-Informational.
- 01-30] NJ Department of Environmental Protection- Air Sampling Report-Informational..
- 01-31] Boswell McClave – Hilton Garden Inn-Informational.
- 01-32] 1NJ Department of Environmental Protection – Sanitary Landfill Major Disruption Approval Extension-Informational.
- 01-33] Hatch Mott MacDonald-BCUA Public Hearing-Informational.
- 01-34] Ridgfield Park Jr/Sr High School Awards Dinner-Mayor will attend.
- 01-35] Borough of Waldwick – Resolution – Tax Assessment Duties-Resolution will be prepared.
- 01-36] E-mail – Paris Grants-Resolution will be prepared.
- 01-37] E-Mail – COAH Trust Fund Monitoring-Will be mailed.
- 01-38] State DOH letter re Interlocal Health Services-Informational.
- 01-39] Mayors Fax/ Social Security Benefits/ Haitian Community-Informational.
- 01-40] Mayors Fax / Bill signed into Law-Informational.

01-41] 4TH of July - Grand Marshall Nominations-Informational.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

No one wished to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS*****

7:30 – Eddie Costanzo and his sister Rose of Viva Roma, Dale Roberts of Dayle's Florist, Aci Maschang of Mosco Insurance and Donald Ingwersen of Vorhees Funeral Home were in attendance.

REPORTS*****

Commissioner Boyd reported:

Dieter Lerch coming in next week to start budgets. Need all paper work back from all Commissioners.

Commissioner Poli reported:

New Commissioners for JIF sworn in yesterday.

Anyone interested in CPR courses - Sunday at the Ambulance Corps at 9:00 AM.

Commissioner MacNeill reported:

Received memo from Alan O'Grady regarding PEOSHA. We are compliant with eight out of ten items. Regarding the air quality control - Commissioner Boyd said there is a class the Safety Officer can attend and the Safety Officer should keep all this information. Commissioner MacNeill said Mr. Landolfi will be appointed ADA.

Regarding the loading zones on Main Street. Commissioner MacNeill said when he first became Commissioner he had a landscape-architect walk Main Street with him, and he asked about loading zones in the business district. There are two loading zones across from one another. When we ran for office, one of the biggest issues was parking on Main Street. If the loading zones are eliminated, it would add eight spots and we could add a loading zone on Mount Vernon Street, east of Main Street.

Captain Rose said the Police Department has some concerns about the matter. Traffic flow becomes a problem. The Police Department is willing to work with all, but remember, Emergency Services use loading zones on calls on Main Street. Captain Rose had an internal memo for Commissioner MacNeill.

Mr. Durkin said if any changes were to be made, it should be published to let the people know out the changes.

Commissioner MacNeill said he had spoken to 99% of the people on Main Street and only two are negative. We have to bring more people into the stores to shop.

Dale Roberts of Dayle's Florist said she did not believe you should take away both loading zones, and Eddie Costanzo said perhaps a time schedule for the loading zones should be set up.

Captain Rose reported the Police Department has been monitoring traffic in the back parking lot and it is approximately 75-80% empty until 5:00 PM.

Commissioner MacNeill suggested parking meters charging twenty five cents for fifteen minutes.

Mayor Fosdick mentioned that many years ago the Village with respect to employee parking for people who worked on Main Street used the area of Vogt Park. People didn't use the parking lot because they didn't want to walk to Main Street. He said the Commissioners tried. He mentioned when Jack Davis was a Commissioner, we set aside money for the store owners to draw on and we provided a place for them to meet. The store owners took nothing. The town has done a lot of different things. It has to be the business owners to organize and see what they need. He spoke regarding an article in the Bergen Record regarding stores closing in Ridgewood. Mayor Fosdick said the same thing is happening in Hackensack and Bergenfield.

Rosa Costanzo commented on the article in the Record. She said forty to fifty percent of the businesses in Ridgewood went out of business because they were women who did not work and these businesses were funded by their husbands. When their husbands lost their jobs on Wall Street, they could not fund the businesses.

Mayor Fosdick regarding a street fair, said Commissioner Anlian tried for years. You have to keep in mind if you shut down Main Street, some business owners say they lose business.

Eddie Costanzo said Main Street is diminishing every day. We have to do something. Rosa went up and down Main Street and said we all have to work together. She said people go to flea markets and believed they would come to Main Street, Ridgefield Park.

Eddie Costanzo said he wants to restart the Chamber of Commerce. He said we are going to do it, and asked the Commissioners for the use of the building to hold meetings. Mayor Fosdick advised him to contact the Village Clerk to arrange the meeting date.

Rosa said the response to the Street Fair was excellent and said the Fire Department and other volunteer groups could set up tables.

Eddie Costanzo asked if the parking meters in the parking lot could have a grace period perhaps from 11:00 to 2:00 pm with no meter charge, giving three hours free parking to shop on Main Street. While Aci Maschang said bigger signs are needed in the parking lot.

Mayor Fosdick said the Board of Commissioners want a thriving Main Street. We want to support the business owners. Unfortunately, this year the biggest concern is taxes. He cautioned what they call the business group, perhaps instead of a Chamber of Commerce you could call it the Ridgefield Park Business Association. Fort Lee is very active. He suggested checking it out. The Commissioners want Main Street to succeed, but it has to come from the members of the association.

Regarding the Street Fair, Rosa said Newberg, NY does a fair, what not Ridgefield Park. She said the fair would be great to welcome people to Ridgefield Park. She asked to have Commissioner Boyd as the liaison to the business district.

The business group left at 9:00 PM.

Martin T.. Durkin reported:

Fred Rosen sent an article that Ken Meiser wrote about municipalities being sued regarding engineering fees paid through escrow.

Mayor Fosdick reported:

1. AT & T is looking for a building for a cell tower – perhaps Challenger Road.
2. Friday night, Knights of Columbus awards.
3. Overpeck Park – Main road paved as well as parking lot.
4. Meeting with Police Department tomorrow morning on Accreditation.
5. Tuesday meeting with Steve Rothman.
6. Spoke with United Rental owner about Good Neighbor Award.

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill seconded by Commissioner Poli to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. Mac Neill
Commissioner

/s/Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/Barbara Pettit
Acting Village Clerk