

EXECUTIVE MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
March 18, 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 arrived late.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2010. On roll call, Commissioners Boyd, MaNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

NEW BUSINESS*****

Mayor Fosdick announced that there was one resolution on the agenda:

Resolution No. 1 - Resolution approving judgment between the Village of Ridgefield Park and Hartz Mountain Industries.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve Resolution No. 1. On roll call, Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

03-14] Mayors Fax Advisory – Changes to the DLG Website-Informational.

03-15] Mayors Fax Advisory – Change Clocks, check & Update Plans-Informational.

03-16] Mayors Fax Advisory – Urgent – Builders Push A-437-"Time Of Decision"-
Informational – On Governor's Desk..

03-17] Membership Advisory – Educations Foundation, Inc-Informational..

03-18] Time Warner – Changes Channel Lineup-Informational.

03-19] Mayors Fax Advisory – Urgent Legislative Alert – Time of Decision Posted For
Senate Vote-Informational.

03-20] New Jersey Senate – Meeting With Commissioner of NJ Department of
Transportation.-Mayor Fosdick attended meeting-confirmed they are proceeding
with Route 46 bridge.

03-21] Boswell McClave Engineering – Veterans Park-Mr. O’Grady said the beginning Of April, they will begin the basketball and volleyball courts.

03-22] Bergen County Utilities Authority – Recycling Grant Reporting-Informational.

03-23] New Jersey Youth Club, Inc. – Fundraising in Area-Informational.

Commissioner John Anlian arrived at 7:07 PM.

03-24] Ridgefield Park Fire Department – LOSAP Qualification Report-Commissioners Approved the recommendations of Mr. Antola. One year credit will be given for late registration. .

03-25] Bergen County – Celebrate Volunteers-Informational.

03-26] Mayors Fax Advisory – SCS for S-1 Abolishes COAH-Informational..

03-27] Senator Loretta Weinberg – Receipt of Resolution – Tax Assessors-Informational.

03-28] MSI Class Offerings March, April & May 2010-Informational.

03-29] COAH Admin – COAH Module I Classes Still Available-Forwarded to Barbara DeLuca..

03-30] Township of Teaneck – Ordinance on Land Use Law-Commissioner MacNeill With check with Mr. Landolfi regarding a Pod Ordinance..

03-31] Municipal Excess Liability Join Insurance – US Census Bureau-Informational..

03-32] Legalized Games of Chance Commission – Fingerprint Requirement-Informational..

03-33] Lerch,Vinci & Higgins – December 2009 Annual Audit-Informational..

03-34] Membeship Fax Advisory – Survey on Municipal Budget cuts & Cost Efficiencies-Informational..

03-35] Alampi & DeMarrais – Metro PCS

03-36] RP Fourth of July Citizens Committee –Support-Informational.

03-37] Borough of Little Ferry – Adoption Of Ordinance-Informational.

03-38] Memo From Adam MacNeill – Topics For Discussion-Held for discussion..

03-39] Mayors Fax Advisory – 2010 Census Update-Informational.

03-40] Mayors Fax Advisory – Time of Decision Passes Assembly-Informational.

03-41] Mayors Fax Advisory – Repeal of Licensing Requirement For Junkyards-Informational..

03-42] Mayors Fax Advisory – Women In Government, Executive Order 17, Time of Decision-Informational.

03-43] Mayors Fax Advisory - Gov. Christie Delivers Budget Message-Informational

03-44] Mayors Fax Advisory - Important Changes to DLGS Website - CY 2010 State Aid Certifications-Informational

03-45] NJ League of Municipalities - NJOEM Preliminary Damage Assessment Facts-To be filed with the State.

03-46] Mayors Fax Advisory - Ask the Governor to veto S-82/A-437 Update on S-1 – Informational.

03-47] Board of Education –Notice of Meetings – Informational

7:15 PM – Mr. Mario Guralnik – Route 66 Proposal.

Mr. Guralnik and his associate spoke about a proposal for use of property next to the Hilton Gardens. He proposed an amusement area which would consist of go-karts, bumper cars and a shooting gallery. He said the operation would be electrical in nature and would operate quietly and generate very little noise. Mr. Guralnik said he felt it would be a nice addition to the property and he did not think Hilton Hotel would object. He explained that he had spoken with people at Xanadu and were going to have bumper cars and go-karts at the Meadowlands Flea Market. He said although he had no experience in the field, his associate had experience in Israel and another associate had experience in California. Mr. Guralnik spoke about starting off small and gradually increasing the site. He talked about a canope over the tracks. He said safety for all was a major concern and there would be cars for children as well as adults.

Bill Betesh asked:

1. How long a lease do you plan on having on the property.

Mr. Guralnik said it would be a long term lease – 20 years.

2. The Village own the property and you still have to go before the Zoning Board and the Board of Adjustments to get approval to operate and site approval.

Mr. Guralnik explained who their planner was and said they are ready. He also said he has an architect.

3. Whenever you build on municipal property, prevailing wage laws have to be met.
4. What rent are you looking to pay for the use of the property.

Mr. Guralnik said a performance based arrangement.

Mayor Fosdick thanked Mr. Guralnik and his associate for coming. They left at 7:50 PM.

Discussion took place concerning the proposal and it was agreed by the Commissioners that this would not be a desired use in that area. They did not believe this was a good thing for the property out there. Mr. Betesh said the problem with performance based rent is it could only be a couple of months out of the year. He also said the insurance liability is one of the highest.

Mayor Fosdick said he would like to have Mr. Ladell back and perhaps hammer out a deal. We could talk about it and bring in the Board of Education. Mr. Betesh said the problem with a 20 year lease is if the company goes under, the property is tied up.

Mr. Betesh will contact Mr. Kafafian and let him know we are not interested.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

No one wished to be heard.

REPORTS*****

Commissioner MacNeill reported:

Correspondence No. 03-38

1. Meters – Commissioner MacNeill asked about the Cedar Street Parking Lot and its enforcement. He suggested parking meters of .25 cents for fifteen minutes. Mayor Fosdick said we would have to notify the Post Office regarding employee parking. Commissioner Anlian expressed concern that this might discourage shopping on Main Street

Mayor Fosdick asked about the merchants on Main Street and their fair.

Commissioner Boyd said supposedly August 29th they will tentatively have their fair.

Lieut. DiNiro said if you increase your parking meter amount you would have to increase your summonses. He said he rarely sees no parking space on Main Street. He did say that the parking meters are complete on Cedar Street. For the record, Cedar Street lot enforcement will notify the Post Office first.

2. Regarding Planters & Garbage Containers – Commissioner Anlian has looked into it. Commissioner MacNeill said some people are using the garbage containers for regular garbage.
3. Loading Zones – discussion was held concerning removing two of the Loading zones.
4. Bump outs, Trees, sidewalks. Commissioner MacNeill asked Commissioner Anlian to revisit the bump outs. Commissioner MacNeill said they collect garbage. He also asked if different trees could be planted.

5. Banner – Commissioner MacNeill asked about having the banner restored to Main Street. Mr. O’Grady said it would cost approximately \$5,000. Commissioner MacNeill said when you put up a banner you will have to provide insurance.

Commissioner Boyd said there was no money in the budget, and Commissioner Anlian said we would have to make it a Capital Project.

Commissioner discussed the above matters, and it was decided to invite the store owners on Main Street to attend a Commissioners Meeting so they could express their views.

Commissioner Boyd reported:

1. Meeting with Dieter Lerch tomorrow.
2. Note from L. Stefanile – Green Acres approved grant for Fellowship Park.
3. Art Carlson’s memo was distributed. Cannot answer until we speak with Dieter Lerch and Dr. Richardson. We need special permission to do this. The values set in 2005.

Bill Betesh commented there is only one appraisal firm, Appraisal System.

Commissioner Poli – No report.

Commissioner Anlian – No report

Mayor Fosdick reported:

1. Martin Durkin in Helen Hayes in Haverstraw.
2. Tuesday night’s meeting swearing in of new Police Officer Dino Angelis. And Police Awards.
3. Noted the reduction in School Aid and said our deduction may be larger.
4. Mayor Fosdick read three letters, one concerning the return of a dog, another from a resident commending the Police Department and the DPW for the handling of a fallen tree during the last storm, and the last thanking our Police Department for “saving her life”.

Alan O’Grady reported:

County meeting on Teaneck Road – not on radar plan. Teaneck Road not that bad. Contractor will be digging Main Street next week to see where the problem is with the lighting. Will dig in front of 175 Main Street, then we will write PSE&G a letter to see if they will pay for it.

Bill Betesh

Asked about parking of limos on streets that are residential areas. Limo Ordinance will be discussed Tuesday.

RECESS*****

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to recess the Commissioners Meeting at 9:02 PM to go into closed session to discuss personnel. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

/s/John H. Anlian

Commissioner

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/s/Adam A. MacNeill

Commissioner

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/s/George D. Fosdick

Mayor

/s/Barbara Pettit

Acting Village Clerk