

CAUCUS MEETING- APRIL 3, 2003, 7:15 P.M.

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 on January 6th and the Star Ledger on January 7, 2003 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

Those present were Commissioners Davis, D'Auria, Storer. Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Storer that the minutes of the meeting of [March 20, 2003](#) be approved. On roll call Commissioners Davis, D'Auria and Storer voted "YEA". Mayor Fosdick abstained. Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Davis that the minutes of the Closed Session of March 20, 2003 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Davis, D'Auria, Storer voted "YEA". Mayor Fosdick abstained. Commissioner Anlian arrived late.

Eugene McIntyre, Project Administrator –Reported he had meeting with Hartz. They were interested in building an extended stay hotel with underneath parking. There are no plans as yet. Additional information was not forwarded to Mr. McIntyre. Although approval was given in the past for two hotels, nothing was ever done by Hartz. Mr. McIntyre left at 7:25 PM

Superintendent of Schools, John Richardson, arrived at 7:27 P.M.
Dr. Richardson thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for the opportunity to present the 2003 budget. The State has not fully funded statutory student funds. There has been an increase in health benefit costs. However, budget has been cut \$700,000. Budget does utilize surplus.

Commissioner Anlian arrived at 7:30 P.M.

Dr. Richardson stated there has been an improvement in the education of the students. Also, the schools are being refurbished. There is a state program called Star Schools Best Practice. 50 awards are given throughout the state which has 677 districts and 2400 schools. Ridgefield Park is receiving two of the 50 awards. Gail Ahrlich, kindergarten teacher for a Parental Involvement Program, and Mrs. Congalton for Modeling Program for autistic children.
Budget increase to taxpayers is \$190.00. Dr. Richardson left at 7:55 P.M.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

03-54] Borough of Emerson-Resolution Supporting Troops & the President – File

03-55] Vanguard Career Services-Green Acres-Informational

03-56] NJLM-FEMA Reimbursement for Snow Removal-File

03-57] H2M Group-NJ Pollutant Discharge Elimination System-Meeting at FDU regarding storm water outfalls was attended by Mayor Fosdick, Alan O'Grady, Mike Monroe and Commissioner Storer. Documentation is needed for the outfalls and who is responsible for them

03-58] Dept. of Administration & Finance-Bergen County Terrorism Task Force-File

03-59] Letter from Michael Alberque-Geese Problem in Veteran's Park-Informational

03-60] Borough of Englewood Cliffs-DEP Storm Water Regulations Resolution – File

03-61] Letter from Arnold Vernick-Stormwater Management Programs-File

03-62] Board of Chosen Freeholders-ordinance amending Through Street Resolution – File

03-63] Vanguard Career Services – Frazier Tract-File

03-64] NJLM Recent changes in Local Bond Law-File

03-65] County Executive-Anticipated Layoffs-Informational

03-66] NJ Susquehanna & Western Railway Corp-Emergency Access Roadway-Mike Brimmer of CSX is retiring. His replacement is John Casallini.

03-67] RP Lodge No. 1506 Elks-Youth Day-File

03-68] NJLM-Local Crisis Management & Security Preparation-D. Hansen attended.

03-69] RP Zoning Board of Adjustment-Birch Street Development-File

03-70] NJLM-Smart Growth & How It Benefits Your Community-File

03-71] Bergen Co. Utilities Authority-Municipal Recycling Assistance Program – File

03-72] American Legion Post 170-Rochelle Park-Bergen Co. Convention – will take half page ad.

03-73] Bergen Co. Utilities Authority-Rules & Regulations for Discharge of Wastewater into Municipal Sewers – Will give report to Alan O'Grady.

03-74] Victims of Crime Compensation Board-April 6 through 13, 2003 Crime Victim's Week-Informational

03-75] State of New Jersey-Fiscal year Municipal Aid Program underway-File

03-76] NJ General Assembly-ESP Grant Award – File

04-01] Fax to Larry Stefanile-Stormwater Regulations-File

04-02] Executive Order #50 & Active Military Service-File

04-03] Dept. of Environmental Protection-Grant approval-File

04-04] Dept. of Environmental Protection-Awarding Grant \$2,500 Dave Street
Environmental Presentation – File

04-05] Township of Hanover-Proclamation Honoring Members of US Armed Forces-
Informational

04-06] Letter from Nicole Koskinen "Thank You" – File

Mayor Fosdick referred to correspondence 02-41 regarding auto insurance reform.
Resolution will be prepared.

Hatton Scholarship Fund Raiser – April 11th at the Elks.

Public School Arts Festival – April 11 at the high school.

Business Association has asked status of Main Street lights. Commissioner Anlian
reported Boswell has not finalized everything.

Attention deficit medical expenses – state wants to mandate but League of
Municipalities is against it. Commissioner will not support.

Mosquito spraying resolution will be on Tuesday's agenda. Commissioner Anlian is
not in favor of spraying.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer to go into Closed
Session at 8:20 P.M. Captain and Lieutenants were in attendance to discuss certain
PBA requests made during negotiations that Lieutenants be listed on overtime roster.

Meeting reconvened at 9:07 P.M.

REPORTS*****

Commissioner Storer reported –

Joe Villanella has requested expanded use of Village bus by seniors for longer trips.

Commissioner Storer will be meeting with Alan O'Grady to discuss issue.

Commissioner Davis reported –

Paul Hansen has been certified as a Purchasing Agent. He will be appointed in
Ridgefield Park with an increase in salary.

Commissioner D'Auria reported –

Asked Commissioner Storer to speak with Diane Catalano regarding use of Chestnut Street Park for softball.

Zoning Board needs an additional member.

Commissioner Anlian – no report –

Mayor Fosdick reported –

Al Zaccone's estimated cost for borings at Pistol Range

Letter from D. Hansen – owners of 71 Seventh Street have requested permission to rebuild retaining wall on Village property. Approval given.

Overpeck Park – letter to Freeholders requesting attendance at a meeting was not well received. Under the Open Public Meeting Act, if Commissioners attend workshop session, there should be time for public comments. They will wait a little longer for a reply.

Martin T. Durkin reported –

Tully proceeding with case against the County over Overpeck Park.

Estopple Certificate for Daewoo on Tuesday's agenda.

Impact Fees Ordinance-next meeting

Hartz arbitration – On calendar in May or June

Time Warner – Public hearing scheduled.

Mayor Fosdick (continued)

DPW contract signed.

Midget Football Association meeting with M. Durkin and Commissioners Davis & Storer.

Slim's is still dumping.

Library-personnel matter next week.

Little League opens one week from Saturday.

Dollar General paid \$500.00 penalty for blocked aisles and exits. When not corrected, they were fined \$750.00

Mrs. Weinberg has written to Susan Levin requesting \$800,00 for extraordinary aid for Ridgefield Park.

Village Clerk reported –

Community Development resolution will be on Tuesday's agenda for Library funds.

Chief Ahrlich – No report

Mr. Durkin reported tax appeals will be heard for Landmark East and Crystal Clear.

ADJOURNMENT****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Davis, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".