

Caucus Meeting, DECEMBER 19, 2002 7:15 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, the Jersey Journal and the Newark Star Ledger on the 27th day of December 2001 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

Those present were Commissioners D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioner Anlian arrived late and Commissioner Davis was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner D'Auria that the minutes of [December 5, 2002](#) Executive Meeting and Closed Session be approved. On roll call, Commissioners D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA."

CORRESPONDENCE*****

12-10] Letter from Board of Adjustment-Block 2, Lot 20, 114 Second Street – File

12-11] Bergen County Department of Health Services-2003 Alliance Grant Award-Copy sent to Lieutenant Rose.

12-12] US Environmental Protection Agency-Floatable Debris Collection Information Request-Alan O'Grady reported information request complete.

12-13] NJSLM Membership Alert Nonconforming Uses Up For Vote in Assembly & State Committee on December 12 – Informational

12-14] NJ League of Municipalities-Annual League Conference-audio cassettes-File

12-15] NJSLM Membership Alert-Storm water Management Regulations-Ask Larry Stefanile to call Mayor regarding alert.

12-16] US House of Representatives-light rail service in Hudson & Bergen Counties-Informational

12-17] NJ League of Municipalities-NJBA Appeal on Interim Certification-File

12-18] NJ League of Municipalities-letter from newly elected president-File

12-19] Boswell McClave-Green Acres Survey-Hold for Martin T. Durkin, Esq.

12-20] Bergen Risk Managers-Sewer Back-ups-File

12-21] NJSLM Membership Alert-Nonconforming uses bill held in Assembly and released without recommendation by Senate Committee. COAH Interim Certification and League Proposal to Exempt 9/11 Victims Highlights-File

12-22] Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse of Bergen-File

12-23] Superior Court of New Jersey Office of the Grand Jury-Presentment of Bergen County Grand Jury Docket No A-3315-99T5-File

12-24] South Bergen Joint Insurance – 2003 Budgets – Commissioner Storer stated Village received \$60,000 dividend check from JIF for 2002. Insurance was good in 2002.

Martin T. Durkin arrived at 7:25 PM

12-10] Martin T. Durkin said if wireless communication facility is added to building, it would increase the value of the property. Copy of lease is needed. Martin Durkin will write to Nadine Herrunzie.

12-17] Nothing new with COAH

12-19] Wait to do this. Boswell will be called and advised to wait since Village may be receiving Open Space Grant.

Commissioner Anlian arrived at 7:30 PM

REPORTS*****

Commissioner Anlian – No Report

Commissioner D'Auria – No Report

Commissioner Storer – No Report

Mayor Fosdick:

Discussed Star Ledger poster in stores regarding article on Ridgefield Park taxes. Poster stated Ridgefield Park Tax Traumatized. Towns were rated one through 100 with one having no problems. Ridgefield Park was rated 82 or totally traumatized as to taxes. Market value and home incomes were taken into consideration. Bergenfield, Bogota, Lodi and Teaneck were rated higher than Ridgefield Park

Next Caucus – January 9th – Mayor Fosdick will not be in attendance.

Smart Growth Planning application was filed.

Mr. Durkin reported on Skymark/Pitcairn tax appeal.

Emergency Road-nothing new.

Mayor Fosdick and Commissioner Storer attended the Freeholders Meeting when vote was taken on awarding bid to company who will put in fill at Overpeck Park. After a lengthy discussion, bid was awarded by a vote of 4-2.

Village Clerk –

Asked if "Downtown" newsletter should be renewed. Commissioner Anlian said renew.

Elks held Senior Dinner/Dance. Questioned what amount they should be paid. It was agreed to pay the same as K of C received last year.

Chief Ahrlich –

Two confiscated vehicles have been received from the County. The Jeep will be used by the detectives, and a 1997 Tahoe will be used for surveillance. An article about the cars will be included in the Newsletter.

They are trying to get a motorcycle from BMW.

Alan O'Grady –

Carpeting will be replaced in the Clerk's and Assessor's Offices. Money is left in Capital Account.

Called in the Geese Police. They have had very good results in removing geese. Cost is \$475.00 per week for two weeks. For the next 15 weeks the cost is \$400 per week for a total of approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000.

Ordinance needed to fund Community Development grants for Rescue Squad and Euclid Avenue.

Martin T. Durkin –

Arbitration with Hartz within 45 days.

Tax appeals to be heard:

Bergen Fence

Landmark

Crystal Clear

Hartz ground leases – nothing has been heard from Hartz. Mr. Kafafian will explain that ground leases are expiring.

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commission Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer that the meeting adjourn at 8:00 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

