

EXECUTIVE MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
April 8, 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 Anlian, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioners Boyd and Poli were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioners MacNeill seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the minutes of the Executive Meeting of March 23, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

NEW BUSINESS*****

George H. Fosdick – Bergen Leads Program

George H. Fosdick explained that Bergen Leads is a leadership development program. His topic is County and Local Governments – to eliminate county government and administer at the local level. He reported June 22nd will be graduation and each group will present their ideas and our Commissioners will receive an invitation.

He said he came to the conclusion that you cannot eliminate county government as a whole but he is looking for information as to what do local municipalities get from the county. What do they provide to Ridgefield Park.

Commissioner Anlian said we have county roads, county police, the Sheriff’s Department, County Clerks Office for recording deeds and County Welfare.

He said towns that turned over their welfare to the county are still paying for it.

Mayor Fosdick said the problem is that we never get to deal with the fundamental issues involved – what do we want government to do? The initial concept in the constitution is that we would be a free people with limited government. Democratic government was not to be judged by a standard of efficiency. It is the most inefficient.

George H. asked – Is the system we have today sustainable once you decide what government should do?

Mayor Fosdick asked, how best is that done?

George H. said there are states that do not have county government. They either have a strong county government or a strong local government.. What would we do if county government went away tomorrow.. Goerge H. said they had looked at education.

Mayor Fosdick said we have a very unique situation. Little Ferry is a sending district to Ridgefield Park. They talk about regionalization. The cost per pupil was about \$13,000. Cost per pupil in Ramapo is \$20,000. I think government works best when its close to the people it serves. Much of their function is to administer to the municipalities what comes from the State. The truck washing facility that was mandated by the State, the County can do it where Ridgefield Park, Bogota and Teanedk would benefit.

The county is spending 86 million in Ridgefield Park to establish a park that should have been done 50 years ago.

Captain Rose said the county has a police department and county has prosecutors for major crimes and a narcotic task force.

Goerge H. if that were eliminated, it would go to the State and the State would administer it.

Could the DPW be eliminate, the Welfare be eliminated at a county level?

George H said you mentioned the cost per pupil of \$13,00 to send students to Ridgefield Park. How much is going to teach the student?

Mayor Fosdick said there is a great value to having citizens participate in what happens. Having people involved – there is a great value to that.

The Superintendent of DPW said we now take care of all our roads, the county provides salt, etc., but we do the work. Many areas local municipalities could do the work of the county but some things would still have to be done by the county.

Mayor Fosdick said a discussion was had that Bergen County has more fire trucks than New York City. The point is the cost of our Fire Department is operated by people who are not paid.

George H. left at 7:50 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

- 03-48] Bergen County Sheriff McGuire Letter – Telepsychiatry Program-Informational.
- 03-49] Boswell McClave Engineering – Recommendation of Award Improvements to Veterans Park-Informational.
- 03-50] Bergen County Utilities Authority – Solid Waste Mgmt Plan Amendment-Informational.
- 03-51] Mayors Fax Advisory – Update on S-1-Informational.
- 03-52] Mayors Fax Advisory – State Energy Tax/CMPTRA Cuts-Informational.
- 03-53] Mayors Fax Advisory – CY 2010 Property Tax Relief Certification-Informational.
- 03-54] Mayors Fax Advisory – Recent Supreme Court Case on Tax Assessments-Informational.
- 03-55] State of New Jersey – Notice of Deficiency 185 Industrial Avenue-Informational.
- 03-56] Lorraine Ziemba Letter – Death of Pauline Turner –Capt. Rose believes issues Has been resolved.
- 03-57] CW Consulting Services, Inc. – AT&T Mobility W-G03 / Proposal-Commissioner MacNeill will contact them.
- 03-58] Valerie Ferraro Letter – DPW-Informational
- 03-59] Mayors Fax Advisory – Ask the Governor to veto S-82/A-437, Updated Ethics Resources from the League, Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition Deadline-Informational.
- 03-60] Alampi & DeMarrais Letter – Board of Adjustment adv. MetroPCS-Informational.
- 03-61] United Water – Increase in rates-Resolution will be prepared.
- 03-61-A] Boswell McClave Engineering – 2010 Road Improvement Program Cedar Street and Summit Avenue-Community Development Award.

- 03-62] Mayors Fax Advisory – Support of Organ and Tissue Donation-Informational.
- 03-63] Mayors Fax Advisory – Pension Reforms FAQ’s-Informational.
- 03-64] Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinance No. 1007-Informational.
- 03-64-A] State of New Jersey – Vapor Intrusion Investigation Workplan Approval-Informational.
- 03-65] Board of Chosen Freeholders – Resolution No. 379-Informational.
- 03-66] Board of Chosen Freeholders – Resolution No. 380-Informational.
- 03-67] Board of Chosen Freeholders – Resolution No. 378-Informational.
- 03-68] Hubschman & Roman Letter – Freddy Pardo, 2-6 Webster Place-Commissioner MacNeill will check into it.
- 03-69] Mayors Fax Advisory – New Local Finance Notices, Changes to the DLGS Website-Informational.
- 03-70] Mayors Fax Advisory – New Jersey Rivatization Task Force-Informational.
- 03-71] Mayors Fax Advisory – Census Update-Informational.
- 03-72] Washington Watch Fax Advisory – Local Jobs Bill-Informational.
- 04-01] State of New Jersey – Changes to the State / School Employees’ Health Benefits Program-Informational.
- 04-02] Ridgefield Park Public Library – Resolution in Support of Preserving Library Funding-Informational.
- 04-03] Ford-Nelson-O’Sullivan Post No. 277 VFW – Proclamation Request for Buddy Poppy Sale-Proclamation will be prepared.
- 04-04] Harry Welte Letter – 45 Garden Street

04-05] Time Warner Cable – Channel Line up-Informational..

04-06] Dennis McNerney – 9th Annual Multicultural Family Fun Festival-Informational..

04-07] Mayor Fax Advisory – Flood assistance from FEMA, the IRS and the SBA-
Informational.

04-08] Allan Rotto consultants – Telephone Billing-Informational..

04-09] Mayors Fax Advisory – League Professional Development Seminar.-
Informational.

04-10] Mayors Fax Advisory – League Provides Municipal Perspective on Privatization
Practice, Pitfalls, Impediments and Possibilities.-Informational.

04-11] Shade Tree Commission – Arbor Day.-Proclamation will be prepared.

04-12] Borough of Westwood – Resolution – Opposing United Water’s Increase.-
Resolution will be prepared.

04-13] Bergen county Utilities Authority – Tax Exempt Properties.-Informational.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

No one wished to be heard.

REPORTS*****

Commissioner MacNeill reported:

Received letter stating we would receive \$141,000 for development of multipurpose grass field.

Commissioner Anlian reported

Distributed a letter regarding Main Street

Mayor Fosdick reported:

Would not be at next meeting.- will attend Honor Society.

Hall of Fame Dinner April 30th.

Baseball Organization opening Saturday at 11:00 AM.

Mayor Fosdick gave an update on the pedestrian bridge.

Captain Rose - No report.

Joe Voytus – No report.

RECESS*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to recess the meeting to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel

s/John Anlian
Commissioner

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s/ Adam MacNeill
Commissioner

Commissioner

s/George Fosdick
Mayor

Barbara Pettit
Acting Village Clerk