

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
September 9, 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, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Eugene McIntyre, Project Manager, Alan O'Grady, Superintendent DPW, John DiNiro, Police Captain, William Betesh, Esq., Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of August 19, 2010, Caucus Executive Meeting.

On roll call, Commissioners Boyd MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner Anlian abstained.

SPECIAL REPORTS

William Betesh, Esq. stated that the draft was complete for the Request for Proposals concerning Challenger Road. He will have a resolution for the September 14th meeting authorizing the release of the RFP. The draft proposal will be distributed to all Commissioners for final review.

Project Manager - E. McIntyre – no report.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 1 Approve extension of due date for payment of taxes for Block 143 Lot 2

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

Resolution 2 Approve closing/use of a portion of Bergen Avenue Sept. 24th thru 26th

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve Resolution No. 2. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli, and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Resolution 3 Approve payment in amount of \$17,500.00 to Artuso Re: Nature Preserve

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve Resolution No. 2. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 08-21 The Cornells, Re: water fountain in Hunter Park – Resolved for now
- 8.22 NJLM Media Advisory, Re: Comptroller's Tax Abatement Report - informational
- 8.23 US Bankruptcy Court, Re: Notice of Proposed Abandonment – Commissioner Anlian explained that this notice was from the Bankruptcy Court, neither the owner or bank are abandoning
- 8.24 Zoning Board of Adjustment, Re: Application by 60-62 Bergen Turnpike, LLC - informational
- 8.25 Dilorenzo & Rush, Re: Notice of Claim – standard claim
- 8.26 BCUA, Re: Mayors Fax Advisory – New date for submission of Wastewater Management Plans – Ridgefield Park is a different tier
- 8.27 NJLM Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: Bills Signed by the Governor – Commissioner Boyd noted that the Village may now call for unpaid any unpaid Occupancy taxes – Mr. Betesh will look into this
- 8.28 Mayor Fosdick, Re: Mayor's letter to the Record Newspaper – Overpeck Park – no response received
- 8.29 Douglas Hansen, Fire Marshall, Re: Street Fair Permits – Commissioner Boyd will pass information along to Business Association
- 8.30 NJLM Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: Senate Action on Bills No Help For Budgets - Informational
- 8.31 Bergen Community College, Re: Dedication of the College's newest location - informational
- 8.32 John S. Hogan, Bergen County Freeholder, Re: Resolution #1169 – opposing the State's planned budget cuts to Emergency Medical Technicians – Ridgefield Park has already passed a resolution
- 8.33 State of New Jersey, Re: Notice of Public Hearing – Clean Water Financing – This was forwarded to Alan O'Grady and Lawrence Stefanile
- 8.34 NJLM Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: Save the Date – NJ Complete Streets Summit – Informational, Village may consider
- 8.35 State of New Jersey – DCA, Re: Best Practices Checklist – on caucus agenda under discussion at this meeting
- 8.36 Mr. & Mrs. T. Cornell, Re: other uses for Tennis Courts – Commissioner MacNeill offered to meet with the Cornells, he will try to meet them at the courts
- 8.37 NJLM Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: Assembly Committee Hearing ion Unfunded Mandates - Informational

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- 8.38 NJLM Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: A- 2095 – Revises requirements for emergency medical services delivery and League’s Mayors Committee update on Unfunded Mandates & Best Practices – Mayor Fosdick noted that this appears to be putting the volunteers out of business
- 8.39 Job and Job, Re: Nature Preserve – Artuso Parcel – the closing is scheduled for September 14, 2010
- 8.40 St. Francis of Assisi Church, Re: Invitation to the Annual Parish Feast – Mayor Fosdick will attend
- 9.1 NJLM, Re: League Luncheon – November 18, 2010 - Informational
- 9.2 NJLM Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: D.A.R.E. New Jersey Inc. - Informational
- 9.3 NJLM Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: NJEOM Kicks-off National Preparedness Month – Ridgefield Park participating
- 9.4 NJLM Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: Corrected Version – County Tax Board Appeals Survey – Mr. Betesh will get the information to the Commissioners
- 9.5 St. Francis of Assisi Church, Re: Permission to use east side of Bergen Avenue during the Annual Feast – September 24th -26th – Resolution passed earlier in this meeting
- 9.6 APDA, Re: Personal donation from Mayor and Commissioners – All donations are paid by the Commissioners personally
- 9.7 NJLM Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: Moody’s Downgrade of Westfield Causes Budget Cap Concern - Informational
- 9.8 BCUA, Transmittal Letter, Re: Sanitary Sewer Pipes – okay, for the record
- 9.9 Lawrence Stefanile, Re: Nature Preserve – County Open Space Reimbursement – being addressed
- 9.10 NJLM Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: Workshop – Protect and Enhance Trees – Commissioner Anlian will attend
- 9.11 NJLM, Re: Reminder Conference Registration Deadline – Commissioner Anlian attending, making his own arrangements
- 9.12 Bergen County Freeholders, Re: Ordinances – First Readings – okay- informational
- 9.13 NJLM Membership Fax Advisory, Re: Workshop – Applying for Grants – Village has expertise of Lawrence Stefanile
- 9.14 NJLM Membership Fax Advisory, Re: Workshop – Municipal Liens & Primer on Foreclosure for Public Officials - Informational
- 9.15 NJLM Mayors Fax Advisory, Re: 4th Annual Everything New Jersey: Business Statewide Conference and Expo - Informational

9.16 NJLM Membership Fax Advisory, Re: Workshop – Labor Negotiations - Informational
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HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

DISCUSSION

Local Government Best Practices Checklist – per communication 08-35

Mayor Fosdick and the Commissioners, along with the Attorney, Police Captain, DPW Superintendent, and the Clerk, reviewed and discussed each item on the Best Practices Checklist. The Risk manager and Auditor are also being consulted.

Mr. Betesh will draft a policy reflecting the standard practice of the three unexcused absences from a board may result in termination on that board.

Mayor Fosdick asked Mrs. Fehre to follow through with all boards and Commissions regarding oaths of office.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd reported: If the Village Pool had 25 more members, it would break even. She shared the analysis from the Auditor. Perhaps the Village can open membership to all towns.

Mayor Fosdick added that whatever is done will be with the input of the community and Pool Commission.

The 2009 Homestead Rebate Applications indicate that rebates will apply to second quarter taxes, which would involve reissuing certain tax bills, it should apply to the third quarter taxes. There will be a pie eating contest at 2:30 during the Street Fair. All Commissioners are involved. There may be further litigation regarding cell towers in the Village.

Commissioner MacNeill suggested a new cell tower ordinance be drafted. Mr. Betesh will look into a cell tower and antenna ordinance. Mrs. Fehre will forward Ordinances adopted by Englewood Cliffs to Mr. Betesh.

There will be a resolution on the agenda for September 14, 2010 approving a new payroll company.

Commissioner Poli reported: He is working with the health insurance representative regarding a possible switch to Aetna which will save the Village \$60,000.00 and still comply with the labor agreements. The eyeglass plan is doing well; so far it has cost 30% of the previous plan probably be up to 50% by the end of the year because employees may rush to eye exams before the year is out.

Commissioner MacNeill reported: The Basketball and Volleyball court is almost complete. The Athletic Director for the High School is being charged for fields at Overpeck Park because of lights. He also noted that the high school is being bumped by the County regarding field use.

Commissioner Anlian reported: No report

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Mayor Fosdick reported: The Masons and The Knights of Columbus will play a ball game on October 10, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. It is the 100th Anniversary of the Passaic Lodge and of the Hook and Ladder No. 2. The Fire Department will have a September 11th remembrance on Saturday 8:30 a.m. The County will have a memorial at Overpeck Park on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. He will not be at the next Caucus Meeting. He asked the Commissioners when they wanted to address the request by 7/11 for extended work hours.

The Commissioners reached unanimous consensus to look into the extended hours in the business district.

Police Captain – School opened, the High School times have changed. Teaneck Road is marked out for handicap ramps by Bergen County. For the Street Fair; Main Street will be closed from Webster to Cedar with barricades. There may be an issue with the IGA Supermarket regarding the closing of Main Street. The Police will bring in Crossing Guards for Street Fair. Next Tuesday there will be two police promotions at the Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Boyd suggested a meeting of DPW and all emergency personnel for the beginning of October.

Interim Village Clerk – There will be a resolution on the agenda at the next meeting to renew membership in the Joint Insurance Fund. The link for the Village Code is now on the website. Assemblywoman Valerie Huttie responded to the resolution passed by the Commissioners; she introduced new legislation to study Kyliet's Law for six months and then see where changes need to be made.

Superintendent of DPW – No Report

Village Attorney – Mr. Betesh asked the Commissioners when they would like to study the limo ordinances. It was agreed that perhaps there will be time at the next meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill the public portion of the meeting recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7) Contracts for Professional Legal Services

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:35 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

On a public motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Commissioners returned to open session. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian_____

Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd_____

Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli_____

Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill_____

Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick_____

Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk