

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
January 20, 2011
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 29, 2010 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioner Anlian arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Police Chief Edward Rose, Police Captain John DiNiro, Police Lt. Daniel Hippe, Gene McIntyre, Project Manager, and Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of January 6, 2011 and the Closed Session Minutes of January 6, 2011.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 2011.11 Authorize Amendments to Bid Documents for RFP entitled:
Challenger Road Redevelopment Area
- 2011.12 Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement , 23 Brewster Avenue
- 2011.13 Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement, Rialto Plaza

The Board of Commissioners discussed the due date for the RFP regarding the development of four parcels on the Challenger Road Development Area and agreed to amend the due date for proposals to May 3, 2011.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve Resolution 2011-11 as amended.

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

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, to approve Resolutions 2011-12 and 2011-13.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Lt. Daniel Hippe gave a power point presentation outlining the entire accreditation process that the Police Department is undertaking. He gave examples of the standards necessary in order to obtain accreditation. It is a rigorous process which requires a tremendous commitment by the Police Department. There are many areas which would

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be improved such as the procedure of working with a witness to identify a criminal, all policies being reviewed and updated, renovated evidence room with a new evidence procedure, written directives, and the general operation of the department. Once the accreditation is achieved it is constantly monitored and updated ensuring that the department continues to maintain and improve their standards. So far the funding for the project has been provided through confiscated funds. Lt. Hippe is heading the project and reports to the Chief. There are weekly meetings which may increase to twice per week. It is anticipated that there will be a reduction in liability lawsuits and a reduction in the insurance premium.

Commissioner Anlian stated that he was impressed and convinced this will make the department better. Mayor Fosdick commented that with accreditation we are one step further with what we think is an improvement that will be here after we are gone.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE:

The Commissioners viewed the DVD provided by Boswell Engineering showing a mock up of the Pedestrian Bridge for Overpeck Park.

CORRESPONDENCE

01-14 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Federal Issues, Community Development Block Grant Funding Threatened and New Law Requires Federal Agencies to Pay Local Storm Water Fees – Informational Mrs. Fehre will call Mr. Stefanile re: federal government paying local storm water pollution fees

1.15 Bergen County Prosecutor – Bergen County Consolidation Grant – Bogota participating

1.16 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Websites Provide Vital Recycling Information - Informational

1.17 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New Transportation Funding Plan - Informational

1.18 NJLM Membership Advisory – Seminar re: Interest Arbitration Reform and 2% Cap

1.19 NJLM Mayors Advisory – 2010 Census Products and Release Schedule - Informational

1.20 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Atlantic County Mandates - Informational

1.21 NJLM Article - Overcrowded Housing – Stop Renters From Risking Lives – copy Building Department (done)

1.22 Boswell Engineering – Improvements to Veterans Park Estimate No. 5 Mrs. Fehre will check with Mr. O’Grady that all is in order

1.23 Senator Robert Gordon – Open Forum with Lori Grifa, Commissioner NJDCA - Informational

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- 1.24 NJLM Mayors Advisory – State of the State Address - Informational
- 1.25 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Legislative Recap - Informational
- 1.26 NJLM Mayors Advisory – S1 (COAH Reform Bill) Goes to Governor – needs clarification
- 1.27 Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLC – December 31, 2010 Annual Audit – coming soon
- 1.28 NJLM Membership Advisory – Joint Seminar with NJ School Boards re: 2% Cap – Informational
- 1.29 DCA – Revised Quote & Bid Thresholds for Units Without Qualified Purchasing Agents – Informational Commissioner Boyd looking into a QPA for Ridgefield Park
- 1.30 Troop 3 Boy Scouts – Announcement of New Eagle Scout – mark your calendars
- 1.31 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Local Finance Notices re: bid Dates and Budget Deadlines - Informational
- 1.32 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Preliminary Damage Assessment Recent Storms - Done
- 1.33 NJDEP – Notice of Rule Proposal
- 1.34 DCA – Corrected Local Finance Notice 2011-1 Limits on Bid Acceptance Dates
- 1.35 DCA – GovConnect Update January 18, 2011 - Informational
- 1.36 Alampi & DeMarrais – Ridgefield Park Zoning Board adv. MetroPCS – Closed Session
- 1.37 Boswell Engineering – Veterans Park All Sports Field Bid Authorization – Consensus: yes, put on agenda for January 25, 2011
- 1.38 NJLM – 19th Annual Mayors’ Legislative Day – taken care of

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

CLOSED SESSION:

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) litigation Ridgefield Park adv. MetroPCS

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

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The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:20 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd reported that the Rescue Squad had to repair a flux capacitor for \$8,800.00. She also inquired if the Village was receiving all of the occupancy tax due from the hotels in the Village.

Commissioner Poli reported that the Joint Insurance Fund is organizing an EMT training program due to the State of New Jersey rescinding the funding for the training.

Commissioner MacNeill No report

Commissioner Anlian reported that the Labor Attorney who spoke at the League Conference will be meeting with the Commissioners next Tuesday regarding Police Negotiations.

Mayor Fosdick reported that money donated to the Library should not have to be forwarded to the municipality as surplus at the end of each budget year. Dr. Shaker requested a meeting with him; however it would not be appropriate. He would like to have the Read Across America Proclamation on the agenda for January 25, 2011.

Police Chief Rose reported that he had reviewed the law concerning the town's obligation regarding snow removal for handicap spaces in front of residential homes. DPW will plow the space, but are not required to shovel access to the space.

Village Attorney Philip Boggia asked about the status of the funds for the Nature Preserve. Commissioner Anlian responded that the Annual Debt Statement needs to be completed. The funding is currently scheduled for introduction on February 8, 2011.

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:42 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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Commissioner _____

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk
Approved 02/17/2011