

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
February 17, 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 (7:15), Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Edward Rose, Police Chief, Joseph Iannaconi, CFO, Gene McIntyre, Project Manager, and Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of January 20, 2011.

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

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of February 3, 2011.

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

Mr. McIntyre inquired about the status of the Request for Proposals for the four parcels of land on Challenger Boulevard. Mrs. Fehre stated that two more companies have picked up the RFP specifications. Mayor Fosdick shared his impressions regarding a round table discussion he attended. Developers are frustrated with municipal procedures regarding applications for development. Most developers are not building office buildings. They are building mostly high end housing.

Mr. McIntyre left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

2011 BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the budget expenditures of 2010 line by line for each department in the Village. During the review of each department; suggested preliminary amounts for the 2011 budget were discussed. The suggested amounts will be entered into the budget program in order to ascertain where the Village stands relative to the 2% cap. Items outside the budget cap exceed \$600,000.00. Mandates, such as the new frequency requirements for Police and Fire radios due in 2013, present budgetary issues for all municipalities.

CORRESPONDENCE

2.16 NJLM Mayors Advisory – changes in DLGS website - Informational

- 2.17 NJLM Mayors Advisory – 2010 Census Information- Informational
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- 2.18 US Census Bureau – 2010 Census Population Totals- Informational
- 2.19 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Revisions to Open Public Meetings Act – prevents discussion by public and delays conducting of business
- 2.20 NJLM Mayors Advisory – A-3766 Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act amended- Informational
- 2.21 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Conditional Veto of Civil Service Reform- Informational
- 2.22 DCA – DLGS Budget and Policy Training Seminars- Informational
- 2.23 NJLM Membership Advisory – Executive Leadership Training for Mayors and Council Presidents- Informational
- 2.24 DCA – Interest Arbitration – Second date added for Seminar- Informational
- 2.25 US Census Bureau – Interactive Map Showing Local 2010 Census Data- Informational
- 2.26 Lawrence Stefanile – Storm Water Fees – Mr. Stefanile is looking into this
- 2.27 Boswell Engineering – Sanitary Sewer Collapse – Emergency Repair Work – \$30,000.00
- 2.28 Langan Engineering – Application for Flood Hazard Area Permit in Little Ferry- Informational
- 2.29 Lawrence Stefanile – GPRS System – Should be received soon
- 2.30 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Internet Advertising and Redistricting Data now available – Bill re: posting on website of legal notices and ordinances is pending action
- 2.31 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Federal Update – League Task Force to Fight Funding Cuts- Informational
- 2.32 State of New Jersey – DOT Fiscal Year 2011 Safe Streets to Transit Program – Not being received by Ridgefield Park this year
- 2.33 NJLM Mayors Advisory – State Government and Your Local Property Taxes- Informational
- 2.34 NJLM – Women in Municipal Government Conference March 11, 2011- Informational
- 2.35 NJLM Membership Advisory – Seminar on Ethics and Conflicts of Interest- Informational
- 2.36 William Betesh, Esq. – Cerberus Consulting Corporation – Consensus reached to put resolution on February 22, 2000 agenda
- 2.37 State of New Jersey, Green Acres – Nature Preserve – Mayor signed PAR form
- 2.38 FEMA – Briefing Schedule Disaster Assistance – Mrs. Fehre to share with Mr. Hansen

2.39 GJEM/SBMJIF – Liability Claim Reporting Procedures- Informational

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2.40 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Employee Health Insurance Contributions – Inform employees

2.41 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Clean Energy Program – Commissioner MacNeill meeting with contractor, Lime Energy

2.42 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act – New correspondence hold for next caucus meeting

2.43 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Permits for Solar and Wind Facilities - New correspondence hold for next caucus meeting

2.44 William Betesh, Esq. – 60-62 Bergen Turnpike, LLC – Discussed and Board of Commissioners reached consensus to authorize preparation of Appraisal Report

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd reported that a new purchase order system will be put in place beginning with the Police Department. The system connects the Police Department purchase order program directly with the Chief Financial Officer. This will expedite the process. The program may be expanded to other departments at a later date.

Commissioner Poli: No Report

Commissioner MacNeill: No Report

Commissioner Anlian inquired as to the status of hiring a Qualified Purchasing Agent. Commissioner Boyd responded that she is looking into hiring someone part time. He then asked the Commissioners if they would like to retain the services Mr. Giacobbe as Special Labor Counsel for police negotiations. The Commissioners reached consensus to put a resolution on the February 22, 2011 agenda regarding retaining Mr. Giacobbe's professional services.

Mayor Fosdick announced that Donna McEntee would be interested in being one of the representatives to Bergen County Community Development Council. He received calls regarding the no parking for snow emergency. One caller stated that the towing company charged a 2% fuel surcharge. This is against the Village ordinance and may not be charged. Doug Hansen has the forms to be completed for the Village to receive 75% reimbursement for December snow storms. He then shared some information from the meeting with the NJDOT regarding the Route 46 Bridge over the Hackensack River. There is a new law to retro fit diesel vehicles. He asked if the Commissioners would like to meet with Wayne King of Crown Carting regarding his application for a transfer station before the Bergen County Utility Authority. He asked if anyone has heard back from Bob Kilmurray regarding his summer recreation program proposal. None have heard from him. He reminded the Commissioners that the gym floor at the High School will be dedicated to John Richardson on February 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Interim Village Clerk Deborah Fehre asked if the Commissioners would like a resolution on the next agenda regarding Chief Rose's proposal for a new salary scale for police dispatchers. Consensus was reached to place a resolution on the February 22, 2011
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agenda. The Bond for additional funds for the Nature Preserve is scheduled for March 3, 2011 introduction. PERMA has asked for two Village representatives regarding liability claim reporting. Consensus was reached that Mrs. Fehre and Commissioner Poli be the representatives.

Police Chief Edward Rose stated that they were very appreciative of United Rentals who loaned the police department the solar powered sign board for the snow emergency parking ban.

Village Attorney Philip Boggia: No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

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 03/03/2011