

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
April 7, 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 Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Edward Rose, Police Chief, Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent, Gene McIntyre, Project Manager, and Tara O'Grady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of March 22, 2011.

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

Mr. McIntyre reported that nothing was new. He left the meeting at 7:02 pm.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Christopher Onorato – Supt. of Schools

Mr. Onorato shared with Commissioners that he has worked in Ridgefield Park for 10 years and is extremely grateful for the relationship that he and the Board of Education has with the council.

In 2009-2010, \$716,000 was cut from state aid mid-year. In 2010-2011, was told to expect a decrease of 5% which resulted in \$1,500,000.

For 2011-2012, Mr. Onorato stated the all NJEA members are taking a freeze in salary. The summer school program for approximately 350 students will be restored and all current classrooms as well as all extra curricular and interscholastic activities will remain. The Board of Education is asking for a 1.75% increase in the average assessment which is approximately \$105 per homeowner which is less than half of the amount from last year. He also stated that Ridgefield Park is rated as having an "under adequacy budget" and not sure how this will be handled in the future.

Mayor Fosdick stated that our children have to be competitive and exemplified the AP Biology Debate team.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution

2011-50 Authorize Lien Redemption

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve Resolution 2011-50.

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

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed and deemed informational:

- 3.40 RP 4th of July Committee - Donations
- 3.41 DCA – NJ Government Technology: Spring Events
- 3.42 1st Priority Emergency Vehicles – Performance Bond
- 3.43 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New Content on DLGS site
- 3.44 NJLM Mayors Advisory – S-2664 Market Competition Consumer Choice Act
- 3.45 NJLM Membership Advisory – League Professional Development Seminar
- 3.46 Dr. G. Ryan – Bergen Community College – Bill Baroni
- 3.47 Community Resource Council – Health Fair
- 3.48 Barbara DeLuca – CTM Trust Fund Monitoring
- 3.49 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Pothole Assistance from DOT
- 3.50 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Free Public Library dedicated line item
- 3.51 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Health Benefits Reform
- 3.52 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Resolution #282-11 World Autism Awareness Day
- 3.53 NJLM Mayors Advisory – 2012 Proposed Transportation Capital Plan
- 3.54 Robert Abbatomarco – 2010 Trust Fund Municipal Program – Southeast Regional Subcommittee Meeting
- 3.55 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Municipal Immunity to Tort Claims
- 3.56 SNJ-DEP – Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank
- 3.57 Kathleen A. Donovan – Senior Wellness Fair
- 3.58 BCUA – 2011 Mobile On-Site Document Shred Program
- 3.59 NJ Transit – United We Ride
- 3.60 City of Hackensack – Resolution - Spread the Word to End the Word Day
- 3.61 Boswell Engineering – Freshwater Wetlands General Permit for Bellman’s Creek
- 3.62 Bergen County Soil Conservation District – Veterans Park All Sports Field
- 3.63 NJLM Mayors Advisory – State Tax and Revenue Outlook
- 3.64 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Collaborating on Real Solutions to the 2% Cap

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- 3.65 NJLM Mayors Advisory – State Treasurer Testifies
- 3.66 American Cancer Society – Relay for Life
- 3.40 2011 Curtain Up – Events at Bergen Community College
- 4.1 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Community Development Block Grant Fate
- 4.2 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Supreme Court to Hear League’s COAH Appeal
- 4.3 Edward Rose – COPS Grant
- 4.4 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Early Retiree Reinsurance Program Closing
- 4.5 Atlantic Environmental Solutions – 185 Industrial Avenue
- 4.6 Alampi & DeMarrais – Ashraf Shaker – Variance Application – 54 Mt. Vernon
- 4.7 SNJ – Governor Christie – Fiscal year 2012 Budget
- 4.8 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Public Image Works Series

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present.

DISCUSSION:

Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 197, Section 6 “Parking prohibited at all times”

Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 197, Section 7 “Parking prohibited during certain hours and days on certain streets”

DPW Superintendent Alan O’Grady and Police Chief Edward Rose stated that both the DPW and the Police Department are on board.

Mayor Fosdick announced that ordinances will be introduced on April 12, 2011

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd reported that the public hearing for the budget is April 12, 2011.

Commissioner Poli: No Report.

Commissioner MacNeill reported that there are questions on attorney bills. Land use suits do not get covered by JIF.

Mayor Fosdick reported that the budget will be voted on if there are no problems and would like a representative from the auditor’s office to be in attendance. Police Promotions are Tuesday, April 12 – Lt. Ehalt & Sgt. Sgroi. Ridgefield Park is now in District 36-invited Sen. Sarlo and Reps. Share & Ryan to attend a meeting to meet all Commissioners. The school Arts Festival is Friday, April 8 at 6 PM at the High School. Little League parade is Saturday, April 9 at 11 AM. Athletic Hall of Fame Beefsteak is Friday, April 29 – K of C at 7 PM. Arbor Day is Saturday, April 30. Relay for Life is Friday, May 6. Earth Day is Saturday, May 7.

He will suggest to the County of a bus stop in the County Park instead of the 167Q bus pulling into the Agfa parking lot and backing out into Challenger Road.

Invite the Elks Club to a Caucus Meeting to discuss parking issues.

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Clerk's Office: No Report

DPW Superintendent Alan O'Grady: There is a Port Authority meeting on Tuesday, April 12 regarding the geese problem. No cost to the Village for geese removal.

Police Chief Edward Rose: Old cameras have been removed from Police Cars. Bogota wants them and Mayor Fosdick recommends giving them to Bogota. New lap tops and cameras are in the police cars. Problem with transfer of liquor license for MK Valencia – if proper documents are not submitted soon, will advise to close investigation. Handicapped Parking spaces being reduced from 12 to 7 around town. Officer Lyons will be returning to RP soon. Phone system should be updated since it is 14 years old. There will be a reduction in phone bills for Police Department.

Joseph Voytus, Esq.: No. Report

CLOSED SESSION:

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, 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 (4,7) Police Negotiations, Ridgefield Park v. Shaker and Anticipated Litigation

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:10 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Commissioner _____

Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Assistant to the Clerk
Approved 04/21/2011