

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
August 4, 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.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., John DiNiro, Police Captain, Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent, Gene McIntyre, Project Manager, Dieter Lerch, Auditor, (7:35) and Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of July 21, 2011

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

**BOND ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:**

Ordinance 2011-07

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$380,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner Boyd moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Poli. So ordered. Commissioner Boyd read the ordinance by title on second reading. The Mayor then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

After ample opportunity was given, no interested parties commented on the ordinance.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Poli and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 07-33 Senator Weinberg – NJDCA has Prescription Drug Price Comparison Website – include in Village Newsletter
- 07-34 Mr. Onorato, School Superintendent – Thank you for use of Village Pool
- 07-35 NJDEP – Veterans Park, Overpeck Avenue, Ridgefield Park – Commissioner MacNeill stated that they are moving on to the next step, the effected area must be delineated.
- 07-36 NJDEP – NJ Turnpike Authority Parcels R543x and R534x-3 – Ridgefield Park never purchased this property, Philip Boggia will respond on behalf of the Village
- 07-37 Patrick Turek - file
- 07-38 Holy Name Hospital – Increase in Stipend as of July 1, 2011 – Commissioner Boyd asked if a new contract will have to be executed
- 07-39 Jersey Professional management – Proposal to coordinate and analyze PBA Contracts - Informational
- 07-40 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Pie Chart Template for Allocation of Property Tax Funds – Informational
- 07-41 NJLM – Seminar New Pensions and Health Benefits Law – Informational
- 07-42 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Seminar Open Public Records Act – Informational
- 07-43 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Certification of “State Aid” Link Correction – Informational
- 07-44 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Corrected Information re: Senior Freeze Reimbursements – Informational
- 07-45 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Pensions and Health Benefits Update – Informational
- 07-46 PERMA – Questions & Answers to Assist HIF Members re: Implementation of New Law – hold information in file for each department’s use.
- 07-47 Volunteer Center of BC – Proclamation re: September 11, 2001 National Day of Service and Remembrance – present proclamation at meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2011
- 07-48 NJLM Membership Advisory – New Date Added re: Seminar Pensions and Health Benefits Law – Informational
- 07-49 Governor Chris Christie – Reforms for Pensions and Benefits – Informational
- 07-50 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Guidance re: Pensions and Health Benefits Law – Informational
- 07-51 Ms. Fitzpatrick, Clerk’s Office – Memo re: Korean American Association of NJ Thanksgiving Festival in Overpeck Park – Mrs. Fehre will ask Mr. Hansen the Fire Marshall to contact the association.

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- 07-52 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Village Records Storage and/or Destruction – Consensus Denger file no longer needed, other files will be reviewed
- 07-53 NJDOT – Municipal Aid, Bikeway, and Safe Streets to Transit Program – Alan O’Grady will submit for grant money regarding sidewalk on Emerson Street and other streets for paving
- 07-54 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Supreme Court Decision on Civil Service “Rule of Three” – Informational
- 07-55 NJLM Washington Watch – Property Assessed Clean Energy Legislation Introduced – Informational
- 07-56 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Law Requiring Employees to Live In-State Takes Effect 9/1 – law restricts hiring employees from out of state
- 07-57 Record Newspaper Article – Star Candle Company – company may move out of state
- 07-58 BC Planning & Economic Development – Applications Available for 2011 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Municipal Park Improvement Program - applications forwarded to Alan O’Grady and Lawrence Stefanile
- 07-59 NJLM Membership Advisory – S-2950/A-4128 Allows for Modifications to Land Use Approvals Because of Changed Economics – forwarded to all applicable departments
- 07-60 NJLM – League Conference Registration Information – Informational
- 08-01 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Civil Service Commission “Rule of Three” Court Decision – Informational
- 08-02 NJDEP – Recycling Tonnage Grants 2011 – Informational
- 08-03 NJLM Membership Advisory – Seminar Governing with Less Yet Doing More – Informational
- 08-04 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Village of Ridgfield Park v. County of Bergen – closed session
- 08-05 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Village of Ridgfield Park v. County of Bergen – closed session

### CLOSED SESSION I:

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli 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) Village of Ridgfield Park v. County of Bergen

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:20 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:24 p.m.

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- 08-06 NJDEP – Links Re: New Jersey’s State Parks, Forests and Historic Sites – Informational
- 08-07 American Cancer Society – Kick-Of Breakfast August 10, 2011 – Informational
- 08-08 Volunteer Center of BC – Save The Date for Heart of Gold Gala – Informational

The following correspondence was added to the agenda:

- 08-09 Fred Rosen, Chairman RP Planning Board – Resolutions approved by Planning Board – Mrs. Fehre should contact Mr. Rosen and invite him to the next Caucus Meeting to discuss the recommendations and possible introductions of ordinances by the Board of Commissioners
- 08-10 DCA – GovConnect Update August 4, 2011 – Informational
- 08-11 MaryAnn Fahey – Property Maintenance Complaint – Commissioner MacNeill will look into it

### HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

Mr. O’Grady left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

### DISCUSSION

McNerney & Associates – Proposals Re: Development of Three Parcels on Challenger Road – closed session

Introductions of Mr. McNerney and Mr. Statham of McNerney & Associates were made.

### CLOSED SESSION II:

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli 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 (5) Evaluation of Land Lease Contract Negotiations Regarding Land Development of Three Parcels on Challenger Road

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:35 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:41 p.m.

Mr. Lerch, Mr. McNerney and Mr. Statham left the closed session at 8:24.

### DISCUSSION: continued

Best Practices Checklist - The Board of Commissioners reviewed and discussed all items on the CY 2011/SFY 2012 Best Practice Inventory Questionnaire. Mrs. Fehre will communicate the responses to the Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Iannaconi. Mr. Iannaconi will respond, Mrs. Fehre will submit certification.

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Pay to Play Ordinance – The Board of Commissioners reached consensus not to introduce the Pay to Play Ordinance citing the fact that they have never asked for political donations from any entity performing services for the Village.

**REPORTS**

**Commissioner Boyd** reported that other towns charge tennis instructors to use courts; they must register with the town, pay, and show proof of insurance.

**Commissioner Poli** reported that Garfield no longer has a volunteer ambulance corps, a paid service was hired.

**Commissioner MacNeill** reported on the status of the testing and possible remediation of the All Sports Field.

**Commissioner Anlian** No report

**Mayor Fosdick** reported that he does not plan to be at the November 22, 2011 meeting. September 29<sup>th</sup> will be the auction of the fire truck. Doug Hansen will be hosting five firefighters from France along with their families. He would like a resolution for them in September.

**Village Attorney Philip Boggia** reported that the Shaker trial concluded and he is waiting for a written summation from the Judge Perna.

**Captain DiNiro** reported that the Police Department conducted DWI checks on Rt. 46 which resulted in three DWI's, two drug arrests and one fugitive discovered. The event was paid for by the prosecutor's office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

/s/John H. Anlian  
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 August 18, 2011