

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 8, 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 (7:17), MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Absent: Commissioner Boyd

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Eugene McIntyre, Project Coordinator, Edward Rose, Police Chief, Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent, Tara O'Grady, Assistant to Clerk, and Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of November 17, 2011 and the Closed Session Meeting of November 17, 2011.

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

Absent: Commissioners Anlian and Boyd

NEW BUSINESS

2011-162	Authorize Refund Tax Overpayment
2011-163	Authorize Lien Redemptions and Refund of Premium
2011-164	Authorize Use of Village Property

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve Resolutions 2011-162 through 2011-164.

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

Absent: Commissioners Anlian and Boyd

Mayor Fosdick announced the receipt of three proposals received by the Clerk's office for the redevelopment on Challenger Road that day, December 8, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. The proposals received were from Avalon Bay Communities, Inc., Chase Partners, LLC and AST Development, and Sterling Properties Group, LLC.

Mayor Fosdick asked for a motion to authorize Mr. Boggia, Village Attorney and Mr. McIntyre, Project Coordinator to review the proposals with applicable experts and return to the Board of Commissioners after review is ready.

The motion was made by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill. The Mayor and Commissioners present were in favor.

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Commissioner MacNeill asked if the subject of hiring a Qualified Purchasing Agent could be discussed at the next meeting. Mayor Fosdick agreed to wait for Commissioner Boyd for the discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE

11-22 NJLM – Elected Officials Classes - Informational

11-23 Boswell Engineering – Recommendation of Award Main Street/Bergen Avenue – Awarded at last regular meeting.

11-24 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence Overpeck Park Pedestrian Bridge – closed session

CLOSED SESSION I:

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, 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) Village of Ridgefield Park v. County of Bergen

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:17 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

11-25 DCA – GovConnect Update November 21, 2011 - Informational

11-26 CliffviewPilot – Pending Legislation re: online legal publications - Informational

11-27 SBJIF – Joint Insurance Fund 2012 Budgets – Commissioner Poli stated that the increase is 2%

11-28 NJDCA – 2011-35 National Co-op Guidance - Informational

11-29 NJDCA – 2011-20R – Revised Keys to Pension & Health Benefit Reform - Informational

11-30 NJLM Mayors Advisory – New and Improved League Website - Informational

11-31 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Legislative Recap November 21, 2011 - Informational

11-32 NJLM Washington Watch – Impact of Joint Select Committee - Informational

11-33 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Updates regarding Local Finance Notices, hearing on Maintenance of Water Supply and Wastewater Utilities - Informational

11-34 NJDEP – New Jersey’s New Fertilizer Law - Informational

11-35 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Urban Waters Small Grants & 2012 Siemens Sustainable Community Awards - Informational

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- 11-36 ExxonMobil – Sale of Stores and Employee Separation – Exxon Station in Ridgefield Park is for sale
- 11-37 New Jersey Business Closing/Mass Layoff Notification Law - information included with correspondence 11-36
- 11-38 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Cable/Telecom Reform, 3% Federal IRS Withholding Repealer Enacted, DCA Commissioner Grifa resigns - Informational
- 11-39 Boswell Engineering – Veterans Park Project Status- Park looks good, school personnel are being trained for proper care of the field
- 11-40 NJDEP – Green Acres Funding Availability for 2012 – Mr. Stefanile received
- 11-41 William Betesh, Esq. – Park Court Inc. v. Ridgefield Park – agreed, resolution to be placed on next regular agenda
- 11-42 NJLM Membership Advisory – Orientation Elected Officials – Informational
- 11-43 Ernesto Perdomo – Maintenance of Village Trees – Mr. O’Grady reported that the tree was taken down today
- 11-44 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Cost Estimates in Bid Advertisements amendments to reasons to reject all bids – inhibits bid process
- 11-45 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Sustainable Jersey Webinars: Certification and Beyond – Mrs. Fehre was asked to get more information about this program
- 11-46 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Transitional Aid Restoration Bills Introduced – not applicable
- 11-47 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Guidance on New Laws Regarding National Contracts - Informational
- 11-48 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Senate Environment Committee considering new bills on December 1, 2011 – in discussion only
- 11-49 NJLM Mayors Advisory – NJDLGS issues additional Guidance on c. 78 Health Benefit Reforms – further clarification
- 11-50 NJLM Mayors Advisory – General Assembly voting on Various Bills Dec. 5, 2011 - Informational
- 11-51 NJLM Mayors Advisory – Conditional Veto of S-2220, Cap on Accumulated Sick Leave - Informational
- 11-52 NJLM Mayors Advisory – S-3119, Notification Requirements for Combined Sewer Overflows - Informational
- 12-01 NJLM – League Publications Available - Informational
- 12-02 BC Freeholders – Resolutions Approved and Ordinance Introduced - Informational
- 12-03 Lawrence Stefanile – Grant Management Memorandum of Understanding – agreed resolution to be placed on next regular agenda

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12-04 Philip Boggia, Esq. – Copy of Correspondence Pedestrian Bridge – Overpeck Park – closed session

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No public present

REPORTS

Commissioner Poli reported that pictures with Santa will be at the Rescue Squad building on December 17, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Last quarter safety meeting is coming up soon.

Commissioner MacNeill reported that the field is 99% complete. Green Acres sign is up.

Commissioner Anlian – No report

Mayor Fosdick reported that Christmas wreath night is tomorrow at the library. The Fire Department officers will be installed at next Tuesday's Commissioners Meeting. Village Hall Christmas party is December 21st. Star Candle meeting has been rescheduled by the State. We will have proclamation for two Eagle Scouts. He will not be at the January 5, 2011 caucus. The Village received a check from the Korean Produce Company for reimbursement of police overtime for their event. There were over 50 people in attendance at the Pearl Harbor Memorial. Letter was sent to the State Board of Education by the Ridgefield Park Board of Education objecting to the Charter school application. It will be too costly to the Village. The Village should support the school's letter.

Interim Village Clerk Deborah Fehre reported that the new computer system was being installed in the Clerk/Finance offices.

Police Chief Rose reported that the bags to cover parking meters, due to no parking fees for the holidays, will be delivered tomorrow.

DPW Superintendent Alan O'Grady reported that the funds for the new DPW street sweeper will come from the recycling account at no additional cost to the residents.

DISCUSSION

Board and Commission Appointments – the Mayor and Commissioners reviewed the appointments for the terms due on the various boards and commissions, resolutions for appointments will be placed on the next regular agenda.

Employee and Representative Appointments – the Mayor and Commissioners reviewed the annual appointment resolutions previously approved; resolutions will be placed on the next regular agenda to renew.

Board of Commissioner Meeting Dates 2012 – the Mayor and Commissioners reviewed the draft resolution for the annual meeting notice, adjustments for holidays were made. The revised annual meeting notice resolution will be on the next regular agenda.

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CLOSED SESSION II:

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian 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) Contract Negotiations Appraisal Services

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

Absent: Commissioner Boyd

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:30 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Commissioner

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/s/ Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk
Approved on December 22, 2011