

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
June 9, 2016
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 28, 2015 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: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DWPW Superintendent; Ed Rose, Chief of Police and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of May 19, 2016.

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

Abstain: Commissioners Anlian, MacNeill

DISCUSSION

Dennis Malone, owner of Rising Sun Academy, was in attendance. He has been a resident for 26 years and business owner in the Village for 12 years. He received notification from the Historic Preservation Commission that his LED sign is too close to his business’ front window. The Commission stated his sign should be 2 feet from the window. The letter stated he will receive a summons if he doesn’t comply. Mr. Malone stated, in his opinion, the guidelines of the Historic Preservation Commission are antiquated. There are a lot of vacant storefronts on Main Street and he is only trying to make an honest living.

Commissioner MacNeill advised the Historic Preservation Commission guidelines are being revisited. Under the advisement of Mayor Fosdick, the Historic Preservation Commission will ease up until the guidelines are settled.

Commissioner Anlian asked Mr. Malone if his customers are having more or less difficulties finding parking. The Commissioners’ goal was to provide ample parking for the business district.

Mr. Malone advised it seems nobody parks in the Cedar Street municipal lot.

At this time, Mr. Malone left the meeting.

The Board of Commissioners discussed the Mosaic Lodge proclamation draft. Mrs. O’Grady will have proclamation prepared for the June 14 Commissioners meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

2016-083 Authorize Auction of Village-Owned Vehicles at County of Bergen’s Vehicle and Equipment Auction

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Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, that Resolution 2016-083 be approved.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

05-22 Robert Esposito – Bergen County Community Development Workshop – Alan O’Grady advised he will attend the meeting

05-23 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update – Comm. Anlian stated Asw. Caride is our advocate. Boggia & Boggia will draft a resolution in support of S2254/A3821 and opposing to A3435

05-24 Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month - Informational

05-24 NJLM – Legislative Action - Informational

05-25 Jeanne Clayton – Ordinance Banning Sale of Dogs & Cats Bred in Inhumane Conditions - Informational

05-26 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update - Informational

05-27 R.P. Environmental Commission – Sustainable Jersey Green Team – Comm. Anlian stated efforts from all departments will be required.

05-28 Charter Communications – Time Warner Cable Agreements - Informational

05-29 FEMA – Intergovernmental Affairs Advisory - Informational

05-30 Bergen County Community Development – Appoint Representatives – Mrs. O’Grady will contact Rich LaTour and Rick Tecchio regarding appointments

05-31 Russ Papay, Civic Parade Chairman – Parade Info – Informational

05-32 R.P. Elk’s Lodge – Flag Day - Informational

05-33 County of Bergen – Housing Applications - Informational

05-34 NJLM – Mayor’s Newsline - Informational

05-35 Larry Stefanile – Little League Field Improvements - Informational

05-36 FEMA – NFIP Transformation Task Force Update - Informational

05-37 Adam Schneider, Kim & Bae, P.C. – 105 Challenger Road – June 14 closing date

05-38 NJBIZ – Morning Roundup - Informational

05-39 Rehabilitation Technology Programs - Informational

06-01 Grand Iftar in the Holy Month of Ramadan - Informational

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06-02 NJLM – Weekly Policy Update - Informational

06-03 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Resolution Recognizing Flag Day - Informational

06-04 RP Alumni Foundation – Thank you - Informational

06-05 Joseph Beltran, Energy in the Bank – Solar Projects – Informational

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd she is researching the new Abandoned/Rehabilitation Act. She is looking into a comprehensive ordinance to utilize old capital funds. The Main Street art gallery will be hosting an event on Saturday, June 11th. The RPJSHS civic class would like the Board of Commissioners to establish a COAH Committee. Commissioner Boyd also advised since TD Bank no longer has their penny arcade, the Village will need a coin sorter.

Commissioner Poli announced the results of the latest Loss Frequency Report

Commissioner MacNeill advised the Village may have to take the Highland Place house down. The Village took the garage roof off and cleaned up the garage on 2 Edison Street.

Mayor Fosdick advised he received correspondence regarding Pine Street's Annual Block Party for July 4th. A resolution should be prepared for the June 14th meeting. Last week he met with the new Interim Business Administrator and State Monitor for the Board of Education. He advised they expressed their appreciation for the tax money advancement. Mayor Fosdick advised he is meeting with Palermo's Bakery owner with regards to development of Spruce Street garages. The Personnel Policy should be discussed at the next Caucus meeting. Last Tuesday, 2 new police officers were sworn in. The Police promotions are William Morton – Sergeant, Brian Hippe – Lieutenant. The Captain interviewing process will take place soon. July 12th will be the public swearing in of the new officers and promotion ceremony. Mayor Fosdick advised he is drafting a new letter to NJ Transit.

Clerk O'Grady inquired about the 2016 Salary Ordinance. The Commissioners agreed to put the ordinance on for discussion for the next Caucus meeting. Mrs. O'Grady advised the catering permit application for the Cause and the Cure Music Festival is not the proper application per the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Mayor Fosdick advised that she and Chief Rose set up a meeting with the individuals to discuss the issues.

Superintendent O'Grady inquired if funds were in place for the road and Little League field projects. New street signs were put up on Railroad Avenue. 6'' signs are required by law.

Chief Rose advised striping will take place this summer.

Attorney Voytus advised he has met with Russo Developers. They would like to see the Matrix reports. He would like Ken Ochab to do a vacant land analysis and Associated Appraisal to do an appraisal on 100 Route 46 East – resolutions to be prepared for the June 14th meeting. Bob Benecke will contact Skymark on their progress.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:25 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/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on June 23, 2016