

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
March 19, 2009  
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 31, 2008 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL\*\*\*\*\*

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Executive Meeting of March 5, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Closed Meeting of February 24, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

NEW BUSINESS\*\*\*\*\*

None.

CORRESPONDENCE\*\*\*\*\*

03-24] Mayors Fax Advisory - Commercial Development Fee-Informational.

03-25] Mayors Fax Advisory - Governor Signs Law Officers Suspension Bill-Informational.

03-26] Mayors Fax Advisory - Age Restricted Housing Conversion Bill-Informational.

03-27] Job & Job - Subdivision Lot 13.03, Block 20.01-Informational.

03-28] NJ Council On Affordable Housing - Fair Share Plan-Lease terminated with Avalon Bay. COAH report will have to be corrected. Meeting scheduled for Thursday with Mr. Oshab for Spending Plan..

03-29] E-mail - State of NJ - Budget & Finance Update & User Friendly Budget Plan Review Seminar-Informational.

03-30] Hatch Mott MacDonald - NJDEP Needs Survey-CSO Long Term Costs-Okay..

03-31] Mayors Fax Advisory - Economic Recovery Website-Informational.

03-32] E-mail - State of NJ - 2009 Budget Deadline Extensions-Informational.

03-33] E-mail - NJ DOT - NJ Turnpike Bridge Inspection - Route 46-Informational.

03-34] Mayors Advisory - Governor's Budget Message-Informational.

- 03-35] Boswell Engineering - Draft - Turnpike Authority-Mayor Fosdick said there should be a special meeting to discuss Pedestrian Bridge and Turnpike Authority.
- 03-36] Mayors Fax Advisory - NJLM Educational Foundation - Housing Summit-Informational.
- 03-37] Mayors Fax Advisory - Support Our Troops-Informational.
- 03-38] Lerch, Vinci & Higgins - December '08 Annual Audit-Informational.
- 03-39] Mayors Fax Advisory - New Pension Deferral Bill-Informational.
- 03-40] Mayors Fax Advisory - 4% Tax Levy Cap-Informational..
- 03-41] Mayors Fax Advisory - Age Restricted Housing Conversion Bill-Informational.
- 03-42] Mayors Fax Advisory - Governor's Preliminary Budget Analysis-Informational.
- 03-43] Mayors Fax Advisory - Issue Alert-Informational.
- 03-44] Letter from Sheryl Giardina - Tree Lights on Main Street-Lights are off now..
- 03-45] NJ Department of Environmental Protection - Recycling Grant Program-Alan O'Grady reported \$20,000.00 in grants.
- 03-46] E-mail - 2010 State Aid Certifications Released-Informational..
- 03-47] Job & Job - Nature Preserve - Block 21.01, Lot 13.03-Informational.
- 03-48] NJ Legislature - Support For The Pedestrian Bridge Over NJ Turnpike-Hold.
- 03-49] Borough of Maywood - Resolution - Amend Current Binding Interest Arbitration Laws-Informational..
- 03-50] Borough of Little Ferry - Ordinances-Riverfront Development, COAH, and Municipal Housing Liaison-Informational..
- 03-51] Borough of Maywood - Resolution - Minimum 35 Years Until Joseph McGowan's Next Parole Date-Informational..
- 03-52] Time Warner Cable - Transaction - Ownership of Time Warner Cable, Inc-Informational..
- 03-53] Mayors Fax Advisory - Information From Division Of Local Government Services On Budgeting-Informational..
- 03-54] Mayor Fax Advisory - Sustainable Jersey Grants Funded by Wal-Mart-Informational.
- 03-55] Public Finance Alert-Earn CEU's-New Brunswick, NJ-Informational.

03-56] NJ League of Municipalities-Professional Development Seminars-Informational.

03-57] E-mail-GovConnect Update - March 16, 2009-Informational..

03-58] E-mail-COPS Hiring Recovery Program-Ridgefield Park is not eligible. Crime number in relation to population not high. Chief Lee said there are other grants.

Mr. McIntyre was in attendance.

Mr. Durkin said a meeting with Skymark will be held Tuesday, March 24 at 10:00 AM with Mayor Fosdick, Chief Lee, Fred Rosen and their attorney.

Mr. McIntyre left at 7:17 PM.

Dr. John Richardson was in attendance.

The 2009-2010 budget is at 4% cap with a 0/765 increase for a \$38.45 per year increase on an average home. The 5% State Aid increase is not in the budget and will go back to the tax payers. You can save one year to the next. Board is saving because we are not sending autistic children out of the district when they age out. Personal aides were hired at \$21 to \$22,000. Funds for emergency purposes are covered. He thanked the Commissioners for asking him to come and explain budget.

Dr. Richardson left at 7:40 PM.

Auditor Dieter Lerch was in attendance.

He stated school budget was good. County refunding bonds will result in a savings.

Town budget includes full payment of pension amounts for Police & Firemen and PERS.

He said we should not apply for State Aid because we will be denied. Since we are paying the full pension costs, the State will say we could have used half of those funds.

County will give credit for their portion of tax appeals we have refunded.

Commissioners agreed budget should be introduced on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> with the public hearing in May.

Commissioners went into Closed Session at 8:35 PM to discuss litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:40 PM.

Dieter Lerch left at 8:40 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)\*\*\*\*\*

03-59] Site Development Consulting - T-Mobile NJ-05-204/Ridgefield, NJ-Bill Betesh Will check with E. Ballard, Zoning Officer. Two members of Zoning will have to rescue themselves since they have apartments in building (Marlboro House). Bill Betesh is revising application. He will challenge the I 2 Zone.

Mr. Durkin asked if repeater for Police Department on Ryan Lonbardi will have interference from tower. Chief Lee will check.

03-60] NJ Department of Transportation - Municipal Aid-Bikeway, Centers of Place, Transit Village and Safe Streets to Transit Programs-Copy to L. Stefanile..

03-61] Mayors Fax Advisory - Pension Deferral Signed-Informational.

03-62] Mayors Fax Advisory - False Claims Acts Amendments Threaten Local Governments-Informational.

03-63] Mayors Fax Advisory - COPS Hiring Recovery Program-Informational..

03-64] Mayors Fax Advisory - Legislative Recap-Informational.

03-65] Mayors Fax Advisory - Governor Welcomes Budget Comments-Informational.

03-66] E-mail - Housing Summit March 31<sup>st</sup> - Informational.

03-67] Borough of Little Ferry - Housing Element & Fair Share Plan - Informational.

03-67A Bergen County Environmental Council - Invitation - Informational.

#### REPORTS\*\*\*\*\*

Commissioner Boyd - No report.

Commissioner Poli reported:

Memo was received from Sgt. Maglione regarding an ordinance for parking spots at Brewster Park. Bill Betesh will review ordinance for introduction at Tuesday's meeting.

Commissioner MacNeill - No report.

Commissioner Anlian - No report.

Mayor Fosdick reported:

1. Rotary - Pasta Dinner at St. Francis.
2. Saturday, April 4 - Hot Dog Police Comedy Night.
3. Art Festival - April 17.
4. Baseball Opening Day - April 18.
5. May 2 - Arbor Day - Dedication of tree in honor of Robert Dobias.
6. May 9 - Rotary Soap Box Derby  
Eagle Scout Award  
Autism - Fund raiser
7. May 16 - Earth Day
8. Pitcairn/Skymark meeting Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> .
9. Letter from Hilton Gardens asking for names of people to attend official opening. Copies of list will be forwarded to Commissioners and Mr. Durkin.
10. 9-1-1 Consolidation meeting 25<sup>th</sup>. Chief Lee will attend and Tact Officer will attend in the afternoon.
11. Dean Boorman will be called.

12. Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> a public hearing was held in Leonia to discuss Overpeck Park. They are concerned about road through park. Our Police Department knows road will not be used as a short cut. Chief Lee will contact Leonia's Police Chief. Senator Weinberg gave perspective on issue of pedestrian bridge. County wants a joint public meeting with Teaneck, Leonia and Ridgefield Park.

Sarah Warlikowski, Village Clerk:

1. Resolution will be prepared for Frank Romano memorial.
2. Webmaster, Steve Orovitz requested a meeting with the Commissioners. He will be asked to attend Executive meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Alan O'Grady reported:

Three projects with grants:

1. DOT - Paving of Main to North Avenue - \$175,000.00
2. Open Space - Basketball Court - \$77,500.00.
3. Community Development - Paving Orchard Street - \$100,000.00.

Chief Lee - No report.

Martin T. Durkin reported:

1. United Rentals owes Boswell \$39,000.00 in engineering fees.
2. Trying to locate the deed for property on Bergen Turnpike that Village is selling.

RECESS\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to recess the meeting to go into Closed Session to discuss litigation at 9:15 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

s/ John H. Anlian  
Commissioner

s/ Margaret R. Boyd  
Commissioner

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

s/ Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

s/ George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

s/ Sarah Warlikowski  
Village Clerk