

CAUCUS MEETING-OCTOBER 17, 2002, 7:30 P.M.

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, the Jersey Journal and the Newark Star Ledger on the 27th day of December 2001 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioner Davis was absent.

Mr. Ken Kerr of the VFW was present to discuss the Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor observances. The usual ceremonies will be held on Monday, November 11th at 11:00 am at the monument for Veterans Day and Saturday, December 7th at 11:00 am at the monument for Pearl Harbor. Dates will be forwarded to channel 10 for Community News.

Mr. Kerr left at 7:40 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that the minutes of [October 3, 2002](#) be approved. On roll call Commissioner Anlian, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner D'Auria abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

10-05] Dept. of Environmental Protection – Draft Permit Comments-Air Pollution Control – Pfister chemical was sold to a developer.

10-06] Bergen County Prosecutor-Municipal Prosecutors-An alternate prosecutor will be appointed.

10-07] St. Francis church – Thank You – File

10-08] Board of Chosen Freeholders-Bond Ordinance Multi-County Regional Rail - File

10-09] Bergen Risk-Sewer Back-up damages – File

10-10] PSE&G Proposed Increase in BGSS Commodity Charges-File

10-11] Draft of Letter to Mr. Kalafer-re: Ballpark – Commissioners approved draft of letter to Mr. Kalafer.

10-12] Time Warner Cable & the Bergen News/Sun Bulletin Team Up-Food Drive-Informational

10-13] NJSLN-Membership Alert-Clean Communities – File

10-14] Hatch Mott MacDonald-Sanitary Sewer Use Approval-Route 46 & Ridgefield Avenue-File

10-15] Newspaper Article – NJ Tax Map – Informational

10-16] Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund Seminar – informational

10-17] Time Warner Cable-Community Ties-Back To School & Beyond – File

10-18] Dept. of Environmental Protection-NJ Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Combined Sewer Systems-Informational

10-19] Letter from Stanley Wynman-Parking Sticker-File

Mr. Dean Boorman arrived at 8:00 PM. Mr. Boorman was in attendance to discuss COAH status. New numbers will be released based on the 2000 Census. A plan should be in place when numbers are released. Mr. Boorman suggested a development fee ordinance. Mayor Fosdick stated Village has been fully developed. Builders want to build affordable housing and courts back them. Rent under \$500.00 makes a unit affordable. Ridgefield Park can qualify for a rehabilitation program. Low income one and two family owner occupied homes can have repairs made with state funds. A similar program was offered to Ridgefield Park citizens in 1992. Mr. Boorman will prepare an article for the Village Newsletter. Mr.Boorman left at 8:30 PM.

REPORTS*****

Commissioner Anlian – Report for Closed Session.

Commissioner D’Auria – No Report

Commissioner Storer – Report for Closed Session

Mayor Fosdick –

Memo from L. Stefanile – sewer maintenance charges for 2002-\$290,000; 2003 \$654,000.00 No grants or loans are available.

Letter received regarding DOT sound barriers. project is still under evaluation.

Emergency Road – meeting held with Mt. Vernon Realty. Road will be used for emergencies only, not as a trucking road. Easement will be rewritten.

Mayor took trip on new train. Railcar can be used on freight track.

Overpeck Park-nothing further

Green Acres – letter will be sent accepting valuation of \$160,000. Resolution will be prepared.

Bernice Baron is retiring from Nutrition Center.

Village Clerk – No Report

Chief Ahrlich –

People responsible for burglaries were apprehended in North Carolina.

Resolution for lease of police cars is needed.

Alan O’Grady –

Spill prevention for gas tanks needed for compliance with new regulations. Cost, PMK- \$4,500, Boswell - \$3,500.00

Martin T. Durkin –

While cleaning files, he found specs and plans for the pool and senior citizen housing. Meeting with Skymark regarding tax appeals. Mr. Rinaldi will do an appraisal. Library awarding bid to Pace Construction for \$431,000.00
Hartz – Follow up with arbitration procedure
Training classes for Employment Practices & Public Officials Liability Workshop should be attended by all Department Heads.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer that the meeting close at 9:10 PM to go into Closed Session to discuss DPW and police negotiations and personnel matters. Minutes will be available when contracts are signed. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, D’Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Meeting reconvened at 10:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer that the meeting adjourn at 10:00 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, D’Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".