

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 7, 2017
7:45 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 22, 2016 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Village Attorney and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Caucus Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of November 28, 2017.

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

DISCUSSION

Mark Olson, Green Team, was in attendance to discuss the Village’s recent certification of Sustainable Jersey Bronze Level. The Green Team would like to move forward and strive for Silver Level. Key ideas are teaming up with the Borough of Bogota and St. Frances to sponsor a farmers market, recycling batteries, charging stations and designating a cultural arts district. Charging stations may require changes to the existing zoning laws. The Village can receive points for things that have been done for years; it’s just a matter of documentation.

At this time, Mr. Olson left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution:

2017-154 Authorize Grant Application with Bergen County Community Development – Poplar Street Improvements

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Kohles that Resolution 2017-154 be approved.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

12-01 RP Fire Chiefs – Ordinance Revisions – The Fire Department would like to adopt FEMA reimbursement costs. Boggia & Boggia will review and draft revisions.

12-02 James Tedesco, County Executive – Holiday Project 2017 - Informational

12-03 Mott MacDonald – Elm Street – Elm Street Sewer Rehabilitation will be a bonded project. Resolution to be prepared for Tues, Dec. 12th meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE – cont.

12-04 Bob Benecke – Holiday Party - Informational

12-05 PBA Local 86 – VFW – Rob DiStasi, PBA Local 86 President, was in attendance to discuss the possibility of the PBA using the VFW building for meetings and a place to call their own. The PBA would cover all construction costs and utility bills. Mayor Fosdick advised the building is in bad shape and is in a flood zone. The Mayor also stated the Village may at some point need the property for the Combined Sewer System issues. Commissioner MacNeill stated he is not sure if the building is condemnable but would like to have it used with the understating that the Village might need the property. Mayor Fosdick advised to have the Building Department inspect the building.

At this time, Ptl. DiStasi left the meeting.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No one from the public was present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Kohles stated she will be taking the Newly Elected Officials Seminar in January. The Rescue Squad held their annual election and 2018 will have the same officers. Bob Lee inquired about utilizing the Civic Center, once it is renovated, for the Special Needs Children Program. The Commissioners advised he should come to a meeting to discuss.

Commissioner Poli advised Amanda Thomas was elected as the new Chief for the Ambulance Corps. Installation will be December 26th.

Commissioner MacNeill advised all to think of new revenue streams. He suggested a sewer tax for excessive use.

Commissioner Anlian discussed the website changes. Residents can receive a text message, email advising updates on events. The DPW will be delivering the newsletter with their recycling calendar.

Mayor Fosdick reminded all the Fire Department installation will be held on December 12th. He advised he received a call regarding the toys for tots drive. Commissioner Anlian advised last year they were told by Mrs. Schulien that 2016 was her last year.

Clerk O’Grady advised the Holiday Luncheon has been rescheduled on Monday, Dec. 18th instead of Tuesday, Dec. 19th.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2017-155 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, 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, 8) Contract Negotiations, Development of Meadowlands

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 9:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner Kohles

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on December 21, 2017