

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 21, 2017
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 22, 2016 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Kohles

Also present: Bill Betesh, Esq., Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent 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 December 7, 2017.

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

Absent: Commissioner Kohles

DISCUSSION

Lincoln Avenue Improvements

Commissioner MacNeill stated to repair Lincoln Avenue; the Village would have to bond. The Village received a \$165,000.00 Department of Transportation grant. Concrete repair would cost approx. \$299,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to bond for the concrete repair of Lincoln Avenue and the Elm Street Sewer Project.

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

Absent: Commissioner Kohles

2018 Re-Appointment Resolutions

Re-appointment resolutions are to be on the December 26, 2017 meeting for approval. A resolution appointing Doug Hansen as acting fire official needs to be added to the list.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Fosdick announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

Resolutions:

- 2017-163 Authorize Cancellation of Capital Improvement Fund Appropriation
- 2017-164 Authorize Grant Application with NJ Department of Transportation
- 2017-165 Authorize Agreement with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission for Health Services
- 2017-166 Authorize Negotiated Agreement with the Association of RPDPW Employees

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Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".
Absent: Commissioner Kohles

CORRESPONDENCE

12-06 Concord Energy Services – Bergen County Cooperative Pricing – Village will not participate

12-07 Michael Cerra, NJ League of Municipalities – S3129 & A2180 - Informational

12-08 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Ordinances - Informational

12-09 Vacancy De-Control Ordinance – Needs revisions

12-10 Holiday Card - Informational

12-11 Thank You – Wanda Canoe Club - Informational

12-12 NJLM – Weekly Update - Informational

12-13 Local Finance Notice – 2018 Budget Matters - Informational

12-14 Bergen County Kwanzaa Ceremony - Informational

12-15 Bergen County Soil Conservation District – Revitalization of Main Street – Mr. O’Grady will consult Boswell Engineering.

12-16 NJLM – Interest Arbitration Cap - Informational

12-17 Zoning Board – 295 Bergen Turnpike – Proposal of restaurant replaced with storage unit.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No one from the public was present.

REPORTS

Commissioner Poli received correspondence from TAANAC asking the FAA to revise the approach to Teterboro more towards Route 17 on clear days. Mayor Fosdick advised recent reports from Teterboro show no complaints made from Ridgefield Park.

Commissioner MacNeill advised the handicap elevator now works .Re-wiring costs were approx. \$2,000.00.

Mayor Fosdick asked Commissioner MacNeill to consult with the auditor on the firehouse mortgages. Allegro is not interested in the vacant Challenger Road parcel. The Mayor read the letter of resignation from Kathie Borkowski from the Planning Board.

Clerk O’Grady advised as per the employee handbook, Municipal Offices will close at noon on Friday.

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Superintendent O’Grady advised the Village received its new storm water permit. It is valid until 2022. Every time a catch basin is touched, documentation is needed for the DEP. The maintenance of the storm water system has been changed. The Village is now responsible to make sure private property storm water is maintained. All new construction must be compliant with storm water plans. Mr. O’Grady advised new gas pumps are needed since parts are obsolete. Cost is approx. 18,000.00. The 1994 sweeper needs repair. Approx. cost \$10,000.00. The cherry picker is 24 yrs. old, front loader is 37, salt spreader 20, and garbage truck 26 years old. The sweeper and cherry picker are basically needs.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2017-167 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Kohles

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:50 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

Abstain
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 January 4, 2018