

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
February 22, 2018  
7:00 PM**

Commissioner Anlian 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, 2017 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, Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent; Charles Gneiding, Police Captain and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the minutes of the Caucus and Closed Session Meetings of February 8, 2018.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

02-05 Board of Chosen Freeholders – Resolutions - Informational

02-06 Vacancy De-Control Ordinance – Ordinance Introduction at Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

02-07 Boswell Engineering – Lincoln Avenue Improvements – Comm. Anlian stated at the very minimum, should consider the 1<sup>st</sup> estimate. Comm. MacNeill stated Lincoln Avenue should be repaired with concrete. Mr. O’Grady advised the original estimate is to repair the black top patches only. The grant is for \$165,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to proceed on original estimate for the Lincoln Avenue Improvements in the amount of \$299,000.00

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

Commissioner Poli voted “NAY”.

02-08 NJLM – Weekly Update - Informational

02-09 James Tedesco, Bergen County Executive – 2018 Lunar New Year Celebration - Informational

02-10 Boswell Engineering – Little League Field – Comm. Kohles advised she has spoken with Mike Kelly, Boswell Eng. and the retainer will be withheld until final improvements are done in the spring.

02-11 NJLM – Weekly Update - Informational

02-12 J. Manfredi – Park Street Parking Lot – Some of the property is not the Village’s. The DPW does repair the pot holes. Mr. Boggia to research the town’s responsibility.

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02-13 Boggia & Boggia – 111 Bergen Turnpike – Mr. Boggia advised the Village is proceeding to acquire the property.

02-14 Boswell Engineering – 9-13 Lincoln Avenue - Informational

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Clare Rovito and Sharon O'Reilly, members of the Pool Commission were in attendance. They inquired what the Commissioners' vision of the pool is. Commissioner Anlian stated they are committed to the pool. Mayor Fosdick added they want the pool to succeed. Ms. Rovito stated the pool does not have a manager or assistant managers yet. The Commission's first choice has not responded to her email. Commissioner Kohles advised she should reach out to her again, if not successful; offer the position to their second choice. The pool manager should have a say who their assistant(s) should be. Ms. Rovito asked if the pool parking lot could be repaired. Commissioner MacNeill advised it would be impossible to do this year. Ms. O'Reilly is concerned about the baseballs that come over the fence during pool hours. Commissioner Kohles advised the DPW is in the process of changing the scheduling of the field times.

At this time, Ms. Rovito and Ms. O'Reilly left the meeting.

Bob Lee, All Schools Special Needs, was in attendance. Mr. Lee is interested in opening a facility for special needs children once they "age out" of the school system at 21 years of age to continue teaching life skills. The program would run Monday through Friday, 8am-6pm. He also wanted to make the Board of Commissioners aware of how much it costs the school district to send children between the ages of 18 & 21 out of district per year. Although the Board of Education is responsible for educating special needs children until the age of 21; Mr. Lee stated this should also be a community concern. Mayor Fosdick stated it may be practical to approach the Paulison Avenue organization to possibly integrate both programs or speak to the churches in the community. Mr. Lee stated if the town doesn't have a specific space for this program; All Schools Special Needs has the ability to purchase/rent a facility. Staffing is not the problem, a facility is. Commissioner Poli mentioned the Holy Name owned building on Hackensack Avenue that is vacant. Commissioner MacNeill advised Mr. Lee to meet with the full Board of Education. The Commissioners are supportive of Mr. Lee's concerns and thanked him for educating them on the situation.

Mayor Fosdick reminded all March 9<sup>th</sup> is the All School Special Needs Casino Night.

At this time, Mr. Lee left the meeting.

### **REPORTS**

**Superintendent O'Grady** advised ice caused \$4500 in damage to the dock. The Wanda Canoe Club is cleaning out their building.

**Captain Gneiding** advised Public Service is conducting work on Teaneck Road between Preston and Poplar Streets. Chief Rose is meeting with the Interim Superintendent of Schools next week to discuss school security.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

Resolution:

2018-015 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Kohles, 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) Development of Meadowlands

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:20 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Kohles, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

**REPORTS**

**Mayor Fosdick** announced Andy Scheideler Sr. is not doing well. Mayor asked the Village Attorney to circulate a sample marijuana ordinance.

**Attorney Boggia** advised he will be attending a meeting with the County Engineer, Boswell Engineering and County Council on March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Pedestrian Bridge.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Municipal Building Parking Lot Ordinance**  
**2018 Salary Ordinance**

Discussion tabled until the March 8<sup>th</sup> Caucus Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Absent

Commissioner Anlian

/s/Theresa A. Kohles

Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill

Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli

Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick

Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady

Village Clerk

Approved on March 8, 2018