

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**  
**RIDGEFIELD PARK**  
**February 18, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**

Mayor 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, 2020 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the Village Website.

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Health Crisis, this meeting was held via Zoom call.

**ROLL CALL**

Those present were Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian in the chair.

Also, present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney; Joe Rella, Chief of Police; Edward Monroe, DPW Superintendent (7:35 pm) and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Portorreal to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Caucus Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of January 21, 2021.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

**CORRESPONDENCE I**

**Ridgefield Park Fire Department Hook & Ladder Co. No. 2 – New Member**

Motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, Ronald Kascic was accepted as a new member of the Village of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

**ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION**

2021-01      AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK REPEALING  
AND REPLACING CHAPTER 327, “STORMWATER CONTROL”

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner MacNeill moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Olson. So ordered. Commissioner MacNeill read the ordinance by title on second reading. Commissioner MacNeill then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

After ample opportunity was given, no interested parties commented on the ordinance.

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Olson and adopted upon a call of the roll.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

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**CORRESPONDENCE II**

02-01 Notice to Property Owners – 25 Second Street – Informational

02-02 NJLM – Daily Update - Informational

02-03 Joseph Baumann, Jr. – TP Access, LLC – to be discussed in Closed Session

02-04 Manjari Madhusudanan – COVID Networks NJ - Informational

02-05 Rachel Tonia, Churchill Consulting Engineers – NJ Turnpike Authority Maintenance and Repair Activities - Informational

02-06 Boswell Engineering – NJ DEP Stormwater Regulatory Compliance - Informational

02-07 Boswell Engineering – Preparation of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan - Informational

02-08 Boswell Engineering – Review of Site Plan Revisions for 190 Main Street - Informational

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No citizens present.

**REPORTS**

**Commissioner MacNeill** thanked the Commissioners for their budget sheets. The numbers will be inputted and copies will be distributed.

**Commissioner Olson** is working on the summer concert schedule. Some bands want signed contracts – not sure if permitted due to spending freeze. Commissioner MacNeill advised it is permitted as long as he is withing last year's budget numbers – we don't want to increase budgets in 2021.

The Village is receiving a \$229,000 matching grant for Main Street paving. Suez is responsible for Rte. 46 to Christie Street. To pave to Mt. Vernon Street, it will cost the Village \$39,000 above the \$229,000. To Summit Street, it will cost an additional \$221,000. 100 feet of Grove Street (enough for the mural) will cost \$8,000. The mural will hold better on fresh pavement. Commissioner MacNeill suggested he discuss the paving inventory with Mike Monroe and Mike Kelly – need to look at the grand total numbers.

Commissioners Olson and Portorreal met with a company that is interested in leasing the pool property, International Pool Academy. They are working on more detailed proposal – will offer swimming lessons, programs, offer pool all year round – dome covering 1 pool. Chief Rella asked if they would offer day passes – Bogota had issues in the past with day passes to non-residents.

**Commissioner Portorreal** will forward the one estimate she received on the Municipal Building roof. There was a plumbing issue with the Municipal Building last weekend due to age/blockage.

**Commissioner Gerken** stated Mrs. VanGeldren contacted Ridgefield to see if the Village can be charged per child for vaccinations moving forward – this will reduce costs.

Commissioner Gerken was on a conference call with the Health officer regarding a program to assist the senior citizens and low-income residents to get lined up to receive the COVID vaccination.

Commissioner Gerken asked if Earth Day should be scheduled. Mayor Anlian responded to plan for it – don't make any expenditures and delay deposits if possible.

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**Clerk O’Grady** advised UBS did not pay their property taxes on February 1, 2021.

NJ Transit is requesting payment reimbursement for the transfer of Officer Thomas – to be paid out of Police budget.

March 3, 2021, Andy and Minnie Ranaudo will be married 75 years. Their daughter inquired about a “drive-by” celebratory parade.

**Superintendent Monroe** advised Atlantic Coast Fibers has burned down. Right not the Village pays \$44/ton – expect numbers to go up. Landfill fees will increase.

The bid opening for road paving is tomorrow.

There are delays in salt deliveries – waiting on 5 deliveries.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Resolution:

2021-21 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, 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) Litigation, Personnel

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:40 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:14 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Gerken to adjourn.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

/s/William G. Gerken  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson  
Commissioner

/s/ Wanda C. Portorreal  
Commissioner

/s/ Tara O’Grady  
Village Clerk  
Approved on March 4, 2021

/s/ John H. Anlian  
Mayor