

**COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**RIDGEFIELD PARK**  
**April 12, 2016**  
**7:30 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 28, 2015 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present: Priscilla Boggia, Esq., Village Attorney; Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent and Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. Mayor Fosdick then asked for a moment of silent thought for Joe Mahoney.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of March 22, 2016.

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$5,155,274.52.

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

**PRESENTATION**

NJSACOP Re-Accreditation

Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to Chief Edward Rose for the Police Department Re-Accreditation Presentation.

Chief Rose thanked everyone for coming and introduced Harry Delgado, New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Program Manager.

Mr. Delgado, presented Chief Rose and the entire Police Department with the NJSACOP Re-Accreditation Certificate.

Chief Rose stated the re-accreditation process is an effort of the entire department and they will work to continue to have high standards. He publicly thanked Sgt. Art Jensen for his role in the process.

Mayor Fosdick thanked and congratulated the Police Department on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the Village of Ridgefield Park.

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**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

Commissioner MacNeill advised the Summer Recreation Program has launched a full day program. Details to follow.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Jerry DiMeglio, resident, inquired a debate between all candidates running for the Board of Commissioners will take place. Mayor Fosdick replied that hasn't been done since 1996 but will pursue the idea.

Walter Richter, resident, inquired about a solar powered stop sign at the intersection of Mt. Vernon Street and Railroad Avenue. Chief Rose replied the Police Department was told by the County it could not be installed. He will get back to him on the exact reason. Mr. Richter inquired about the condo units on Union Street. Commissioner MacNeill advised it is all up to code. Mr. Richter asked when the garage at 2 Edison Street will be demolished. Commissioner MacNeill stated he is waiting receipt of a third estimate.

**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:**

- 2016-041 Authorize Self-Examination of the 2016 Budget
- 2016-042 Authorize Compliance - Bond Anticipation Note
- 2016-043 Authorize Expenditures of Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds
- 2016-044 Authorize Support to Deny Parole for Christopher Righetti
- 2016-045 Recognize April 2016 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- 2016-046 Authorize Motor Vehicle License Checks

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

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

**BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION**

**RESOLUTION**

- 2016-047 Resolution to Adopt the 2016 Budget

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli the meeting was opened to the public for comment on Budget Resolution 2015-047.

Commissioner Boyd announced, once again, there will be no increase in the Municipal portion of the tax bill. It is now 6 years strong that there hasn't been an increase on the Municipal end. The County is not increasing their rate. The school portion will be increasing but not sure by how much. State Aid is flat again. Insurance costs, pension contributions, and sewer costs have increased. Debt has been decreased by \$400,000.00 and the Village fully funded a \$1 million dollar CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) study.

There were no comments from the public on the budget.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, Resolution 2016-047 be approved.

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

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**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamation:  
St. Francis of Assisi – 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Commissioner Anlian read the following proclamation:  
Arbor Day

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn meeting at 8:20 pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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/s/John H. Anlian  
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady  
Village Clerk  
Approved on April 26, 2016