

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
June 9, 2015
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 31, 2014 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

Also present Joseph Voytus, Village Attorney; Alan O’ Grady, DPW Superintendent; Ed Rose, Chief of Police and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of May 26, 2015.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,229,764.90.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Hose Co. No. 1 – New Member

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, James Corrigan was accepted as a new member of the Village of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department subject to approval by the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd wished Mayor Fosdick an early Happy Birthday.

Commissioner MacNeill advised the new lights at Veterans Park are operational and will be programmed shortly. The track lights will be on at night.

Mayor Fosdick advised the Elks will be having a Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th at 1pm.

June 9, 2015

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Robert Carlson, resident, inquired who should he speak to regarding his neighbor blowing yard waste into the street. Commissioner MacNeill will have Bruce Ruland, Property Maintenance, contact Mr. Carlson.

Joanne Mills, resident, inquired on the status of Veterans Park bathrooms. Commissioner MacNeill advised demolition will commence in early July. When completed, the bathrooms will only be open during events with a monitor. A deposit will be required if the park is requested via permit.

Mrs. Mills also inquired if anything can be done regarding bullying off of school property. Chief Rose asked if her question pertains to a specific incident. If notified, the juvenile detectives will investigate any issues on or off of school property.

Joseph Mills, resident, inquired if the Village has a plan in place regarding the hazardous materials being transported through town via the railroad.

Mayor Fosdick advised the Office of Emergency Management is aware and prepared. Contingency plans are in place with the Police, Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Departments. One of the Village's fire chiefs, at the expense of CSX, attended a hands on training seminar in Atlanta.

Joanne Mills inquired if the Village will ever consider building a Recreation Center. Mayor Fosdick replied a Rec Center would be very costly. He advised town buildings are open for basketball and summer recreation.

Mrs. Mills stated that she and her husband have attended meetings in other towns which last over 2 hours. Commissioner Boyd advised the Caucus meetings last longer – Commissioners go over the day to day operations – Caucus meetings are public meetings also.

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

- | | |
|----------|--|
| 2015-073 | Support the Replacement of Bridge #10.73 Overpeck Creek Bridge |
| 2015-074 | Authorize Refund of Taxes due to Tax Appeal |
| 2015-075 | Appoint Historic Preservation Commission Member |
| 2015-076 | Authorize Execution of a Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement related to the Retention of Dr. Robert Burchell |

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

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

June 9, 2015

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

2015-06 CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE VILLAGE'S RESERVE FROM SALE OF MUNICIPAL ASSETS.

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner Boyd moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Poli. So ordered. Commissioner Boyd read the ordinance by title on second reading. Commissioner Boyd 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 Boyd moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Poli and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Abstain
Commissioner Anlian

/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 June 23, 2015