

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
March 10, 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, Esq., Village Attorney; Alan O’ Grady, DPW Superintendent; Sandra Bognatz, Deputy Village Clerk 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 Poli to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of February 24, 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 MacNeill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,724,968.35.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

No reports given.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Antonio DiVerita, resident, complained about the parking restrictions, snow removal and the DPW. Mr. DiVerita stated the DPW doesn’t clear the corners of snow like in years past, there is no signage on DPW vehicles and the DPW trucks should be parked in the garage at night.

Mayor Fosdick stated that he had been approached by residents of Cliffside Park and was told that our DPW is the best around. It has been a hard winter – 2nd coldest February on record. The Village is an older town with narrow streets. Most all apartment buildings were built with no provision for off street parking. There are still some streets with snow 3-4’ from the curb. The parking restrictions will be lifted when all emergency vehicles can pass safely through all streets. Hopefully the ban will be lifted by the end of the week. The DPW does the best they can. If they plow too close to the curb, residents complain about their sidewalks. Some DPW trucks are kept outside because we have more trucks than in the past.

Walter Richter, resident, complained some residents are not in compliance with clearing their sidewalks of snow and ice. He inquired whose responsibility is it to monitor. Mayor Fosdick responded that regulation is enforced by the Police Department.

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Mr. Richter inquired if there have been any proposals for the VFW property. Mayor Fosdick responded no.

Mr. Richer inquired on the status of the projects in the Village. Mayor Fosdick stated Matrix is in the process of conducting their environmental studies. Skymark has spent millions of dollars redesigning their plans to accommodate the eagles. An impact study is in the process of determining how the increase in population will affect the Police Department, Fire Department, and Ambulance Corps. and schools. There shouldn't be an impact for the Fire Department, some impact for the Police Department and Ambulance Corps., and minimal impact on schools. Mr. Richter asked how Skymark will be accessed. Mayor Fosdick responded via Rte. 46 and Challenger Road.

Mr. Richter inquired on the Pedestrian Bridge. Mayor Fosdick replied it will eventually happen.

Mr. Richter inquired if Riverside Medical owns the old bank property located on Lincoln Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street. Commissioner MacNeill responded yes.

Mr. Richter inquired as to why Ridgefield Police were working off duty services in our town a few months back. Mayor Fosdick advised we didn't have enough officers available at the time.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET

2015-021 Introduction of 2015 Budget

Commissioner Boyd advised the Municipal portion of the tax bill is not increasing. The County and School figures are not in yet.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, that Resolution 2015-021 be approved.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

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

2015-022 Authorize Refund of Tax Payments due to State Tax Court Judgment

2015-023 Certification of Expenditure of Recycling Taxes

2015-024 Authorize Application for Recycling Tonnage Grant

2015-025 Authorize Fees for Police Off-Duty Traffic Details

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

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ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2015-04

2015-04 CAP BANK ORDINANCE

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner Boyd read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on March 24, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Poli.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

2015-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 77 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO AMEND THE PROCESS FOR SETTING FEES FOR OFF-DUTY TRAFFIC DETAILS

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 MacNeill. 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 MacNeill and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamation:

Eagle Scout – Marco E. Salazar

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CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2015-026 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, 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) Contract Negotiations

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:15 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Absent_____

Commissioner Anlian

/s/Margaret R. Boyd_____

Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill_____

Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli_____

Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick_____

Mayor

/s/ Sandra Bognatz

Deputy Village Clerk

Approved on March 24, 2015