

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 9, 2014
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 January 10, 2014 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: Philip 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of November 25, 2014.

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 \$4,654,106.03.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Installation of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Officers.

Mayor Fosdick asked Chief Arciuolo to give his annual report.

Chief Arciuolo advised the Fire Department had acquired nearly \$0.5 million dollars in grants. With the donation received by the Tymon family, in memory of Ex-Captain John Tymon Jr., the department purchased a forcible door entry simulator. He advised as of today, the Volunteer Fire Department responded to approximately 374 Service Calls.

Chief Arciuolo thanked Tara O’Grady and her staff, Chief Rose of the RPPD, Chief Zapata of the Ambulance Corps, and Chief Shields of the Rescue Squad. He thanked Alan O’Grady, Mike Monroe and the DPW, Doug Hansen and Francine Orovitz of the offices of Emergency Management and Fire Prevention. He thanked his Assistant Chiefs – Mike Lauer and Rodney Wagner. He thanked his wife Donna and sons, Nick and Justin for all of their support. Lastly, he thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their continued support to the Fire Department.

This year’s annual recommendation is to increase the firefighter’s annual clothing allowance.

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Mayor Fosdick asked all Ex-Chiefs of the Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department to stand, state their name, and state their year(s) as Chief.

Mayor Fosdick welcomed Ramsey Fire Chief, Fire Chiefs Mike Brophy, Joseph Dimiouro, and Lou Kern of Bogota, and Ron Jeffers, Photographer.

Donald Jump certified the Fire Department Election results:

Chief Michael Lauer

Assistant Chief James VanDerTulip

Assistant Chief John Malool

President Michael Alberque

Vice President Michele Lynn

Secretary James Schmitt

Treasurer Michael Alberque

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Lieutenants of the Volunteer Fire Department: 1st Lieutenants: William Graves, Michael Flynn, Sean Byrnes, Sylvan Mack, John O'Grady, Sean Rodriguez, 2nd Lieutenants: Ross Wagner, Timothy Rudersdorf, Donald Jump, Ronald Wagner, Nicholas McCoy, William Lynn.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Lieutenants.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Captains of the Volunteer Fire Department: Robert Stauffer, Thomas Wilson, Richard Pickett, Richard Burke, Brian O'Grady, John Antola Jr.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Captains.

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Executive Officers; Michael Alberque, Michele Lynn, James Schmitt, and Michael Alberque

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Executive Officers.

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Assistant Fire Chief; James VanDerTulip

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to Assistant Chief VanDerTulip.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Assistant Fire Chief John Malool.

Mayor Fosdick administered the Oath of Office to Assistant Chief Malool.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Fire Chief Michael T. Lauer.

Mayor Fosdick administered the Oath of Office to Chief Lauer.

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Mayor Fosdick stated the Fire Department is the oldest civic organization in Ridgefield Park. In 2017, the Fire Department will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. The Department is made up of volunteers and built upon a great tradition. The fire department maintains the same standards as career firefighters. The Village's firefighters serve 365/24/7. He commended Chief Arciuolo for his years of service and thanked all.

RECESS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Mayor Fosdick to recess for 10 minutes.

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

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 8:00 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Mayor Fosdick, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:10 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Poli announced pictures with Santa will be held this Saturday from 11am – 2pm at the Ambulance Corps.

Mayor Fosdick was pleased to report that some of the dire predictions regarding tax appeals have been resolved. The Village will be applying some of the proceeds from the sale of Challenger Road parcels to the 2015 budget. The Board of Commissioners feel the tax appeal situation is under control.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Louise Maksymowicz, resident, inquired if the Mayor was referring to the blurb in the Patriot.

Mayor Fosdick responded yes. The Municipal portion of taxes has remained level for 5 years. To save money is to spend money wisely today.

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

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| 2014-194 | Authorize Cancellation of Tax Appeal Settlement – 15 Herbert Street |
| 2014-195 | Authorize Sick Bank Payouts |
| 2014-196 | Establish a Reserve for Fire Truck & Equipment |
| 2014-197 | Establish a Reserve for Future Road & Capital Improvements |
| 2014-198 | Establish a Reserve for Tax Stabilization |
| 2014-199 | Establish a Reserve for Tax Appeals |
| 2014-200 | Authorize Mayor to Sign Estoppel Agreement with Hilton Garden Inn |

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".

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

Commissioner MacNeill

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on December 23, 2014