

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK

June 14, 2005

8:15 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 2, 2005 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioner Heck was absent.

FLAG SALUTE*****

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Poli that the minutes of May 24, 2005 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli Storer voted "YEA". Mayor Fosdick abstained.

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Mayor Fosdick announced Engine Co. No. 2 is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners he extended best wishes.

He attended the High School Academic Award Dinner. Ridgefield Park seniors have received over \$4,000,000.00 in scholarships, and one student has a full four year scholarship to Harvard.

Mayor Fosdick read a proclamation for Destroyer Escort Day on June 18, 2005. The proclamation was presented to Joseph Villanella who served on a destroyer in WW II.

Mayor Fosdick read a letter from Commissioner Debra Heck stating she is planning to resign her position as Commissioner. No date has been set as yet. The Village Attorney has checked our options. The Commissioners can appoint a replacement who will then have to be named on the ballot in November. The timetable will be set when there is a confirmed resignation date.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Storer that bills in the amount of \$2,777,963.45 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

A letter received from Engine Co. No. 2 regarding the resignation of David Soler. Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner Anlian that his resignation be accepted with regrets. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Letter received from Hose Company #3 regarding the acceptance of Mamdouh (Manny) Guirguis. Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, to accept Mamdouh (Manny) Guirguis as a member. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Letter received from Hose Co. No. 4 accepting James Garvey as a member. Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that James Garvey be accepted as a member. On roll call, Commissioner Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

James Garvey was in attendance. He was recognized and congratulated.

Letter received from the Ambulance Corps regarding the acceptance of Steve Fernandez as an active member. Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Storer to accept Steve Fernandez as an active member. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Tony D'Verita, 245 Euclid Avenue

Mr. D'Verita was involved in an accident when a truck made an illegal turn on red on Mount Vernon and Main Streets. He questioned what can be done to enforce the law. Mayor Fosdick stated he would review the accident report.

Joe Meehan, 137 Union Place

Mr. Meehan expressed concern about the County ordered revaluation since one was done only three years ago. Mayor Fosdick explained ratio has dropped drastically thereby necessitating a revaluation. The decrease in our ratio has resulted in numerous commercial tax appeals.

Tony D'Verita, 245 Euclid Avenue

He questioned an old issue regarding vacation pay and was told the matter had been settled.

Ofelia Roman, 514 Lincoln Avenue

Mrs. Roman stated there is a concrete slab where tree was removed that is a danger to pedestrians. Commissioner Anlian and Alan O'Grady will check.

Maggie Boyd, 169 Preston Street

1. The Rotary Club has a clock for the Village and a location will have to be selected.
2. She asked when meters will be fixed. Police Department is working on them.
3. Mrs. Boyd asked about the numerous parking spaces for Dunkin Donuts. It was explained the Village owns part of the lot and Village IGA and Dunkin Donuts parking spots are not public but their own.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Storer announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on "A REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF \$215,000 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR TAX APPEALS IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$220,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE FUNDING OF SAID EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS" Refunding Bond Ordinance for Tax Appeals. No one wished to be heard. Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that the "REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF \$215,000 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR TAX APPEALS IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$220,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE FUNDING OF SAID EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS" pass its final reading, and be duly advertised in the Record. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner Anlian announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on "AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197,500 FOR A PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE". No one wished to be heard. Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli that "AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197,500 FOR A PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE" pass its final reading, and be duly advertised in the Record. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

NEW BUSINESS*****

Resolution No. 1] Authorizing the Introduction and Publication of the Amended and Revised Zoning Ordinance

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer that Resolution No. 1 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner Anlian introduced “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 96 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, TO LIMIT AND RESTRICT TO SPECIFY DISTRICTS, AND TO REGULATE THEREIN BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES ACCORDING TO THEIR CONSTRUCTION, AND THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THEIR USE IN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF AND TO FIX PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AS AMENDED, REVISED AND SUPPLEMENTED.” Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Storer that the ‘ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 96 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, TO LIMIT AND RESTRICT TO SPECIFY DISTRICTS, AND TO REGULATE THEREIN BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES ACCORDING TO THEIR CONSTRUCTION, AND THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THEIR USE IN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF AND TO FIX PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AS AMENDED, REVISED AND SUPPLEMENTED” pass its first reading and be duly advertised in the Record, and come up for public hearing on July 12, 2005, On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

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Mayor Fosdick announces that all business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration:

- Resolution No. 2] Appointments to Community Development Committee.
- Resolution No. 3] Authorizing Increase in 2005 Temporary Budget.
- Resolution No. 4] Appointment to Shade Tree Commission
- Resolution No. 5] Appointment to Board of Health
- Resolution No. 6] Authorizing Refund of Taxes on Block 102, Lot 3, Due to Duplicate Payment.
- Resolution No. 7] Authorizing Refund of Taxes on Block 138, Lot 34.03, Due to Duplicate Payment.
- Resolution No. 8] Authorizing Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2005-2006.
- Resolution No.9] Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License No. 984 to RP Elks.
- Resolution No10] Authorizing Closing of Pine Street for July 4th Block Party.
- Resolution No11] Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding Payroll Checks

- Resolution No 12] Authorizing the Awarding of a Professional Service Contract for Revaluation.
- Resolution No 13] Awarding of Contract for Food Concession to the Dog Pen, Inc. at the 4th of July Fireworks
- Resolution No 14] Awarding of Contract to John Cappelo for Trinkets & Cotton Candy at the 4th of July Fireworks.
- Resolution No. 15] Authorizing Signing of Agreement between department of Environmental Commission and the Village of Ridgefield Park for Fellowship Park Improvement Project.

Motion by Commissioner Storer seconded by Commissioner Poli that the Consent Agenda be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

RECESS*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer that the meeting recess at 9:30 PM and reconvene in five minutes in the Conference Room to review and discuss capital projects for this year's budget. On roll call, Commissioner Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

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Village Clerk