

**COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**RIDGEFIELD PARK**  
**September 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., Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent, Edward 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 August 12, 2014.

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,729,720.10.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Engine Co. No. 2 – New Member

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, Megan Elliffe be accepted as 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 Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

Commissioner Boyd reminded all the Annual Street Fair is Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Tammy Laverty, resident, stated she was at the Teaneck meeting regarding the CSX trains. She asked what is on the trains and if Ridgefield Park was thinking about getting together with the surrounding towns to get information from the railroad.

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Mayor Fosdick responded the Village knew what chemicals were being transported before it was made public via the media. The greatest hazard is not knowing what is being transported on the interstate highways. Gasoline tankers pose the greatest hazard. The Village does it's best to be prepared. The railroads are controlled by the Federal Government. 20 years ago, a nuclear bomb passed through the Village by rail.

John Russo, owner of Cosmic Wheel, raised his concerns about merchant/employee parking. He stated he has been in town for 19 years and although he knows something had to be done about the parking situation for customers, he believes that merchants and their employees should have a place to park as well. Parking on Village streets is very limited. Mr. Russo suggested a merchant parking permit and added that he is not the only merchant with these concerns. Something has to be done and is open to ideas.

Mayor Fosdick stated the Village instituted a parking enforcement officer based on merchants' feedback. Parking on Main Street should be for customers to help promote the businesses. The Commissioners will look into alternatives.

Commissioner Anlian advised perhaps an arrangement could be made with the church on Cedar Street and Bergen Avenue.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

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| 2014-140 | Authorize Three Year Cooperative Agreement with County of Bergen  |
| 2014-141 | Authorize Liquor License Renewal for NJ International Members Club Inc.   |
| 2014-142 | Authorize Donation of Confiscated Bicycles  |
| 2014-143 | Authorize Use of Village Property   |
| 2014-144 | Authorize Use of Village Property for Parking   |
| 2014-145 | Approve Terms of Redevelopment Agreement with Matrix Development Group<br>Including Terms of a Financial Agreement and Execution of Said Agreement to<br>Implement the Redevelopment Plan for 64 & 95 Challenger Road |
| 2014-146 | Approve Person to Person Liquor License Transfer  |

Mayor Fosdick explained Resolution 2014-145. The Village is very optimistic that in approximately 1 year, development should happen on Challenger Road. The project will bring about \$200 million worth of development to ratables when completed.

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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**ORDINANCE: PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION**

**ORDINANCE 2014-08**

**2014-08      AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 150 U.S. ROUTE 46 EAST IN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 47.02, LOT 1 ON THE OFFICAL TAX MAP OF THE VILLAGE, AND IF NECESSARY, AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS TO OBTAIN SAME, ALL COSTS OF WHICH SHALL BE BORNE BY EAGLE NEST DEVELOPMENT URBAN RENEWAL, LLC**

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.

Mayor Fosdick stated the above is a “friendly” proceeding.  
Commissioner Boyd added the Village is legally required to adopt said 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 Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

Mayor Fosdick thanked Megan Elliffe for joining our Fire Department, which is the oldest civic organization in Ridgefield Park. Be safe and have fun.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to recess and reconvene in the Commissioners Conference Room with members of the VFW in 5 minutes.

Mayor Fosdick advised this is not a closed session meeting.

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

A general discussion took place regarding the possibility of the VFW donating their land to the Village. Mr. Boggia will review and advise accordingly.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

/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 September 23, 2013