

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK**

**July 12, 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 June 28, 2005 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA. Commissioner Anlian abstained.

**SPECIAL REPORTS\*\*\*\*\***

Commissioner Anlian commented on the spectacular 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year. He introduced Loretta Vorhees, the new chairperson of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee.

Mrs. Vorhees thanked all who had participated in the Home/Business Decorating Contest. Together with Tina Sandoval, awards were presented to the winners of the contest. A list of the winners is part of these minutes.

Mayor Fosdick and the Commissioners congratulated the participants and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for an exceptional 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Anlian announced the Summer Concerts in McGowan Park would start on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Fosdick added he would be wearing a Scotch kilt, and leading in the Mag 7 and the Palisades Park Fire Department Band on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS\*\*\*\*\***

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Poli that bills in the amount of \$3,149,797.65 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

#### **CORRESPONDENCE\*\*\*\*\***

A letter was received from Hook & Ladder #2 regarding the acceptance of Dawn Rizzi as a Regular Member. Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that Dawn Rizzi be accepted as a regular member. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS\*\*\*\*\***

Rosemary Gazzillo, 197 Brinkerhoff Street:

Mrs. Gazzillo complained that since the Bike Path was completed, she and her neighbors have lost their privacy in the back of their homes. She was concerned that the removal of the fence and shrubs could present a danger to children. An additional problem could be flooding. Also, in the back, by the path, people are drinking and leaving empty bottles behind.

Mayor Fosdick stated the drinking should be reported to the police. The drainage problem is the state's responsibility.

Lorraine Henderson, 203 Brinkerhoff Street:

Ms. Henderson added that drinking is occurring at 2:00 AM. Again, she was told to call the police.

Dayle Roberts, 326 Teaneck Road:

Ms. Roberts suggested the police patrol the area.

Maggie Boyd, 169 Preston Street:

Mrs. Boyd suggested sensor lights be used to act as a deterrent.

Dominick Gentile, 388 Main Street:

Mr. Gentile suggested signs be posted such as "No Drinking" and "No Loitering."

Mayor Fosdick stated there would be more police presence and shrubbery would be planted in the Fall.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS\*\*\*\*\***

Commissioner Storer stated that this was the time and place for the public hearing on "A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY

AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,050,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS” No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that the “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,050,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS” pass its final reading, and be duly published in the Record. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

Mayor Fosdick read “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 96 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, TO LIMIT AND RESTRICT TO SPECIFIC DISTRICTS, AND TO REGULATE THEREIN BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES ACCORDING TO THEIR CONSTRUCTION, AND THE NATURE AND EXTEND OF THEIR USE IN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF AND TO FIX PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AS AMENDED, REVISED AND SUPPLEMENTED”

The Mayor asked the Village Clerk if the ordinance had been duly published in the newspaper, and if three copies have been on file in the Village Clerk’s Office since its introduction.

The Clerk responded by stating that the ordinance was published in the Record on June 17, 2005 and in the Star Ledger on June 14, 2005 and that she has the Proof of Publication.

The Mayor then asked the Village Clerk if Notice of the Introduction of Ordinance No. 05-07, together with a full copy of the ordinance was forwarded via certified mail to all interested parties.

The Clerk responded that she had, and the receipts from the Post Office are on file in her office.

The Mayor read the Inconsistency Statement which was adopted by the Planning Board and forwarded to the Board of Commissioners (copy is to Resolution No. 1.)

The Mayor asked Mr. Rosen, who was in attendance, if the Planning Board has reviewed the Zoning Ordinance as introduced, if the Board is satisfied with it, and if the Board recommends the adoption of the ordinance by the Governing Body.

Mr. Rosen answered "YES"

The Mayor responded "Let the record note Mr. Rosen's comments, as well as the earlier letters from Mr. Rosen and the earlier correspondence by the Planning Board forwarding the ordinance".

The Mayor said the Governing Body is about to adopt an Inconsistency Statement after reviewing the Zoning Ordinance, Master Plan, Land Use Element Plan and the Housing Element Plan, and then read the Inconsistency Statement into the record which is attached to these minutes.

The Mayor asked for any comments

Loretta Vorhees, 72 Grand Avenue

Can the governing body take over property if they feel it is necessary?

The Mayor replied "yes", they could, but our policy is not to do that.

The Mayor read:

Resolution No. 1] Adoption of Inconsistency Statement per NJSA 40:55-62A.

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

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SPECIFIC 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 OF PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF AND TO FIX PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AS AMENDED, REVISED AND SUPPLEMENTED”

Geoffrey Santini, 571 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, West New York:

Mr. Santini asked what was required to build a one or two family home. He was told 7500 sq. ft. for a one family with 50” frontage, and 10,000 sq. ft. for a two family with 100” frontage. He also questioned how many two family homes have been built in the last four to five years and was told one. Planning Board has responsibility for approving or denying applications.

The Mayor read:

Resolution No. 2] Adoption of Amended Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that Resolution No. 2 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

The Mayor asked the Village Clerk to forward a copy of the Zoning Ordinance together with a copy of the Inconsistency Statement to the Bergen County Planning Board and Village Tax Assessor.

The Mayor directed that the notice of final passage should be published in the newspaper.

**NEW BUSINESS\*\*\*\*\***

**Resolution No. 3]** Accepting Resignation of Commissioner Debra Heck with regrets

Mayor Fosdick explained it was difficult for Ms. Heck to attend meetings in Ridgefield Park and in Hackensack where she is the Municipal Clerk.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that Resolution No. 3 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

**Resolution No. 4]** Appointing Margaret Boyd to Fill Term as Commissioner Commencing August 1, 2005

Mayor Fosdick stated Maggie Boyd has attended all the Commissioners’ meetings for a number of years, was a candidate in the last election and served on the Affordable Housing Committee.

Mayor Fosdick introduced and welcomed Ms. Boyd.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that Resolution No. 4 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”

**Resolution No. 5]** Authorizing Village Clerk to Conduct an Election Pursuant to the Municipal Vacancy Law NJSA 40:16-1

Ms. Boyd will run for office at the November General Election.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that Resolution No. 5 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

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. 6]** Authorize Increase in 2005 Temporary Budget

**Resolution No. 7]** Authorize Refund Due to Tax Court Judgment on Block 124, Lot 12

**Resolution No. 8]** Appointing Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators

**Resolution No. 9]** Authorize Payment of DCA Fees to State of N.J.

**Resolution No. 10]** Appointments to Board of Recreation

**Resolution No. 11]** Recommending that the Planning Board Conduct a Study to ascertain if Certain Property in Overpeck Corporate Park Qualifies for Redevelopment

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

Loretta Vorhees 78 Grand Avenue

1. 99 Cent Store Window displays should be improved. She was advised to contact the Building Department
2. House on Hazelton Street has “For Rent” sign for an apartment in Lodi. She did call the Building Dept. Village Clerk will follow up.

Commissioner Anlian announced the work will commence next week on the Main Street lighting project.

Dominick Gentile 388 Main Street

Mr. Gentile asked if trees will block the lights. Commissioners Anlian stated pruning is planned for this year

Mayor Fosdick stated the next meeting was scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>

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ADJOURNMENT\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer that the meeting adjourn at 10:10 PM. On roll call Commissioner s Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

s/s John H. Anlian  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

s/s Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

s/s Joseph J. Storer  
Commissioner

s/s George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

s/s Sarah Warlikowski  
Village Clerk