

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK

August 14 2007
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 21, 2006 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

FLAG SALUTE*****

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silence in memory of ex-Fire Chief Stephen Dembski, who dies of a heart attack after participating in the fighting of a fire; Jean McCarton who was active in the Village and served on the Pool Commission; and former Mayor Fred Criscuolo who in addition to serving as Mayor for 12 years, also was active in numerous Village organizations and served on County and State boards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the prior Commissioners Meeting. On roll call Commissioners Poli and Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioners Anlian and Boyd abstained.

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that the bills in the amount of \$3,110,262.93 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

Letter from Engine Company No. #2 Membership of Courtney Scheideler. Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner Boyd to approve the membership of Courtney Scheideler. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Courtney Scheideler comes from a family of fire fighters including her uncle, ex-Chief Stephen Dembski, her father, Andy, and her grandfather, ex-Chief Scheideler.

Letter from Hook & Ladder Co. #2 concerning reinstatement as regular member of Michael M. Daglezt. Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner Boyd to approve the reinstatement of Michael M. Daglezt. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Michael had been active several years ago and wanted to be reinstated.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

James Puleio, formerly of 24 Bergen Avenue, and now residing in Pompton Lakes. He spoke of concerns regarding Fellowship Park, i.e., excessive loitering, noise and littering. He is concerned the park, after extensive renovations, could fall in to disrepair. The Police Department has been giving it some attention. He asked if Police have a formal operating policy. Mayor Fosdick stated they do, and they are sensitive to the issues.

Commissioners were questioned if the street sweeper on Main Street will be replaced, and were told not at this time.

Doris Conley, 22 Bergen Avenue:

Girls and boys sit on her curb to eat and leave food and bottles there and not pick up after themselves.

Barbara Lewaine, 29 Bergen Avenue:

Finds it difficult to deal with the noise, cursing, screaming, etc. Her flowers and front yard have been trashed. She recommended there be a curfew and the park close at 10:00 PM. Also, the lights in the park shine into her bedroom all night long. Lights are also on during the day. This will be checked.

Mayor Fosdick stated the Police Department should be called when there is a problem. They then have justification to break up the groups.

Mary Puleio, 24 Bergen Avenue:

Mrs. Puleio said during the past two weeks the accumulation of young adults and the noise has been better. She thanked the police. On July 14th, her flag, bracket and pole were torn off her house.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

None.

NEW BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Storer introduced an "ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2007". Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner that the "ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2007" pass its first reading, and come up for public hearing on September 11, 2007. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Mayor Fosdick announced 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. 1] Opposing the Commuter Tax Plan in New York City.
- Resolution No. 2] Authorizing Signing of Agreement with Bergen County
Community Development for Maple and Oak Street Roadway
Improvements.
- Resolution No. 3] Authorizing Submission of an Application for a Municipal
Alliance Grant
- Resolution No. 4] Authorizing Entering into an Agreement with Bergen County to
Receive 9-1-1 Communications Services.
- Resolution No. 5] Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with the County of
Bergen for Open Space Trust Funds for the Nature Preserve.
- Resolution No. 6] Authorizing Refund of Taxes on Block 76, Lot 14 due to Total
Disability Status.
- Resolution No. 7] Authorizing Renewal of Membership in the south Bergen
Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.
- Resolution No. 8] Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License Nos. 1041, 1042, and 1043
to St. Francis Church.
- Resolution No. 9] Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License No. 1040 to Ridgefield
Park Baseball Organization.
- Resolution No 10] Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License No. 1044 to Ridgefield
Park Jr/Sr High School PTSA.
- Resolution No. 11] Compliance with Regulation that the Annual Audit has been
reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.
- Resolution No 12] Authorize Filing of Answers and Counter Claims for Tax Appeals.
- Resolution No 13] Adopting a Corrective Action Plan for the 2006 Annual Audit

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

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

s/Hugo R. Poli --
Commissioner

s/ Joseph J. Storer
Commissioner

s/George D. Fosdick
Mayor

Barbara Pettit, Deputy
Village Clerk