

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
September 11, 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 requested a moment of silence in memory of Joseph Meehan who passed away during this week. Mr. Meehan was active on the Board of Education. He also requested a moment of silence for the heroes of 9-11 for those who died as well as for those who died trying to help save lives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting of August 14, 2007. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Mayor Fosdick read a Proclamation for Bette McCloskey who was in attendance, wishing her a Happy 100th Birthday. Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli Storer and Mayor Fosdick went into the audience and congratulated Mrs. McCloskey on her 100th Birthday and had pictures taken with her. Mrs. McCloskey thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for all their good wishes. She said she was happy to be in Ridgefield Park.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Storer seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,015,527.84. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

Letter from Hook & Ladder Co. #2 regarding the acceptance as a regular member of the Fire Department of Thomas P. Quinn. Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to accept Thomas P. Quinn into the Fire Department. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Thomas and his parents were in attendance and the Mayor congratulated Thomas for joining the Fire Department, and added that Thomas will have his Eagle Scout Ceremony in November.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Gabe Cummings, 99 Laurel Street:

Mr. Cummings questioned his tax bill. He stated his social security went up 3 to 3 1/2 %, and yet taxes went up quite a bit more.

Mayor Fosdick explained that the taxes increased because there are so many mandated costs placed on municipalities. He explained the increased costs in pension contributions. He said he asked the state to give the municipality the money they refund as rebate, to apply to tax relief, however, the state will not send the money to the municipalities. Mayor Fosdick said we share services with Bogota such as fuel, salt, and health officer. The Fire Department also participates in a mutual aid program. Mayor Fosdick noted that at the Planning Board Meeting last night the owner of property of Highland and Bergen, said he lives in Dumont, and wants to come to Ridgefield Park because of the excellent school system, and he is being killed by taxes in Dumont.

Nick DellaFave, 127 Arthur Street:

Mr. DellaFave questioned parking of cars near a house on Roosevelt Avenue. He said the cars are parked there 24/7 and are not moved. The sweeper cannot get in to clean. He said he believes the cars belong to someone who lives on Barnes Drive, and one of the cars is a fire inspector's car from town and two of the other cars belong to the same individual.

Mayor Fosdick said perhaps Officer McEntee could take a look at it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Storer announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2007". No one wished to be heard. Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Boyd that the "ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2007" be approved and duly advertised in the Record. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

NEW BUSINESS****

Commissioner Boyd introduced an "ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 01-09 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND PLANNING BOARD". Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Anlian that an "ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 01-09 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND PLANNING BOARD" pass its first reading and come up for public hearing on September 25, 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] Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License Nos. 1046 & 1047 to RP Emblem Club.

Resolution No. 2] Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License No. 1048 to the Knights of Columbus.

- Resolution No. 3] Authorizing Payment of voucher with Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds.
- Resolution No. 4] Authorizing Transfer of Budget Accounts to Specific Accounts.
- Resolution No. 5] Authorizing Chapter 159 for Funds Received for “Click It/Ticket ‘07”.
- Resolution No. 6] Authorizing Signing of Contract with the Board of Education for Non-Public School Nursing Services.
- Resolution No. 7] Awarding of Bid for Improvement to Main, Maple, Oak Streets & Brewster Park-.
- Resolution No. 8] Authorizing Retaining Wall on Village Right-of-Way at 73 Preston Street.

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

RECESS*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to recess the Commissioners Meeting at 8:05 PM to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues. 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 Storer_____
Commissioner

s/ George D. Fosdick_____
Mayor

Sarah Warlikowski_
Village Clerk