

COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
September 13, 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, 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 for Buddy Freeman "Mr. RPTV" who recently passed away and for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd that the minutes of August 9, 2005 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

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

Commissioner Boyd thanked all the citizens of Ridgefield Park for their generosity to the Ridgefield Park-Bogota Rotary for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. She also thanked the Rescue Squad, family and friends, Alan O'Grady and the DPW, and the Board of Commissioners. The first truck left today and the second truck will leave on Thursday or Friday.

Mayor Fosdick said he attended the Peace Day Observance on Sunday. He stated that through the NJ State League of Municipalities, Ridgefield Park will be in contact with a community of Hurricane Katrina and be able to adopt that community as to what their needs are. . He said it would take some time to set it up.

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

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that bills in the amount of \$4,993,015.58 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE\*\*\*\*\*

None.

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

Kenneth O'Brien, 50 Spruce Avenue, Ridgefield Park

Mr. O'Brien questioned the accuracy of a police report involving an accident he had on Main Street involving a bus. He stated he was making a left turn on to Main Street traveling north and he was struck by the bus which dragged him approximately 20'. His report # is 05-12842. It is his belief that the police officer's report was incomplete and in error. . He asked Mayor Fosdick to look into the matter.

Mayor Fosdick assured Mr. O'Brien that he would look into the matter.

Ms. Ploschansky, 244 Fifth Street, Ridgefield Park

Ms. Ploschansky questioned the large increase in taxes this year in Ridgefield Park. She and her sister live in a two family house and said their taxes were raised \$1,500.

Mayor Fosdick explained the tax increase and handed out information on all Bergen County Municipalities average total property taxes for 2004. He said there was a lengthy article in the up-coming Newsletter explaining the breakdown of where your tax dollar goes. He explained the Village gets 30%, the County gets 10%, and 60% goes to the schools. He said in April of each year, the School Board holds an election and the school budget is submitted to the people for a vote, and over the past ten years, the school budget has been passed. He noted that our test scores are high and our schools have improved greatly.

Mayor Fosdick announced on Friday, October 7, 2005, Ridgefield Park High School and Princeton High School with link up N A S A to talk with Greg Olsen, Class of 1962. He said it is a great honor to have been selected as the high school to do this. He also stated Mr. Olsen had made a contribution of \$625,000.00 to the Ridgefield Park Library.

Ms. Ploschansky and her sister suggested a committee or a citizen sit with the Commissioners when the budget is being prepared, to see what can be done to cut costs.

Frank Scerbo, 204 Teaneck Road

Mr. Scerbo said he is representing the Soccer Association. and would like to speak about the Concession Stand. He had spoken with Mr. O'Grady today and said the association would like to run electricity into a building and use a holding tank for waste water..

Mayor Fosdick suggested the Soccer Association come in with a plan, and costs estimates.

Mr. Scerbo will go back to the Soccer Association with the information.

Mr. Scerbo also spoke concerning the Bicycle Path through McKeown Field. Problem is the macadam.. He said it is dangerous when the children run from the field to the macadam, that it is very slippery and they get hurt. He also thought the poles were going to be moved and possibly the fence line so it was not that close to the playing surface.

The Mayor said the problem is we only have so much space, and the Bikepath was made as least intrusive as possible.

Mr. Scerbo invited everyone to the opening of the Soccer Season, Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. He said you could watch the game and see what happens when the kids go from the field to the pavement.

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

Commissioner Anlian announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 107 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, ENTITLED "FLOOD HAZARD AREAS". No one wished to be heard. Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer that "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 107 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, ENTITLED "FLOOD HAZARD AREAS" pass its second reading, and be duly advertised in the Record. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"/

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

Commissioner Storer introduced "AN ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2005" No one wished to be heard. Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Poli that the "ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2005" pass its first reading, be duly advertised in the Record and come up for public hearing on September 27, 2005. 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 to Enter into a Grant Agreement with Community Development for Fellowship Park Improvements.

Resolution No. 2]      Authorizing Transfer of Current Budget Line Item to Swim Pool Operating Account.

- Resolution No. 3] Authorizing Issuance of Bingo License No. 123 to Ridgefield Park Elks Lodge #1506
- Resolution No. 4] Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License No. 985 to Ridgefield Park Emblem Club 101
- Resolution No. 5] Authorizing Refund of Taxes on block 110, Lot 7 Due to Duplicate Payment.
- Resolution No. 6] Compliance with the Regulations of the Local Finance Board for 2004 Audit.
- Resolution No. 7] Endorsement of Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Application for Fellowship Park Improvements. .
- Resolution No. 8] Appointing Commissioner John Anlian as Representative to Open Trust Municipal Program Regional Committee.
- Resolution No.9] Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding 2003 Current Budget Checks.
- Resolution No10] Authorizing Payment of Vouchers with Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds.
- Resolution No11] Authorizing the Issuance of Amended Bingo License #122 to the E.L. Alberque Jr. K of C. No. 229.
- Resolution No 12] Authorizing to Advertise for Bids on Emerson Street Project.
- Resolution No. 13] Awarding a Professional Contract to McNerney Associates for Appraisal Services.
- Resolution No 14] Awarding Contract for Edison Street Sewer Project.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli 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 Storer to recess the meeting at 9:25 PM, and reconvene in five minutes in Closed Session in the Conference Room to discuss police contract negotiations. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

s/ John Anlian  
Commissioner

s/ Margaret Boyd  
Commissioner

s/ Hugo Poli  
Commissioner

s/ Joseph Storer  
Commissioner

s/ Goerge Fosdick  
Mayor

s/ Sarah Warlikowski  
Village Clerk