

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

RIDGEFIELD PARK

October 28, 2008

7:30 P.M.

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, 2007 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board. .

ROLL CALL*****

Those present were Commissioner Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioner Poli was absent.

FLAG SALUTE*****

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silence in memory of Walter Elliott who recently passed away. Mr. Elliott was a World War II veteran, served with the D-Day invasion and was awarded several Bronze Stars.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2008. On roll call commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

None

CORRESPONDENCE*****

Letter received from Hose Co. No 1 - Regarding the Resignation of J. F. Cote. Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner Boyd to accept the resignation of J. F. Cote with regrets. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Letter received from Hook & Ladder Co. No. 2 regarding the acceptance of Jason Eguiguren. Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner Boyd to approve the acceptance of Jason Eguiguren. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Ray Ziemba, 101 Overpeck Avenue.

A poll taken prior to October 3rd in New Jersey listed the following issues in the State:

1. Property taxes
2. Economy
3. Corruption

He attended meeting in Princeton. More work must be done to provide tax relief at the local level. Mr. Ziemba is waiting to hear what the Commissioners intend to do to reduce taxes. Next year State Aid will probably be zero.

Mayor Fosdick explained State mandates are hurting the towns. A recent mandate requires each town to have a Qualified Purchasing Agent. Municipalities used to collect taxes for railroads, utilities and communications. Now the State collects the funds and

gives the town a share. We are receiving hotel tax revenue from Hampton Inn on Route 46, and when the Hilton Garden Inn is completed, we will receive tax revenue from the Hilton also. Mr. Durkin explained COAH obligations are being challenged. They are increasing the number of affordable units that are required when construction is done. Commissioner Anlian stated this discourages developers from building in New Jersey. Mayor Fosdick said Commissioner Boyd has been doing research in other towns to set up a fee schedule for use of Village parks.

Mr. Ziemba asked about arbitration. He was told this is the second year of arbitration with the PBA. Police have been without a contract for three years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Boyd announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on an "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 99 OF THE CODE ENTITLED FAIR SHARE AND MARKETING". No one wished to be heard. Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Mayor Fosdick that the "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 99 OF THE CODE ENTITLED FAIR SHARE AND MARKETING" be approved and duly advertised in the Record. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner MacNeill announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on an "ORDINANCE FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT". No one wished to be heard. Motion by Commissioner MacNeill seconded by Mayor Fosdick that the "ORDINANCE FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT" be approved. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner Boyd voted "NO". Since a bond ordinance required 2/3 of the governing body's approval for passage, the ordinance was defeated.

NEW BUSINESS*****

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 of Bergen County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as Village's Plan.

Resolution No. 2] Authorizing Refund of Partial application Fee to Zoning Board.

Resolution No. 3] Authorizing Refund of Duplicate Payment of Taxes on Block 6, Lot 32.

Resolution No. 4] Authorizing Refund of Tax Appeals.

Resolution No. 5] Authorizing Legal Services for Personnel Matters.

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Boyd that the Resolution be approved. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Mayor Fosdick announced on Tuesday, November 11 at 11:00 AM a ceremony will be held at the Monument on Euclid Avenue for Veterans Day.

Next public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

s/ John H. Anlian
Commissioner

s/ Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

s/ Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

Commissioner

s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

s/ Sarah Warlikowski
Village Clerk