

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
**April 8, 2014**  
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 January 10, 2014 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq.; Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of March 25, 2014.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, and Poli, voted "YEA"

Abstain: Mayor Fosdick

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,374,003.33.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to Captain Dan Hippe for the Police Department Ceremonial Swearing-In of new Police Officers, Department Promotions, and Awards.

Captain Hippe thanked everyone for coming and introduced Retired Officers Ehalt, Hamblen, Donnelly, DiNiro, Lee, Catalano, Maglione, Connors, Morton, Kraljic and Brooks.

Captain Hippe read a statement from Chief Rose who was unable to attend the ceremony.

Captain Hippe introduced new police officers Perna, Holden and Rizza.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to Patrolmen Perna, Holden and Rizza.

Captain Hippe announced the promotion of Patrolman Justin Tress to Sergeant.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Tress.

Captain Hippe announced Sgt. Christopher Thibault had been promoted to Lieutenant.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oath of Office to Lt. Thibault.

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Captain Hippe presented the following Police Officers with awards and/or Letters of Commendation:

Lieutenant Rella, Sergeant Baker, Sergeant Hippe, Sergeant Sulborsky, Sergeant Tress, Detective Cmielewski, Patrolman Martin, Patrolman Marquez, Patrolman Madan, Patrolman Gilmore and Patrolman Abruscato.

The distinguished service of the police officers included lifesaving efforts, drug violations, car theft, and unstable citizens.

Mayor Fosdick explained the hiring process of police officers and stated politics are not involved. Promotions are based on testing results. He advised that expectations are high and expects everyone to do their best at all times. He thanked all for coming.

### **RECESS**

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to recess for 10 minutes.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 8:20 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Truck Co. No. 2 – New Junior Member**

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli, Ryan Wood was accepted as a junior member of the Village of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Walter Richter, resident, advised the Commissioners he called the police desk to report a parked limousine on Hazelton Street. He was advised the parking ordinance was not in effect yet since it was prior to 9am. He noticed the car had a visitor's parking permit. Mayor Fosdick stated he will look into it.

Mr. Richter advised there is a box truck parked on the front lawn of 62 Teaneck Road. Commissioner MacNeill will look into it.

Mr. Richter stated he has seen improvement to the property of the Delta Gas Station on Route 46.

Mr. Richter inquired to the concept of the old Fricke's Restaurant property and the building that has been torn down across the street from said property. Commissioner MacNeill stated the current concept for the Fricke's site is an adult day care center and the other has been approved for approximately 30 condo units.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Fosdick announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

**RESOLUTIONS**

2014-61       Appointing Matrix Development Group as Redeveloper  
2014-62       Approve Tax Appeal Settlement – 1 Winant Avenue

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian , that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

**BUDGET HEARING**

Commissioner Boyd announced all interested parties are now given the opportunity to be heard for or against the 2014 Municipal Budget.

After ample opportunity was given, no interested parties commented on the budget

Commissioner Boyd advised the budget cannot be adopted without the approval of the state.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

**INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2014-05**

**2014-05       AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK  
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 333 OF THE  
VILLAGE CODE TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR THE  
REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS AND THE  
PLACING OF MUNICIPAL LIENS ON PROPERTIES**

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner MacNeill read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper on April 11, 2014 and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on April 22, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Anlian.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli, and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

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**INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2014-06**

**2014-06      AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK  
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 214 OF THE  
VILLAGE CODE TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR THE  
REMOVAL OF BRUSH, GASS AND WEEDS AND THE PLACING  
OF MUNICIPAL LIENS ON PROPERTIES**

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner MacNeill read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper on April 11, 2014 and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on April 22, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Anlian.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli, and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamation:  
Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2013

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd that the meeting be adjourned.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

/s/John H. Anlian  
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady  
Approved on April 22, 2014