

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
**March 8, 2011**  
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 29, 2010 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: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Dieter Lerch, Auditor, Tara O'Grady and Deborah Fehre

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of February 22, 2011.

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

**BUDGET**

Mr. Dieter Lerch gave an overview of the Village 2011 Proposed Budget. The average tax bill will have a decrease of \$87.00 per home.

**Ordinance Introduction:**     2011-04            Cap Bank Ordinance

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

Commissioner Boyd read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper on March 11, 2011 and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on March 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Anlian.

On roll call:

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

**Resolutions:**

2011-46            Deferred School Tax Resolution

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, that Resolution 2011-46 be approved.

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

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2011.47 Introduction of 2011 Budget

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, that Resolution 2011-47 be approved.

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

The Public Hearing on the 2011 Proposed Budget will be on April 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$5,041,263.90.

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

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Joanne Feehan, Ridgefield Park Relay for Life, asked if they may have a free standing sign announcing the Relay for Life event. The Mayor and Commissioners reached consensus to allow the sign. The sign will be brought to Village Hall on June 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>.

Rose Mary Collins commented that a black car parked in a neighbor's driveway was too close to the sidewalk and she had to circumvent the car. Police were called, as long as car is not blocking her driveway it was okay.

Noel Cody, 418 Teaneck Road, commended the Board of Commissioners regarding the no parking during the snow emergency. He stated that all the cars had to go somewhere and perhaps something can be done to alleviate the parking situation. He then asked what could be done about commercial vehicles with roof racks and ladders parked in residential neighborhoods.

Mayor Fosdick responded that for some, the no parking during snow emergency was a real burden. When curtailing parking they also consider reasonable accommodations to help the residents.

Ray Ziemba, 101 Overpeck Avenue, spoke in favor of consolidation. He cited the example that Montvale is merging their court with other towns.

Mayor Fosdick stated that the evidence mounts everyday that the Board of Commissioners position on consolidation is correct. He asked "Why would we give away our Court which makes money for the Village?"

Commissioner Anlian stated that if everything was consolidated to only county offices everyone would be forced to travel to one location for their needs. Democracy responds to people's wishes. We do share certain services such as health services.

Joanne Feehan stated that anyone who thinks about consolidation should go to the Motor Vehicle office. She would pay \$100.00 more per year in order to go to her own town when needed.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTIONS**

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.

**RESOLUTIONS**

2011-39	Authorize Liquor License Transfer
2011-40	Designate March Women's History Month
2011-41	Authorize Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
2011-42	Authorize Tax Lien Redemption
2011-43	Award Contract for All Sports Field
2011-44	Authorize Application for Recycling Tonnage Grant
2011-45	Certification of Expenditure of Recycling Taxes

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to carry Resolution 2011-39 to the March 22, 2011 Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, that Resolutions 2011-40 through 2011-45 on the consent agenda be approved.

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

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

**INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2011-03**

2011-03	AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 183 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, ENTITLED "HOTEL AND MOTEL ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX"
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Motion was seconded by Commissioner MacNeill.

On roll call:

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

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**PROCLAMATIONS**

Eagle Scout – Eric Zwernemann

Mayor Fosdick read the proclamation out loud for the public. The ceremony is Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

/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/Deborah L. Fehre

Interim Village Clerk

Approved 03/22/2011