

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
April 12, 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, and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Absent: Commissioner Poli

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Alex Barrese, Auditor, and Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silent thought for Peggy Cerina and Peter Ooms residents of Ridgefield Park who passed away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Promotion of Police Officers

Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to Police Chief Edward Rose.

Chief Rose acknowledged the retired police officers and chiefs in the audience as well as the Bogota Police Chief and the school officials. He welcomed back Officer Brian Lyon, who has returned from boot camp. He highlighted the department's involvement with the Bergen County Computer Crimes Unit, the progress of the accreditation, and the new digital cameras in the police cars. He noted that the cost of the Police Department is \$2.78 per day for the average home in Ridgefield Park.

He then introduced Officer Anthony Sgroi.

Mrs. Fehre administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Sgroi.

Sergeant Sgroi then introduced his wife, children and family members thanking everyone present for their support.

Chief Rose introduced Officer Scott Ehalt.

Mrs. Fehre administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Ehalt.

Lieutenant Ehalt introduced his wife and daughter, his son was unable to attend due to responsibilities at college. He thanked his family, friends, and the Board of Commissioners.

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Mayor Fosdick congratulated Sergeant Sgroi and Lieutenant Ehalt. He stated that there is great confidence in the high caliber of our fine Police Department. The police officers represent to citizens their primary contact with government and how the officers conduct themselves reflects on that government. Our police officers responded to over 4,000 calls so far this year. These officers have earned their promotions. He thanked the citizenry for their support of the Police Department, who continue to keep excellence today and strive to be even better tomorrow.

Mayor Fosdick then called for a brief recess in order to take pictures and greet the newly promoted officers.

Recess began at 8:00, the meeting resumed at 8:07.

RESOLUTION

2011.51 Accept Corrective Action Plan 2009

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, that Resolution 2011-51 be approved.

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

BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION

Commissioner Boyd announced the resolutions to amend the budget due to new guidelines for Library budgets and adoption of the 2011 Municipal Budget.

Commissioner Boyd opened the meeting to the public for a hearing on the amendment and the budget.

Commissioner Boyd announced that this municipal budget reflects a decrease of \$87.00 per taxpayer based on the average home value.

Mr. Ziemba, 101 Overpeck Avenue, stated that it was difficult to understand the \$87.00 decrease when some areas of the budget increased. He also stated that once the county and school budget come in there may not be a decrease.

Commissioner Boyd explained that the Commissioners have no control over increases such as utilities and insurance. She explained that the municipal budget was cut by the \$87.00 per average home. The Commissioners do not control the county or school budget.

Mayor Fosdick explained the prudent fiscal measures that have been taken by the Commissioners over the years. This has resulted in revenues exceeding expectations and cuts in expenditures.

Commissioner Boyd closed the public hearing.

2011.52 Resolution to Amend the 2011 Budget of the Village of Ridgefield Park

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, that Resolution 2011-51 be approved.

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

2011-58 Resolution to Adopt the 2011 Budget of the Village of Ridgefield Park

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, that
Resolution 2011-51 be approved.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the
payment of bills in the amount of \$3,843,333.47.

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens asked to be heard.

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

2011-53	Authorize Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
2011-54	Authorize Expenditure of Recycling Trust Account
2011-55	Authorize Sale of Police Equipment
2011-56	Authorize Expenditure of Fire Prevention Dedicated Account
2011-57	Authorize Right of Way to New Jersey Datanet Telecom, LLC
2011-39	Authorize Liquor License Transfer

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, that
Resolutions 2011-53 through 2011-57 on the consent agenda be approved.

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

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to carry
Resolution 2011-39 to the April 26, 2011 Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

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ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2011-03

2011-05 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK,
COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING
AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 197, TO REVISE PARKING
RESTRICTIONS ON VARIOUS VILLAGE STREETS

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

Commissioner Anlian read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Anlian moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper on April 15, 2011 and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on April 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner MacNeill.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Commissioner Poli

PROCLAMATIONS

Arbor Day

Buddy Poppy Sale

Commissioner Anlian read the proclamation designating April 30, 2011 Arbor Day.

Mayor Fosdick read the proclamation regarding the annual Buddy Poppy Sale by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

/s/ John H. Anlian_____

Commissioner

/s/ Margaret R. Boyd_____

Commissioner

/s/ Adam A. MacNeill_____

Commissioner

Commissioner Poli

/s/ George D. Fosdick_____

Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre

Interim Village Clerk

Approved 04/26/2011