

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
**May 10, 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., Deborah Fehre, Interim Clerk, and Tara O'Grady, Assistant to Clerk

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silent thought for Karin MacNeill, mother of Commissioner MacNeill, and Loretta Gentile residents of Ridgefield Park who passed away.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of April 26, 2011.

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

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Closed Session Meeting of April 26, 2011.

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

Commissioner Poli reported that the Boy Scouts pasta Dinner would be on the next Saturday and there will be a town wide garage sale by the boy scouts all weekend.

Mayor Fosdick reported that the "Relay for Life" would be taking place this Saturday. He will conduct a history walk at 10:00 a.m.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,136,371.97

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ridgefield Park Fire Department – Westview Hose Co. #3 Re: Acceptance of New Member Jessica Manuat

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On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, Jessica Manuat was approved as a member of the Ridgefield Pak Fire Department.

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

## **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Residents of Ridgefield Park, 79 Brinkerhoff Street, inquired about the responsibilities of the Village and the homeowners regarding Shade Trees. When they purchased their home there was no Shade Tree. When they moved in, a tree had been planted. Commissioner Anlian explained the Shade Tree program. The residents would like a statement in writing regarding the responsibilities of the Village regarding the tree.

Residents stated that a neighbor has exceeded the allowable number of dogs permitted in each household in Ridgefield Park. Commissioner Anlian spoke to the Health Inspector. The court will know that this is the second offense. It was also noted that this appears to be a business, selling puppies. The Building Department will have to investigate.

Noel Cody, 418 Teaneck Road, inquired about the new parking ordinance recently approved by the Commissioners. He stated that he did not agree with the parking allowed on Teaneck Road. Mayor Fosdick explained that the ordinance was brought into line with the practice that has been followed for quite some time.

Ray Ziembra, 101 Overpeck Avenue, stated that the budgets over the years have increased. Commissioner Boyd pointed out that the Board of Commissioners is only responsible for 30% of previous increases and that this year the municipal portion of the budget was decreased by \$87.00. Mayor Fosdick added that the school board budget was voted on and approved by the residents.

## **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.

Ray Ziembra commented that he thought the S-1351 bill was good based on a comment he read from Loretta Weinberg.

Mayor Fosdick explained that the bill was so restrictive that if a resident came to a meeting to discuss any matter not on the agenda, which has always been permitted, the Board of Commissioners would not be permitted to answer the resident and would be forced to tell them that they will put it on the agenda for the next meeting. This would be very frustrating for the public and hinder the business of the municipality.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

2011-39	Authorize Liquor License Transfer
2011-63	Approve Junior Fire Fighter
2011-64	Appoint Planning Board Members
2011-65	Authorize Cancellation of Checks

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2011-66 Authorize Public Auction of Police Vehicles  
2011-67 Approve Use of Challenger Road Property by RP Soccer Association  
2011-68 Support BC Freeholder Resolution "National Donate Life Month"  
2011-69 Support MCANJ Resolution Opposing Open Public Meetings Act Bill  
S-1351

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli, that Resolutions 2011-63 through 2011-69 on the consent agenda be approved.

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

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to carry Resolution 2011-39 to the May 19, 2011 Caucus Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Boyd that the public meeting be recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (4) Police Contract Negotiations

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:58 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian  
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner Poli

/s/George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

/s/Deborah L. Fehre  
Interim Village Clerk  
Approved 05/24/2011