

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
**June 28, 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, and Tara O'Grady

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silent thought for Anthony Ceraolo who passed away.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of June 14, 2011.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Truck Company No. 1 - New Member

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd new member Kevin Alberque was accepted.

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

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Hose Company No. 1 – New Member

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd new member Steven Fernandez was accepted.

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

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps – Resignations

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill resignations of Gabrielle Moitinho and Joe Murphy were accepted.

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

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps - Probationary Members

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, Karina Haro, Margaret Sellen, Hala Altunji, Doreen Wilson, Claire Kubler, Daniel Granda, and Brian Kennedy were accepted as Probationary Members, and Luis Torres was accepted for membership to the Youth Squad.

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

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

Commissioner Anlian announced the beginning of the summer concerts.

Commissioner Boyd added that there will be a bus to pick up seniors at the Civic Center and the Senior Housing.

Commissioner MacNeill announced that the Village is having further soil testing done because of a paint can lid found at All Sports Field.

Commissioner Poli announced that the deck at the Ambulance Corps building built by the Boy Scouts, as an Eagle Scout project, is complete.

Mayor Fosdick reminded everyone of the upcoming Fourth of July celebrating our independence. He asked all to remember those who made it possible for us to fly our flag. Be safe.

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

John Walcek, 31 Arthur Avenue, complimented the Department of Public Works for their good work during the winter season. He then asked if parking meters will be put back in place across from the Post Office. Mayor Fosdick responded yes.

He also asked if a stiffer ordinance with higher fines could be implemented regarding abandoned properties. Commissioner MacNeill responded that there is a liability issue regarding the DPW working on private property. Perhaps a fund can be created to pay a private contractor. Mayor Fosdick pointed out a case where an employee was hurt on private property and it was very costly to the Village.

Gordon Marshall, 60 Chestnut Street, asked if parking meters will be placed in the lot by the Municipal Building. Commissioner MacNeill responded yes, and at the Cedar Street lot as well.

Joan Carlson, 205 Bergen Turnpike, asked if Ridgefield Park had an ordinance regulating chain locks on apartment doors. Commissioner MacNeill will look into it.

Cheryl Perrotta, 15 Union Place, asked if cars parked on front lawns are fined. Does someone have to complain? Commissioner MacNeill responded that if a complaint was received it would be looked into and if appropriate a summons would be issued.

Ray Ziemba, 101 Overpeck Avenue, stated that the country is going down hill. Something has to be done about this country, taxes have to be lower. Mayor Fosdick responded that the Commissioners concern is for Ridgefield Park. Sometimes a resident does not get the answer they want, but that does not mean that the Commissioners are not doing what is best for Ridgefield Park as a Village. When the State mandates 22% increase in pension costs the Village must pay. We reduce staff by not replacing many retirees. We are in negotiations with the Police Department. Accreditation is still going forward in the Police Department in order to better serve our community.

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Joan Carlson, 205 Bergen Turnpike stated that the Commissioners always tried or did something when possible.

**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.

Mayor Fosdick read the resolutions by title.

**Resolutions:**

2011-89	Accept Corrective Action Plan – Audit 2010
2011-90	Authorize Expenditure of Fire Prevention Dedicated Account
2011-91	Authorize Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
2011-92	Authorize Renewal of Liquor License
2011-93	Authorize Creation of Petty Cash Fund For Recreation Department

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

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

**ORDINANCES: PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION**

**COMMISSIONER ANLIAN CALLED UP FOR SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:**

**ORDINANCE 2011-06**

2011-06	AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 77 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO CREATE A NEW ARTICLE IV AND TO ESTABLISH POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND FEES FOR OFF-DUTY TRAFFIC DETAILS
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The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner Anlian moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Boyd. So ordered. Commissioner Anlian read the ordinance by title on second reading. The Mayor then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

Mayor Fosdick briefly explained the ordinance.

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

Commissioner Anlian moved the hearing be closed. So ordered.

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Commissioner Anlian moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Boyd and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Over the Limit Under Arrest 2011 Statewide Crackdown – Mayor Fosdick read the proclamation.

**RECESS**

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 (7) Anticipated Legal Negotiations.

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:15 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:12 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian  
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre  
Interim Village Clerk  
Approved on July 12, 2011