

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
**March 11, 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.; Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent; 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 February 25, 2014 and the Closed Session Meeting of February 25, 2014.

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,660,979.71.

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

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

None

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Eric Stein, resident, advised the Commissioners of the ongoing issues relating to the emergency parking regulations. He stated parking spots were being saved on Third Street with garbage cans. His car was vandalized when he parked in a "saved spot". He inquired if parking spots can be saved, and if not, can the message somehow be advertised.

Commissioner Anlian empathized with his situation. Anyone can park on public streets and parking spots cannot be saved. The message will be put in the newsletter and on the website in the future.

Mayor Fosdick stated most apartment houses in Ridgefield Park do not have parking. He added many years ago, there was a parking ban on the streets from November 1 through April 1. Four years ago, some residents asked for the parking ban to be placed all year round.

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John Welsek, resident, stated the handicapped corners were not shoveled.

Melissa Lang, resident, stated it has been a tough winter on Third Street, between Hackensack and Central Avenues. A resident on Third Street saves parking spots and vandalizes any vehicles that park there. She witnessed her husband's car being vandalized and she has been assaulted and threatened. It is frustrating for residents when spots are being saved and those with driveways choose not to utilize them. She asked if the electronic sign could be used to encourage residents to use their driveways and not save parking spots.

Mayor Fosdick stated it is hard to address human behavior.

Walter Richter, resident, inquired to the ticketing and towing procedures during the storms. He also advised the Delta Station on Rte. 46 is an eyesore with old tires, graffiti, and a disabled truck.

Mayor Fosdick advised the police would attempt to notify the owner of the vehicle before ticketing and towing.

### **NEW BUSINESS** **RESOLUTION**

2014-44 Introduction of the 2014 Municipal Budget

Commissioner Boyd advised the Municipal portion of the tax bill is not increasing. School and County portions will be increasing.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, that Resolution 2014-44 be approved.

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

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**

2014-45	Authorize Public Sale of Municipal Property – 65 Challenger Road
2014-46	Certification of Expenditure of Recycling Taxes
2014-47	Authorize Application for Recycling Tonnage Grant
2014-48	Authorize Expenditure of Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds
2014-49	Welcome 2014 Special Olympics U.S.A. Games to New Jersey
2014-50	Award Contract for 2014 Road Improvement Program

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".

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**RECESS**

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to recess and reconvene in 10 minutes.

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

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 7:55 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:05 p.m.

**DISCUSSION**

BNE Real Estate Group

Doug Bern, Larry Pantirer, Jonathan Schwartz, and Dean Marchetto were in attendance to discuss the redevelopment of Village owned parcels on Challenger Road.

Mr. Bern introduced BNE as a family owned business that has been in existence for over 60 years. They understand the Village’s needs and have the expertise and integrity to get the project done.

Mr. Marchetto illustrated the main focus of the proposal was to create a neighborhood style development and incorporate an architectural style that already exists in the Village. 1500 square feet is allocated for retail to service the residents.

Mr. Pantirer advised they have reviewed the geotech report they received from the Village. There are significant issues on the property. He would like their consultants to meet with the Village’s professionals to verify issues. BNE would still perform its own geotech studies.

Mayor Fosdick made a preliminary statement informing all in attendance that the Board of Commissioners is interested only in the Village of Ridgefield Park. They are not interested in anything for themselves personally such as dinners, tickets to games etc. He asked that they not take offense he states this every time a proposal is presented to the Board. He advised the Commissioners want to be informed of all events as they happen.

At this time, Mr. Bern, Mr. Pantirer, Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Marchetto left the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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/s/John H. Anlian  
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

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Mayor Fosdick

/s/ Tara O'Grady  
Village Clerk  
Approved on March 25, 2014