

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
September 13, 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: Philip Boggia, Esq., and Deborah Fehre

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of August 9, 2011

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd announced the Fall Festival on October 29, 2011.

Commissioner MacNeill announced that two thirds of the soil at the All Purpose Field was removed.

Mayor Fosdick reported on the preparedness of the emergency services in Ridgefield Park during Hurricane Irene. All emergency services met on Saturday, reviewed the procedures, and each department reported on how they were prepared to respond. The first call came in at 3:00 Sunday morning. There were 89 calls to the Fire Department; all were responded to. They will all meet again to review the responses. He then thanked everyone in the volunteer emergency services, the Police Department and the Department of Public Works.

The 9/11 Memorial Service, held on Sunday night September 11th, was so well attended that the Peace Bell Committee ran out of the 250 programs and candles that were bought for the ceremony.

There will be a change regarding the Request For Proposals for development of properties on Challenger Road. The Board of Commissioners is considering advertising new RFP's for the sale of some properties on Challenger Road. This does not mean the Village must sell the properties because of the advertising. This does not change the current leases of other properties on Challenger Road. If the properties are sold, the Board will devise a method that makes the best long term use of the proceeds.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,032,902.51.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department – New Junior Members

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Junior Firefighter applications of Eric R. Paez and Andrew J. Scheideler III were accepted.

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Michael Cullens, 70 Eighth Street, thanked all departments who responded when a tree fell near his property. He also asked if a directional sign for St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church may be posted.

Nick Dellafave, 127 Arthur Street, questioned the quality of work being performed on sidewalks by residents. He asked if permits were issued by the Building Department for the work. Commissioner MacNeill will look into it.

Walter Richter, 34 Hazelton Street, noted that 80% of a sidewalk is missing on Board of Education property.

Kate Spontak, 103 Ridgefield Avenue, asked who was responsible for bushes that hang over the sidewalks. She also advised that the mulch container bought with grant money must be used for mulch from Ridgefield Park trees.

Veronica Han, 330 Main Street, stated that she lives near Victory Lane, there is a part of a tree that fell and needs to be picked up. There is a lot of litter there. She picks up the litter whenever possible. Perhaps a sign to deter littering and a garbage can next to the bus stop would help. Mayor Fosdick stated that it will be looked into.

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:

2011-109	Bergen Municipal Employee Health Benefits Fund Renewal
2011-110	Confirmation of Endorsement Community Development Funds for Preston Street
2011-111	Confirmation of Endorsement Community Development Funds Bergen Avenue
2011-112	State Aid Application 2012 for Road Improvement Laurel Street
2011-113	State Aid Application 2012 for Safe Streets Emerson Street & Challenger Road
2011-114	Authorize Expenditure Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds
2011-115	Shade Tree Appointment of Associate Member
2011-116	Authorize Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
2011-117	Authorize Tax Lien Redemption

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

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2011-09

2011-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 96, "ZONING," SECTION 96-3.2, "ZONING MAP," OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO REZONE VARIOUS PARCELS CONSISTENT WITH THE RIDGEFIELD PARK MASTER PLAN

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 September 16, 2011, posted on the Village Bulletin Board, sent to the Ridgefield Park Planning Board, the County Planning Board, and all municipalities contiguous to Ridgefield Park by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on September 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Boyd.

On roll call:

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

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2011-10

2011-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 96, 96A, 118, 147 AND 365 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BY ELIMINATING THE OP-2 ZONE AND REPLACING SAME WITH A NEW PD-1 ZONE CONSISTENT WITH THE RIDGEFIELD PARK MASTER PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT

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PROCLAMATIONS

Welcome Visiting French Firefighters

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

On roll call:

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

/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 on September 27, 2011