

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
**December 27, 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, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Absent: Commissioner MacNeill. Also present: Priscilla Boggia, Esq., Deborah Fehre, and Tara O'Grady

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silent thought for Raymond Wisneski, who grew up in Ridgefield Park and was an employee of the Ridgefield Park DPW who passed away.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Installation of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps Officers

Mayor Fosdick then turned the meeting over to Commissioner Poli regarding the Installation of the Ambulance Corps Officers.

Commissioner Poli asked Captain Fernandez to present his annual report.

Captain Fernandez reported that the Ridgefield Park Ambulance Corps responded to 914 emergency calls. This represents a decrease of 7% in call volume from the previous year. Holy Name continued to assist the Village with the mutual aid calls during the day. They responded to 121 calls, representing 11.7% of the call volume for the year and a decrease of 6% from the previous year. The Corps worked closely with the other emergency service in the Village during Hurricane Irene and the October snowstorm. He thanked the members of the Rescue Squad for all their assistance for the year 2011. Training continues to be a top priority for the Corps. They are anticipating another successful year in 2012. He then asked the Board of Commissioner to reconsider a Fire Rehab vehicle. The vehicle would assist in responses when fire rehab equipment is needed.

Captain Fernandez thanked the Commissioners, DPW, the OEM, Fire Department, Police Department Rescue Squad and the women in the Clerk/Finance office.

He then presented special awards for outstanding emergency service.

Commissioner Poli thanked the Captain and asked Mrs. Fehre to administer the oath of office to the Lieutenants, Mechanic, and Administrative Officers of the Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Sean Florio  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant George Kotzias  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Orestis Kotzias  
Mechanic Jolly Thomas

President Steven Fernandez  
Vice President Irma Rutkowski  
Treasurer Kate Spontak  
Secretary Parag Badami

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Commissioner Poli administered the oath of office to Captain Silvio Leon Zapata III

Commissioner Poli addressed the public. He explained a bill that is on the Governor's desk for signature. This bill removes funding for training of emergency personnel. He then read a letter sent to the Governor by the Ridgefield Park Board of Commissioners urging the Governor not to sign the bill. He thanked all of the members and their families for the time that they put into the Ambulance Corps.

Everyone was invited to the Ambulance Corps Building for refreshments after the meeting.

Commissioner Anlian commented that the Corps dedicates their personal time responding to emergencies and that they should know in their hearts how important they are to the Village. Thank you for all you have done and will do, Happy New Year and God bless.

Commissioner Boyd thanked all the men and women of the Corps and noted how well they work with the other volunteer emergency personnel.

Mayor Fosdick commented on Ridgefield Park being one of the oldest communities and the pride the community takes in what they do. Today there are more volunteers than before with so many different entities to volunteer for. He complimented the Ambulance Corps on their training and dedication when responding to people's homes, entering those homes and attending to families that are scared and do not know as much as they do in an emergency situation. He thanked and commended them on a great job and for carrying on a great tradition. As always we do very well today and will do better tomorrow.

The meeting was recessed for five minutes in order to take pictures and visit with the newly elected officers.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of November 22, 2011

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Fehre read the letter from Captain Fernandez to Commissioner Poli noting all the membership changes that took place during the year 2011.

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the changes were accepted.

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Tom Christensen inquired about the hiring of an appraisal company. He asked if the town was planning a revaluation.

Mayor Fosdick responded that the appraiser was for a special project.

#### **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.

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Resolutions:

2011-189	Appoint Village Attorney
2011-190	Appoint Insurance Consultants
2011-191	Appoint Various Professional Services
2011-192	Appoint Appraisal Services
2011-193	Authorize 2011 Budget Transfers
2011-194	Insertion of Revenue Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund
2011-195	Authorize Refund of Tax Overpayments
2011-196	Authorize Tax Lien Redemption
2011-197	Authorize Cancellation of Taxes
2011-198	Authorize Cancellation of Small Tax Balances

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

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$254,881.03.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian  
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd  
Commissioner

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Commissioner MacNeill

/s/ Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre  
Interim Village Clerk  
Approved on January 10, 2012