

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
**April 24, 2012**  
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 28, 2011 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

**ROLL CALL**

Those present were Commissioner Anlian (8:14), 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. A moment of silent thought was observed for Dolly Samus, who passed away.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of April 10, 2012

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

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Commissioner Boyd reminded everyone that Earth Day will be on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner MacNeill reported that the Boy Scouts will have their pasta dinner Saturday from 5:30 to 8:00.

Mayor Fosdick reported that Elks Youth Day will be May 3, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The Caucus Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the Regular Meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. May 8, 2012 will be Municipal Elections in the Village of Ridgefield Park. May 15, 2012 will be the reorganization Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. May 22, 2012 the regular meeting schedule resumes.

**2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Public Hearing on Budget Amendment per Resolution 2012-42

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli the meeting was opened to the public for comment on Budget Amendment Resolution 2012-42 which was approved at the April 10, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner MacNeill explained the expenditures which were added to the budget, including but not limited to the new roof for the Village Hall and insurance costs.

There were no comments from the public on the budget amendment. The public hearing regarding the budget was held on April 10, 2012.

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2012-49          Resolution to Adopt the 2012 Municipal Budget

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, Resolution 2012-49 was offered for adoption.

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

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Joseph Cuzo, resident, addressed the Board of Commissioners regarding an ordinance requiring criminal background checks for volunteers and employees who work with children. The initial cost would be funded by the Megan Kanka Foundation.

Mayor Fosdick responded that the Commissioners received the information forwarded by Mr. Cuzo. The Commissioners have checked with the surrounding towns for their ordinances regarding background checks. There are many ways to address this issue. They would like to look into it and call a meeting of all the organizations to discuss a proposal that would work for all concerned. Commissioner Boyd asked how often the checks are done. Mr. Cuzo responded every three years. She then asked about payment after the initial phase covered by the Kanka Foundation. Mr. Cuzo responded that the organizations would raise the money. Commissioner MacNeill suggested appointing Mr. Cuzo the point man to help organize the effort. Mayor Fosdick stated that they are not in disagreement, but have a process that must be followed.

Louise Maksymowicz, resident, asked who delivered the Village Newsletter, many people have not received it. Commissioner Poli stated he would mention this to the Boy Scouts who deliver the newsletter.

Walter Richter, resident, asked if the sidewalk on Hazelton Street was repaired. The Superintendent of Schools was in attendance and answered that it was being repaired with the construction project at the Roosevelt School. Mr. Richter then stated that speeding is a problem on Main Street by-pass and Teaneck Road. He then informed the Commissioners that the debris was removed from 9 Brinkerhoff. Commissioner MacNeill explained that the property belongs to the railroad which makes it difficult to deal with.

### **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:**

2012-50          Approve Proposal by Kenneth Ochab Associates, LLC Re: NJ Turnpike Property  
2012-51          Amend Board of Recreation Appointment

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2012-52 Authorize Increase of Pool Membership Fees  
2012-53 Authorize Donation of Bicycles by Police Department to Pedals for Progress

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

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

### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

2012-06 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 188 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, ENTITLED “FIRE PROTECTION”

Ordinance 2012-06 was not acted upon for introduction on advice of counsel who recommended introducing the ordinance on May 22, 2012 after the May 15, 2012 reorganization meeting.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamations:  
Poppy Sale by Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States  
Eagle Scout – John P. Kowalchuk

### **RECESS**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill 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, 5) Redevelopment of Challenger Road, Report by Ken Ochab

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:14 p.m. Commissioner Anlian arrived at the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:32 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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Commissioner

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/s/Adam A. MacNeill\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

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Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre  
Interim Village Clerk  
Approved on May 22, 2012