

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
January 26, 2016
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, 2015 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Village Attorney and 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 January 12, 2016.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Ceremonial Swearing-In of New Police Officers
Police Department Awards

Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to Chief Ed Rose for the Police Department Ceremonial Swearing-In of new Police Officers and Department Awards.

Chief Rose thanked everyone for coming and introduced new police officers VanSaders, Fernandez, and Knebl.

Mrs. O’Grady administered the Oaths of Office to Patrolmen VanSaders, Fernandez, and Knebl.

Lieutenant Rella presented the following Police Officers with awards and/or Letters of Commendation:

Lieutenant Rella, Lieutenant Thibault, Sergeant Baker, Sergeant Cmielewski, Sergeant Hippe, Sergeant Jensen, Sergeant Locarno, Sergeant Milo, Sergeant Sgroi, Sergeant Sulborsky, Sergeant Tress, Detective Morton, Detective Triano, Patrolman D’Alto, Patrolman DiStasi, Patrolman Gilmore, Patrolman Holden, Patrolman Knebl, Patrolman Lyons, Patrolman Madan, Patrolman Marco, Patrolman Marquez, Patrolman Martin, Patrolman Mercoun, Patrolman Perna, Patrolman Rellinger and Patrolman VanSaders.

The distinguished service of the police officers included lifesaving efforts, drug violations and unstable citizens.

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Mayor Fosdick explained the hiring process of police officers and stated politics are not involved. The officers here have earned their position based on their own merit. Promotions are based on testing results. He advised that expectations are high and expects everyone to do their best at all times. He thanked the police officers for all they do and thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Anlian read a proclamation recognizing Mayor Fosdick as one of The Boy Scouts of America's 2016 Outstanding Eagle Scouts.

RECESS

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to recess for 10 minutes.

By voice vote, all in favor, none opposed.

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 8:48 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd congratulated the Mayor on his proclamation.

Mayor Fosdick announced the DPW is continuing to clear streets of snow from the weekend major snow storm. They will begin at 11pm to clear the outlying business districts.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Ted Tabasco, resident, stated he submitted the \$2500 stipend voucher for Jr. Football and only received \$1500. Commissioner MacNeill asked Mr. Tabasco to call him to discuss. The dollar amount was researched and it cannot be determined when Jr. Football ever received \$2500. Commissioner Boyd added the budget had been approved prior to the voucher submission and the budgeted amount could not be changed. Mr. Tabasco stated the Veterans Park bathrooms were not completed when promised. Commissioner MacNeill advised promises were not made. He added since the Village did not bond for the funding, wanted to ensure renovations were done properly.

Peter Astolfi, resident, complained about dog owners in his neighborhood that do not curb their dogs.

Tom Blumenthal, resident, stated he is in support of Mayor Fosdick's proclamation. He stated he also supports Mr. Tabasco's request for \$2500. The Soccer Association received \$2500 when he was President of the Soccer Association. He commended the DPW on the snow removal. Mr. Blumenthal inquired if the Board of Commissioners received any further information from the Board of Education. Mayor Fosdick responded no. Mr. Blumenthal asked the Board of Education to hold an open forum for the public regarding solutions to the financial crisis. He advised he has not received a response.

Mr. Blumenthal inquired about Ordinance 2016-01. Mayor Fosdick explained the ordinance and advised the biggest issue the Village will face in the next 20-25 years is the CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) System.

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Walter Richter, resident, stated he noticed renovations are being done in the old “Hobby Shop” store and would like to know what type of business is planned for that location. Commissioner MacNeill stated he believes optometry. Mr. Richter voiced his concern regarding our ambulance not responding to calls.

NEW BUSINESS

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:

- 2016-008 Approve Inter-local Services Agreement for Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force
- 2016-009 Authorize Shared Services Agreement with Mid-Bergen Health Commission and the Ridgefield Park Board of Health for Health Officer
- 2016-010 Authorize Commissioner Anlian to sign Health Awareness Regional Program Contract
- 2016-011 Authorize Mayor to Sign a 5-Year Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County for Animal Control Program and Employee Assistance Program
- 2016-012 Authorize Agreement for Public Health Services with the Borough of Ridgefield

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 INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2016-01

- 2016-01 CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE VILLAGE'S RESERVE FROM SALE OF MUNICIPAL ASSETS.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner Boyd read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on February 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Poli.

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

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PROCLAMATION

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamation:

Eagle Scout – Kyle E. Monahan

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli to adjourn meeting at 9:33 pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

/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/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on February 9, 2016