

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
August 14, 2012
7:30 PM

Commissioner Anlian 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 Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Commissioner Anlian in the Chair. Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq., and Tara O'Grady

Absent: Mayor Fosdick

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Anlian. Commissioner Anlian then asked for a moment of silent thought for Helene Richardson, who passed away.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd swore in Acting Village Clerk, Tara O'Grady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of July 10, 2012 and the Closed Session Meeting of July 10, 2012.

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

Absent: Mayor Fosdick

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd reminded everyone the Street Fair is Sept. 22nd from 10am to 5pm.

Commissioner MacNeill explained the application to Bergen County Open Space for Rehabilitation of Hobart Street fields. He stated it is a matching County Grant of \$142,000.00 which would be used for an irrigation system, baseball diamond renovations and fencing replacement, which is currently illegal and inappropriate.

Barbara Pettit, resident, inquired if funds are set aside for this project. She stated the money could be used in other ways since the parks look terrific and money is always available for parks. She commented on the deplorable conditions of the Civic Center and Municipal Building and would like to see improvements done on these buildings.

Commissioner MacNeill responded the Village would either bond out for the funds, or use cash. Commissioner Anlian added the conditions of the Civic Center and Municipal Building are being addressed. There is an obligation to improve and upkeep the parks. He explained that the Village rarely borrowed any money until Green Acres and the cost of renovations has substantially increased. Comm. Anlian also stated the Village hopes to pay down a lot of debt in the near future.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,130,558.68.

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

Absent: Mayor Fosdick

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Louise Maksymowicz, resident, asked if there is a fee to use the fields, if the Red Bulls paid said fee and where the permit money goes. Commissioner MacNeill responded yes. Department of Public Works Superintendent, Alan O'Grady stated the permit fees go to the parks account.

Ms. Maksymowicz also informed the Board of Commissions of the condition of a property located on Chestnut Street and Bergen Turnpike. It is owned by an absentee landlord and the property is overgrown. Commissioner MacNeill will have property maintenance department look into it.

Joan Carlson, resident, thanked Commissioner MacNeill for cleaning McGowan Park. She asked if Veteran's Park parking lot could be coned off for Homecoming Weekend, October 5, 6, 7 to prevent parking issues. Commissioner MacNeill stated there shouldn't be an issue.

Ms. Carlson also asked if the trees in McGowan Park could be cut back. Also, how to find out if a tree is on the approval list to be cut down. Commissioner Anlian will look into the trees and the DPW has a list of approved trees.

Wayne Boyd, resident, inquired about obtaining a grant for the Civic Center. Commissioner MacNeill stated he originally wanted the Open Space Grant to apply to building improvements but the County stated it had to be parks. Hobart Street was chosen since it needs the most improvement. Commissioner MacNeill stated he is hoping to receive at least \$50,000.00 to cover the cost of the irrigation system and fencing.

Patricia O'Grady, resident asked if the Village receives more than the \$142,000.00 anticipated amount, will the Village match those funds. Commissioner MacNeill stated the Village applied for \$142,000.00 and would not receive more.

Walter Richter, resident, stated he attempted to obtain information from the Building Department dating back to 1999. He stated he was told records do not go back to 1999 and that records were lost due to flooding. Commissioner MacNeill stated that records were computerized three years ago. Commissioner Boyd confirmed there was flooding at the storage unit where records were kept. Mr. Richter informed the Board of Commissioners of vehicles parking on front lawns on the lower end of Teaneck Road, trucks parking halfway up sidewalks on Bergen Turnpike, and cars parked in backyards on blocks on Hazelton Street. Commissioner Anlian stated he will check into which department, whether Police or Building, should be enforcing ordinances pertaining to these issues.

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Dave Bernstein, is interested in opening his business, Liberty Tax Service, on Main Street. He stated that his marketing plan would have an individual in costume during tax season on Main Street. He added that he has spoken with both the Police and Building Departments and was told there were no objections but to check with the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners stated they had no objections.

Barbara Pettit, resident, extended her commendations to Alan O'Grady and the DPW for saving taxpayers money by using Recycling Trust funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Anlian 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.

Commissioner Anlian read the resolutions by title.

Commissioner Boyd requested Resolution 2012-112 be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

RESOLUTIONS

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| 2012-110 | Accept the Bid of 85 Challenger Road, LLC for the Sale of Block 24.03, Lot 3.01 and the Village's Interest in a Long-Term Ground Lease Thereon |
| 2012-111 | Authorize DPW to solicit Bids for an All Wheel Drive SUV and a Four Wheel Drive Pick-up Truck – funding from Recycling Trust Account |
| 2012-112 | Authorize Application to Bergen County Open Space for Rehabilitation of Hobart Street Fields |
| 2012-113 | Appoint Representative to Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program Regional Subcommittee |
| 2012-114 | Designating Chase Partners, LLC as Redeveloper to Implement the Ridgefield Park Redevelopment Plan for 95 Challenger Road, Block 24.03, Lot 4 and 70 Challenger Road, a portion of Block 24.02, Lot 1 |

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, that the Consent Agenda be approved with the exception of Resolution 2012-112.

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

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve Resolution 2012-112.

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

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RECESS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli 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 (4) Police Chief Contract

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

Absent: Mayor Fosdick

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:15 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:31 p.m.

Commissioner Anlian adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Tara O'Grady
Acting Village Clerk
Approved September 11, 2012