

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
**December 11, 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, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Tara O'Grady

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. Mayor Fosdick then asked for a moment of silent thought for Rosemary Monaghan and Frank Teta Sr., residents and volunteers who had passed away.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly appointed Village Clerk, Tara O'Grady. Commissioner Boyd administered the Oath of Office to the Village Clerk.

Installation of the Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Officers.

Mayor Fosdick introduced Chip Greiner and Mike Brophy of Bogota, Chief Anthony Burley of Teaneck, and Fr. Larry Evans of St. Francis Church.

Mayor Fosdick asked all Ex-Chiefs of the Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department to stand, state their name, and state their year(s) as Chief.

Mayor Fosdick asked Chief LaTour to give his annual report.

Chief LaTour stated as of December 10, 2012, the Volunteer Fire Department responded to 571 Service Calls, 67 Fires, 13 Rescue and Ems assists, 138 Hazardous Conditions, 119 Service Calls, 55 Good intent, 153 Unintentional or False alarms, 26 Special Assignments and Work Details. They participated in 154 drills and 74 meetings. He stated during Superstorm Sandy, the Fire Department responded to over 200 calls. He thanked the Borough of Bogota for their help during the storm.

Chief LaTour thanked Ex-Chief Garafalow, Mark Alberque, and the 9/11 Memorial Committee for their hard work and dedication to the memorial.

Chief LaTour thanked the Assistant Chiefs Peter Arciuolo, and Mike Lauer. They administer the training classes and State mandate testing and have an excellent working relationship with the Police Department. He then thanked Donna Arciuolo and Maggie Lauer for their support. He thanked his wife Donna, for her understanding. Doug Hansen and Francine Orovitz of the office of Emergency Management and Fire Prevention, Daryl Henkle Captain of the Rescue Squad and Sylvio Zapata, Captain of the Ambulance Corps, Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent and his crew. He also thanked Mrs. O'Grady and her staff for their help in the Clerk/Finance office.

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Engine Co. #4 needs replacing – it is a 30 year old pumper with escalating issues. Air Packs need to be replaced. Several bottles have already expired. Upon recommendation of the Police Department, the Department should look into a watercraft to assist the Rescue Squad during flooding emergencies and water rescues.

Sylvan Mack certified the Fire Department Election results:

Chief LaTour

Assistant Chief Arciuolo

Assistant Chief Lauer

President John Malool

Vice President Michele Lynn

Secretary James Schmitt

Treasurer Michael Alberque

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Lieutenants of the Volunteer Fire Department: 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenants: William Nebling, Frank Farina, Richard Pickett, Sylvan Mack, Brian O’Grady, Sean Rodriguez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants: Rodney Wagner, Thomas Carr, Thomas McGee, Ronald Wagner, John O’Grady Sr., William Lynn.

Mrs. O’Grady administered the Oath of Office to the Lieutenants.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Captains of the Volunteer Fire Department: Robert Stauffer, Thomas Wilson, Liam Radburn, Richard Burke, Brian Nevins, John Antola Jr.

Mrs. O’Grady administered the Oath of Office to the Captains.

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Assistant Fire Chiefs; Peter Arciuolo and Michael Lauer.

Mrs. O’Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Assistant Chiefs.

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Executive Officers; John Malool, Michele Lynn, James Schmitt, and Michael Alberque

Mrs. O’Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Executive Officers.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Fire Chief Richard LaTour.

Mayor Fosdick administered the Oath of Office to Chief LaTour.

Commissioner Anlian noted this is his 32<sup>nd</sup> Fire Department Installation of Officers Ceremony. He stated volunteers are what make Ridgefield Park a community, the glue that holds us together. He thanked the spouses for lending their spouses to Ridgefield Park and wished all a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Boyd thanked all the volunteer firefighters and wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

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Commissioner MacNeill told the volunteer firefighter to keep up the good work; he then wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Poli thanked the volunteers for all they do. He then wished them Happy Holidays.

Mayor Fosdick commented the Fire Department is the oldest volunteer organization in Ridgefield Park. It is a tradition of service; neighbors helping neighbors, family and friends. Volunteers are critical, especially during the event that occurred over the past few week, and work together for a common purpose. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, he thanked and pledged their continued support.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk O'Grady read a letter of resignation from Truck Co. No. 1 for Michael Koenig.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner Boyd to accept the letter of resignation with regret.

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

Clerk O'Grady read a letter of acceptance from Truck Co. No. 2 for Gregory Alders.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner Boyd to accept said letter.

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

Clerk O'Grady read a membership application from Engine Co. No. 2 for Michael Pobega to be accepted as a Junior Firefighter.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner Boyd to accept Michael Pobega as a junior firefighter.

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

Mayor Fosdick welcomed Michael Pobega to the Ridgefield Park Fire Department.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Mayor Fosdick reminded all the next Caucus Meeting and Commissioners Meeting will both be held on Thursday, December 20, 2012; the Caucus Meeting at 6 PM and the Regular Commissioners Meeting at 7:30 PM. Installation of Ambulance Corps. Officers will take place at the Commissioners Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Fosdick invited all the reception at MK Valencia in lieu of the Fire Department Dance.

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of November 27, 2012.

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,815,266.50.

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

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

There were no comments from the public.

**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:**

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| 2012-145 | Authorize Professional Services Contract to Langan Engineering & Environmental Services                                |
| 2012-146 | Authorize Mayor to Sign Annual Agreement with Bergen County for Animal Control Program and Employee Assistance Program |
| 2012-147 | Authorize Insertion of Revenue (Chapter 159) EMAA OEM Grant Money  |
| 2012-148 | Authorize Insertion of Revenue (Chapter 159) Police Body Armor Grant Money   |
| 2012-149 | Authorize Cancellation of Outstanding Checks   |
| 2012-150 | Authorize Refund of Overpayment of Taxes   |
| 2012-151 | Appoint Village Clerk  |
| 2012-152 | Establish a Reserve for Debt Service   |
| 2012-153 | Establish a Reserve for Future Capital Improvements  |
| 2012-154 | Establish a Reserve for Tax Stabilization  |

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”.

**PROCLAMATION**

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 Year End Statewide Crackdown

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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

/s/ John H. Anlian  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

/s/ Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady  
Village Clerk  
Approved on December 20, 2012