

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
January 12 2010
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 31, 2008 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

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

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 Meeting of December 22, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Mayor Fosdick explained that there were three things going on tonight, awards for the Holiday Christmas decoration, installation of the Rescue Squad and the swearing in of two new police officers. Anyone is welcome to take pictures and after all these events, we will recess for ten minutes.

Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to the Commissioner Hugo Poli who said the holiday display contest is run by the Board of Recreation. He introduced Frank Zaccherio, a member of the Board of Recreation.

Mr. Zaccherio explained how the judging is done, by judges from out of town. He said there are six grand prize winners and twelve runner-ups. He began giving the awards to the twelve runner-ups first. He said holiday plates are awarded to the six grand prize winners and presented awards to those present. Mr. Zaccherio thanked all for their participation. A list of winners is available at www.ridgefieldpark.org.

At is time the Mayor turned the meeting over to Commissioner Boyd for the installation of the Rescue Squad.

Commissioner Boyd introduced Darryl Henkel, Chief of the Rescue Squad who gave the 2009 Annual Report. (Copy of Report is available at the Municipal Clerk's Office). He said the Rescue Squad responded to 807 calls in 2009. The Rescue Squad also worked with the Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps.. Chief Henkel explained the Rescue Squad had fourteen drills in 2009 and nine house training nights and the number of man hours involved.

Chief Henkel introduced a new probationary member present, Mr. Jeff Hunes. Mr. Henkel also said the Rescue Squad also does volunteer night along with the Fire Department, and the Ambulance Corps and the Police Department. The Rescue Squad also sponsors a soccer and baseball team. He thanked the Ambulance Corps, the Fire Department and the Police Department for all their help. He also thanked the DPW, Fire Preventions for their support. He thanked Apache Auto Wreckers for supplying cars for their drills, Little Ferry for permitting them to fill their air tanks and especially thanked Commissioner Boyd who attends most of their drills and training meetings. He thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their support and looks forward to working with everyone in 2010.

The Village Clerk sworn in the 2010 members of the Rescue Squad. Commissioner Boyd swore in Darryl Henkel as Chief of the Rescue Squad 2010.

At this time Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to Chief Lee.

Chief Lee thanked the Mayor for our hiring process. He thanked each and every police officer and said he is proud of the work they are doing. He said we have the finest Police Department in Bergen County and in the State.

He introduced the two new police officers, Dale Maden and Gregory Powell. The new officers were sworn in by the Village Clerk and Dale Maden was pinned by his mother, and Gregory Powell was pinned by his father.

Commissioner Anlian said what you have witnessed tonight was small town America – Holiday Decorating Awards, and Frank Zaccherio who loves doing it. The Rescue Squad, one of the three great volunteer organization in Ridgefield Park, who rescues other species – two deer who fell through the ice. He congratulated the two new police officers, and said they join the best in Bergen County and the best and finest in the State of New Jersey. We are proud of the job the Police Department does and thank you for all you do for Ridgefield Park.

Commissioner Boyd thanked all who participated in the Holiday Decorations . She said thank you very much to the Rescue Squad for the many hours they devote to the Rescue Squad. She said the Rescue Squad touches every volunteer organization, assists as drivers for the Ambulance Corps and if they need an EMT. They assist the Fire Department by always stepping up to the plate. She thanked all the members of the Rescue Squad for all they do. Commissioner Boyd congratulated the two new police officers and reminded them we are a Village.

Commissioner MacNeill said we have one of the best Christmas Programs – our Village really lights up. He said when he need them, the Rescue Squad responded to him within minutes. He congratulated the two new police officers.

Commissioner Poli said he is very proud of all the Board of Recreation members. It's a lot of work and they do a great job. He thanked Frank Zaccherio for another good year. He said the Rescue Squad helps out immensely and thanked them for their service. He congratulated the two new officers.

Mayor Fosdick said there are three meetings a year where we install our Fire Department, Ambulance Corps and Rescue Squad. They are three different volunteer services to our community. The Village of Ridgefield Park is one of the oldest communities in the County, and some direct descendants still live here. Our Holiday Decorations Awards, the Rescue Squad and the Police Department are all community spirited of which we are very proud. He said we are a Commission form of government and we are non-partisan. He explained that homes in the Village are approximately 100 years old. He mentioned famous residents of Ridgefield Park who graduated from Ridgefield Park, one who co-piloted the Enola Gay and the head of MID, a graduate of the Class of 1952. The Mayor thanked the Board of Recreation and all who participated in the decorating. He said we have a Fire Department, Ambulance Corps and Rescue Squad, all volunteers and no one gets paid.

Mayor Fosdick said we are proud of our Police Department. He said we have begun the process of Accreditation. He said two officers are retiring this year, Chief Lee and Lt. Donnelly. He also said Pete Uralic is retiring as well as Sgt. Malone. We hired only two new officers this year. We are sensitive to what might happen this year; property taxes are high.

Mayor Fosdick said when General MacArthur went to West Point, he made a lasting impression when he said "the long Gray Line has never failed". That is what I say to all volunteers and all who serve us. Support the constitution of the United States, respect each other. We are always a work in progress. We must make sure it works. Tomorrow we have to be better than today. He said you have the appreciation and thanks of the people of the Village of Ridgefield Park.

The meeting recessed at 8:15 PM for ten minutes.

Meeting resumed at 8:25 PM.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$ 2,846,598.21. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

None.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

No one wished to be heard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

None

NEW BUSINESS*****

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.

Resolution No. 1 - Authorizing Petty Cash Funds.

Resolution No. 2 - Authorizing Rate of Interest on Delinquent taxes.

Resolution No. 3 - Authorizing Newspapers for Legal Notices.

Resolution No. 4 - Authorizing Depositories for All Monies of the Village of Ridgefield Park.

Resolution No. 5 - Authorizing Payment of DCA Fees.

Resolution No. 6 - Appointing Martin T. Durkin, Esq. as Attorney to the Board of Health.

Resolution No. 7- Appointing Albert Knaub as Safety Officer for 2010.

Resolution No 8 - Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #09-02
In the amount of \$16,646.46 plus Premium of \$5,100.

Resolution No. 9- Appointing Mr. McNerney as Appraiser for Upcoming Tax Appeals.

Resolution No. 10- Approving Refund Of Duplicate Tax Payment On Block 15, Lot 2
In The Amount of \$2,506.10.

Resolution No. 11- Approving Transfers Between 2009 Appropriation Reserves.

Resolution No. 12- Appointment of Various Professional Services

Resolution No. 13- Approving Dedication By Rider – Swine Flu Fees.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner MacNeill that the Consent Agenda be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the Commissioners Meeting at 8:35 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/John A. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

s/s George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/Barbara Pettit
Acting Village Clerk