

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

RIDGEFIELD PARK

February 9, 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 MacNeill to approve the minutes of January 26, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,949,716.16. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

None.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Mr. Ziemba – 101 Overpeck Avenue

There is a new administration in Trenton, open to ideas. He said the new governor is concerned about waste, lower school taxes, lower property taxes, health care, and freeze salaries. Mr. Ziemba said there was no increase in Social Security Benefits this year. He said there are ways to bring taxes down. He mentioned the recycling program. Said there is a church in Pennsylvania that says "give us your

wood”. They take the wood and turn it into sawdust, and raise money for food baskets. He mentioned another pilot program, where they take food scraps and turn it into fertilizer and save \$80,000 in dumping fees. Mr. Ziemba spoke about possibly converting Village equipment to use another form of fuel other than gasoline. He said we have to come up with ideas. He said “garbage is one man’s trash, but another man’s goldmine.”

Mr. Ziemba said there are 22 dogs on his block and asked about a dog run. He mentioned the horseshoe courts and said no one uses them, and a dog run would really be nice. The Mayor said the horseshoe courts are used in warmer weather. Mr. Ziemba mentioned the benches in McGowan park. The Mayor said we keep them up.

Regarding the schools, the Mayor said the people vote on the school budget. Regarding health care, it continues to increase and we have no control over it. Commissioner Boyd said the Commissioners have no control over the school budget. She said the State allows us to increase the budget 4% max; and the Mayor said sewer cost this year increased from 2009 from \$3,000 to this year \$55,000. He said we have already reduced the size of our Police Department and other departments are down.

Mr. Ziemba said the people need a break.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

None.

NEW BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Poli introduced an “ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 197 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”. Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner Boyd that an “ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 197 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” be approved on first reading, be duly advertised in the Record and come up for public hearing on February 23, 2010.

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

Commissioner MacNeill introduced an “ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 271 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK ENTITLED “PARKS”. Motion by Commissioner MacNeill seconded by Commissioner Poli that an “ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 271 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK ENTITLED “PARKS” be approved on first reading, be duly advertised in the Record and come up for public hearing on February 23, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Anlian,

Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

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 - Awarding Bid For Improvement To Veterans Park to

M. J. D’Arminio of Hackensack.

- Resolution No 2 - Opposing Consolidation of Municipal Tax Assessor, Municipal Tax Collector, Municipal health Services 7 Municipal Animal Control Services at the County.
- Resolution No. 3 - Approving Use of Veterans Park June 11 and 12, 2010 for a Relay For Life.
- Resolution No. 4 - Approving Raffle Licenses 1111, 1112 and 1113 for Little Ferry Project Graduation – February 26, 2010 at the Elks.
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- Resolution No. 5 - Approving Refund Of Overpayment Of Taxes Block 95, Lot 4.
- Resolution No. 6 Approving Refund Of Overpayment Of Taxes Block 106.01, Lot 2
- Resolution No 7 - Approving Release Of Performance Guarantee as Recommended By Boswell Engineering to Hilton Garden Inn, Block 24.02, Lot 1.
- Resolution No. 8 - Approving Transfers Between 2009 Appropriation Reserves.
- Resolution No 9 - Approving Support And Commit To Cooperation And Participation In The PARIS Grant –Bergen County

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 that the meeting adjourn at 7:55 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

/s/John A. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioners

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/Barbara Pettit
Acting Village Clerk