

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
November 12, 2013
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, 2012 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

Also present: Priscilla Boggia, Esq.; Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent; Ed Rose, Police Chief 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 October 22, 2013.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,431,744.93.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Installation of two Ridgefield Park police officers.

Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to Chief Rose to introduce the new police officers. He introduced Nicholas Mercoum who is currently in the last testing process at the Police Academy and Joe Avila-Reyes who was a dispatcher in Ridgefield Park and transferred from the Hardyston police force. Chief Rose advised it is a rigorous hiring process and Ridgefield Park wants the best qualified people. Not only should the individual be a good fit for the police department but Ridgefield Park should be a good fit for them.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oath of Office to Patrolmen Mercoum and Avila-Reyes.

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Mayor Fosdick explained the hiring process as a totally objective process in finding individuals with the finest caliber. He advised the new police officers are here on their own merit. He added that he is taken out of the hiring process until the end. The Ridgefield Park Police Department is one of ten fully accredited departments in Bergen County and held to a higher standard. He advised the new officers the Village is a community of citizen involvement and welcomed them as they become a part of it. He wished them the best and to be safe.

RECESS

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

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 7:52 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:58 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps – Membership Changes

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, changes to the Ridgefield Park Ambulance Corps. be accepted and kept on file in the Village Clerk’s office.

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No reports.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Louise Maksymowicz, resident, inquired whether taxes will increase with the recently adopted bond ordinance. Mayor Fosdick advised the intention is to pay off debt with the proceeds of the sale of Challenger Road properties.

Walter Richter, resident, inquired on a ground-breaking time frame. Mayor Fosdick advised ground-breaking should begin in about a year with completion 3-4 years for Avalon Bay. In January, Skymark hopes to submit their site plan. This will be a long term development with 10 -20 years to complete.

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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

- 2013-102 Authorize 2013 Budget Transfers
- 2013-103 Authorize Expenditure of Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds
- 2013-104 Authorize Moratorium on Parking Meter Fees
- 2013-105 Appoint Board of Recreation Member
- 2013-106 Authorize Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli that the consent Agenda be approved.

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamations:

Retirement of Christopher Onorato

Eagle Scout – Dylan Jansen

Eagle Scout – Paul Fasullo

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the public portion of the meeting recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (8) Personnel

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:12 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner Anlian

Commissioner Boyd

Commissioner MacNeill - Abstain

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner Poli

Mayor Fosdick

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on November 26, 2013