

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
MARCH 23, 2010

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, 2009 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 march 9, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Mayor Fosdick announced we would be swearing a new police officer tonight, Dino Agelis. He advised our meetings are very informal and encouraged the people to participate, take pictures, and move around.

Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to Chief Robert Lee.

Chief Lee called Dino Agelis to be sworn in. Officer Agelis was sworn in by the Acting Village Clerk, and he was pinned by his mother.

Officer Agelis introduced members of his family who were in attendance.

Chief Lee welcomed everyone to the Police Awards and thanked Captain rose and Lieutenant DiNiro for all their help.

Chief Lee presented the following awards:

Honorable Service Award	Officer William Morton
Honorable Service Award	Detective Anthony Sgroi
Civilian Certificate	Astrid Molina
Civilian Certificate	Richard LaTour
Honorable Service Award	Sgt. Albert Baker
Honorable Service Award	Detective Alfonso Locarno
Civilian Certificate	Michael LeStrange
Life Saving Award	Sgt. Christopher Thibault
Life Saving Award	Detective Brian Hippe
Life Saving Award	Officer Todd Milo
Life Saving Award	Officer Darcy Rellinger
Honorable Service Award	Sgt. Diane Calalano
Honorable Service Award	Officer Harry Marquez
Meritorious Service Award	Sgt. Albert Baker
Meritorious Service Award	Officer Michael Mullay
Honorable Service Award	Officer William Morton
Life Saving Award	Sgt. Scott Ehalt
Life Saving Award	Officer Brian Lyons
Life Saving Award	Officer Michael Cmielewski
Honorable Service Award	Sgt. Albert Baker
Honorable Service Award	Officer Nicholas Triano

Commissioner congratulated all the officers and said the quality of service the Police Department provides for the community is exemplary. He said of you are not the Best - you are in the top 10%.

Commissioner congratulated each and every officer. She said, you do an outstanding job. She welcomed Officer Agelis, and thanked all of the officers and thanked them on behalf of the Village.

Commissioner MacNeill said “good job.” Keep up the good work and he welcomed Dino Agelis to the family.

Commissioner Poli said congratulations to all the officers who received awards and a special thank you to Sgt. Baker and Officer Triano who helped his son.

Mayor Fosdick said a couple of months ago two new officers were sworn in and tonight Dino Agelis. The Police Department has been reduced by two positions. Officer Agelis paid his own way through the Police Academy and can be put right on the job. He said Dino was the Iron Man Award at the Academy and was No. 1 in Defense Tactics and other roles in leadership in his class. Mayor Fosdick said we are in difficult and troubled times. He said social contacts are under assault. The task the Police Department performs is; you become the first person a citizen sees in the relationship to government. He said once we become satisfied with where we are, we are finished. He said tomorrow these standards are higher, that is why you should become better. Mayor Fosdick said Ridgefield Park has three major highways, a big office building and changing population. He said the first people came here in 1685 from the City. We have good schools, and police officers who treat the people well. He quoted Douglas MacArthur at West Point "the long gray line never failed us:." Mayor Fosdick said "these men in blue in Ridgefield park have never failed us:/" He said congratulations and thanked all the officers on behalf of the people of Ridgefield Park.

The meeting recessed at 8:05 PM.

The meeting resumed at 8:20 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

Acting Village Clerk read a letter from Fire Company No. 3 regarding the acceptance of Michael Wood as a Junior Firefighter.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve Michael wood as a Junior Firefighter. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Mayor Fosdick introduced Michael Wood who was in attendance. Mayor Fosdick said in addition to becoming a Junior Firefighter, it's Michael Wood's birthday today. He then thanked Michael for joining the Fire Department.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Howard McPhearson - 24 Hudson Avenue

Mr. McPhearson said he had a issue with the Building Department. He said he had difficulties getting inspections and with the Construction Official and staff of the Building Department. He said he had sent a letter to the DCA explaining his situation. He explained several issues unsolved, and presented the Commissioners with a copy of the letter.

Commissioner MacNeill apologized and said he would get back to Mr. McPhearson after he checked out the matter.

Rosemary Collins - 99 Teaneck Road

Ms. Collins said she observed cars in the new parking lot all day. She asked what happened to the parking meters.

Mayor Fosdick said we are not finished as yet. We are looking at the parking situation and said biggest problem in renting stores on main Street is parking. He said we are looking at parking zones, meters, and trying to revitalize Main Street.

Ray Ziemba - 101 Overpeck Avenue

Mr. Ziemba said next week will meet with the Governor. He said Overpeck Avenue is nothing but truck tire marks. Trucks cannot make it by the islands, they are too big.

Directed to Commissioner MacNeill - Mr. Ziemba said he checked with the DPW at the dog park, and one of the things they do is they spray the park with disinfectant spray, and he said they said they would not do away with the dog run at the park.

Mayor Fosdick said April 2nd, Stephen Boswell will meet Turnpike Authority about the bridge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

.None.

NEW BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Boyd announced the introduction of an Ordinance "AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAP LAW N.J.S.40a: 4-45 ET SEQ for preparation of annual budget to increase to 3.5%.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the first reading of ordinance 'AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAP LAW.j.s. 40A:4-45.1 et seq FOR PREPARATION OF ANNUAL BUDGET TO INCREASE TO 3.5%', that it be duly advertised in the Record, posted on the bulletin board and come up for public hearing on April 27, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner Boyd read:

Resolution No. 2] Authorizing utilizing an alternate method of calculating the reserve for Uncollected taxes.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve Resolution No. 1. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner Boyd read -

Resolution no. 2] Authorizing increase in Deferred School taxes for local District School Taxes.

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve Resolution No. 2. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner Boyd read -

Resolution No.3] Introduction of 2010 Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli that Resolution No. 3 be approved on first reading, be duly advertised in the Record, posted on the bulletin board, and come up for Public Hearing on May 11, 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. 4] DPW Recycling - Tax Reimbursement Certification.

Resolution No. 5] Authorizing the submission of the recycling Tonnage Grant Application to NJ Department of Environmental Protection.,

Resolution No. 6] Authorizing Auction to be held for Surplus Vehicles.

Resolution No. 7] Authorizing Grant Application to State of NJ for Cool City Program

Resolution No. 8] Approving transfers from 2009 Appropriation Reserves.

Resolution No. 9] Authorizing an Increase in the 2010 Temporary Budget.

Resolution No. 10] Appointing Daina Schiedeler as Director of Summer Recreation Program.

Resolution No. 11] Appointments to the Board of Recreation.

Resolution No. 12] Authorizing DPT to Solicit Bids for 2010 Four Wheel Drive Dump Truck.

Resolution No. 13] Appointing Tara O'Grady as Associate Registrar.

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

RECESS*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to recess the Commissioners Meeting to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/Barbara Pettit
Acting Village Clerk