

COMMISSIONER MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
APRIL 27, 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 31,2009 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLLCALL *****

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

FLAG SALUTE*****

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. Mayor Fosdick requested a moment of silence for Eileen Davis, wife of Commissioner Jack Davis, who was active in the Woman's Club, and many other activities in Ridgefield Park. He also asked for a moment of silence for Lois Marshall who passed away suddenly. Ms. Marshall was very active in Ridgefield Park and was the dean at Bergen Community. She was very active in adult education.

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Mayor Fosdick read a Proclamation for Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

Commissioner Poli said there is a web page "Fix It, Click & Fix" by the Record. If you want to fix any item, click it and it will com to my e-mail.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

The Acting Village Clerk read a letter from Hose Co. No. 3 regarding the acceptance of Chris Krassas as a regular member. Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve Chris Krassas as a regular member of Hose Co. No. 3. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Acting Village Clerk read a letter approving Michael Rhode as a Junior Firefighter. Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve Michael Rhode as a Junior Firefighter. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Poli announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A GARBAGE TRUCK FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK AND APPROPRIATING \$275,--- FOR SUCH PURPOSE" Commissioner Poli explained that the monies for this truck was money Commissioner Boyd found in several old ordinances that had been left over for years.

Stella Cummings, 98 Laurel Street asked what happens with the equipment this replaces. Mr. O'Grady responded, it is auctioned off and the money goes back to the town.

Mayor Fosdick explained this is money we appropriated for bond issue. All expenses have been paid and this is what is left. As a result, we buy this truck without any tax impact.

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner Boyd that the "ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A GARBAGE TRUCK FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK AND APPROPRIATING \$275,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE" be approved and that it be duly advertised in the Record. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner Boyd announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL CAP LAW N.J.S. 40a 4-45.1 ET SEQ FOR

PREPARATION OF ANNUAL BUDGET TO INCREASE TO 3.5%". Commissioner Boyd explained we do this every year. No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli that the "ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL CAP LAW N.J.S 40a 4-45.1 ET SEQ FOR PREPARATION OF ANNUAL BUDGET TO INCREASE TO 3.5%" be approved and that it be duly advertised in the Record. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

NEW BUSINESS*****

Mayor Fosdick announced that all business is considered to be routing in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration:

Resolution NO. 1 - Authorizing Bond Anticipation Notes as Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations.

Resolution NO. 2 - Authorizing Estoppel Certificate for 85 Challenger Road.

Resolution No. 3 - Authorizing Purchase of a New Fire Chief's Vehicle From Winner Ford.

Resolution No. 4 - Authorizing Fee For Notarizing Documents.

Resolution No. 5 - Accepting Grant Award of \$2,500 from Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

Resolution No. 6 - Approving Reassessment With Appraisal Systems.

Resolution No. 7 - Authorizing the Auction of Ford Crown Victoria's.

Resolution No. 8 - Approving Building Fees To Be Paid To The Sate Of New Jersey.

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Mayor Fosdick said several weeks ago, we had a group of business people talk with us about things they would like to see done on Main Street, a street fairest. We do not have a business association. Other towns have a Chamber of Commerce or business organization that help the business community. Mayor Fosdick said Jack Davis set up a \$15,000 line item to be used by the business organization. It was never touched. We have a number of vacancies on Main Street and we also have people makings investments.

We have decided nothing. We have some ideas, but we are not going to approve anything tonight. Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to Commissioner MacNeill.

Commissioner MacNeill said when running to office, he had a lot of response from people on Main Street as to what we were going to do for Main Street. The biggest problem is parking. You have loading zones.

We discussed parking meters. We not charge very much and people park there all day. Other towns have ordinances regarding loading zones as to when deliveries can be made. He said perhaps taking out some of the loading zones and increasing the charge for parking .25 cents for 15 minutes, new garbage receptacles and new planters on Main Street would help. However, it would be much better if we had a business organization.

Ray Ziemba, 101 Overpeck Avenue:

Mr. Ziemba said he spoke with people on Main Street and they say: rents are too high, no parking space, need benches to sit on, need support from the public for business, no statues in the town, Main Street doesn't look special, no bus mall, lack of people in restaurants, hope competitors go out of business and no business meetings.

Joanne Bruno of Palermo's Bakery:

On the west side of Main Street, we need a loading zone. Our business is making deliveries out.

Robert Bowes of the Model Shop

People who own a store will gladly park on Cedar Street. He said you have to promote town as a place to do business and the Mayor and Commissioners have to promote it. He said we need a business association and it's a good town to promote as it is handy. Customers come to his store because he has a specialized business.

Mayor Fosdick explained where Voyt Park is now, was set up as a parking space for people working on Main Street. It was never used.

Donald Garofalow's Daughter:

She said she owned a business in the 70's. She said taxes are too high and asked what is happening with the Rialto. She asked about issuing parking stickers.

Commissioner MacNeill responded the Rialto is still under construction.

Commissioner Anlian said we really do not want merchants parking on Main Street. It is better to keep spaces open for customers to park.

Nick DellaFave - 98 Arthur Street:

Said many times the loading zones are empty and trucks are parked in metered spots. With large truck deliveries, Main Street becomes a one way road.

The owner of the Dollar Store said if he cannot get deliveries, he cannot be in business. He needs the loading zone.

Commissioner Anlian said that loading zone is staying.

Ms. Cummings said if some of the stores would clean their windows, people would come. She said your stores have to be clean.

Mr. DellaFave asked if Commissioners heard anything from Verizon.

Mr. O'Grady said he could not remove the box because it is connected. Commissioner Poli will call Verizon tomorrow.

Mayor Fosdick thanked everyone for being here tonight. We like to have these kinds of meetings. He said he was somewhat disappointed that there was not more here tonight. He said Maywood has a Sunday Street Fair. Perhaps if Maywood can do it, we can too. He thanked everyone for being here.

RECESS*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to recess the Commissioners Meeting at 8:17 PM to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

S/John Anlian_____
Commissioner

S/Margaret Boyd_____
Commissioner

S/Adam MacNeill_____
Commissioner

S/Hugo Poli_____
Commissioner

S/George Fosdick_____
Mayor

Barbara Pettit
Acting Village Clerk

