

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING

### RIDGEFIELD PARK

June 8, 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 28, 2009 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

#### ROLL CALL\*\*\*\*\*

Those present were Commissioner 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 May 25, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,664,632.97. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

#### SPECIAL REPORTS\*\*\*\*\*

Installation of Police Chief and Captain of the Ridgefield Park Police Department.

Mayor Fosdick announced tonight we would be swearing in our Captain and Chief of the Ridgefield Park Police Department. He said we are very informal at the meeting and anyone who wished to take pictures or move around should feel welcomed to do so.

Mayor Fosdick announced that Lt. John DiNiro would be sworn in by Mrs. Pettit.

Mrs. Pettit swore in Captain DiNiro and he was pinned by his daughter, Gina. Captain DiNiro introduced his wife, his son, James and his daughter Gina and all family and friends who were present. He thanked them all for being here tonight. He thanked the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners for their confidence and trust and said it will be an honor to work with and for Chief Rose.

Mayor Fosdick swore in Chief Rose and he was pinned by his wife with his mother and his sons Ryan and Matthew in attendance. . Chief Rose introduced all the members of his family in attendance. He said today is his Wedding Anniversary. He thanked all the people who supported him over the years. He recognized retired police chiefs, and police chiefs in attendance. . He thanked Dr. Richardson and members of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education as well as Vince Tafaro as well as Rev. Doyle from Fairlawn. He recognized all the members of the Ridgefield Park Police Department as well as

representative from the West Point Leadership Program, and the NJ Transit. He said Captain DiNiro and himself have tremendous history together, they began as patrolmen together and have been working side by side every day. He spoke of his dad. He said his day would say: "I don't care what you will do in life, just do it well". Treat people with respect" He said he has always been aware of that. He thanked the Mayor and Board of Commissioners for the trust and confidence they have placed in him.

Mayor Fosdick then spoke. His remarks were based primarily in the Manchester op-ed piece of August 7, 1992, New York Times. Once again he congratulated Chief Rose and Captain DiNiro on their well deserved promotions.

CORRESPONDENCE\*\*\*\*\*

None

HEARING OF CITIZENS\*\*\*\*\*

Bozena Tomaszewski, 146 Hazelton Street:

Ms. Tomaszewski was quite upset about three trees that had been planted on her property without her knowledge. Commissioner Anlian assured her that letters were mailed to all residents slated for tree planting, however, Ms. Tomaszewski was adamant that she did not receive a letter.

Stella Cummings, 98 Laurel Street:

Discussed planting of trees that were interfering with power lines. Commissioner Anlian advised that the Shade Tree commission planned to plant only trees that would not interfere with overhead wires. She also inquired as to the status of the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Boyd advised that they had a meeting a week and a half ago, with thirteen in attendance to select officers and prepare a mission statement. Commissioner Boyd also advised that this will be a private organization.

Peter Astolfi, 119 Grand Avenue

Mr. Astolfi spoke on building permits and how they affect the assessment values. Commissioner MacNeill explained that a "roof permit" would not increase an assessment, but a permit for new siding would, as would new kitchens, baths, and central air-conditioning. He also explained that the fees were determined by the State. Mr. Astolfi also stated that the tax structure must change. He owns homes in Ridgefield Park, Long Beach Island and a farm in Galloway township and can only deduct his Ridgefield Park real estate taxes on his income tax.

Ray Ziemba, 101 Ovepeck Avenue

Mr. Ziemba said Thank you for the Memorial Day Service. Then onto raising taxes, the police contract, on which he stated they received four more holidays and better insurance. Mayor Fosdick said "Ray, this is like a broken record" and again explained how the taxes were disbursed, with the largest portion going to the Board of Education. Also, noting that the School Board Budget was once again approved by the voters. Commissioner Boyd, also responding to Mr. Ziemba's comments, assured him that she was not "stupid". She explained that if the School Board election is combined with the General election in November, the public will no longer be able to vote on it.

Dolores and Nicholas DellaFave, 127 Arthur Street  
The Della Fave's thanked all for the recent help received.

Mayor Fosdick advised that the School Board had a surplus of \$742,000 which was taken by the State and also reduced their State Aid by 26%. Mr. DellaFave inquired, with the impending closing of St. Francis School, whether the town might consider a use for the building. Mayor Fosdick explained it would cost millions just to bring it up to code. If a Private entity took it over, they would not have to meet all the State requirements. Mayor Fosdick also noted that the closing would be a great loss to the Community.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS\*\*\*\*\*

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS\*\*\*\*\*

Commissioner Boyd introduced the "ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYUEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2010".

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commission Poli that the "ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2010" pass its first reading, be duly advertised in the Record and come up for public hearing on June 22, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner Poli introduced the "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2010 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS"

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner Boyd that the "BOND ORIDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2010 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE CONTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATON AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS" pass its first reading, be duly advertised in the Record and come up for public hearing on June 22, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner Poli read:

Resolution No. 1] Approving Capital Budget Amendment.

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner Boyd to approve Resolution No. 1. On roll call, commissioner 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 2 - Approving Bond Ordinance Authorizing 2010 Road Improvement Program on First Reading – Public Hearing June 22, 2010..

Resolution No. 3 - Approving Liquor License Applications 2010-2011.

Resolution No. 4 - Approving Payment of LOSAP Contributions for 2009 and additional Applications For 2008.

Resolution No. 5 - Approving Block Party on Pine Street July 5, 2010.

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

ADJOURNMENT\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by commissioner Boyd that the meeting adjourn at 8:55PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

/s/John H. Anlian\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

/s/ Barbara Pettit  
Acting Village Clerk

/s/ Roslyn D. Reilly  
Deputy Village Clerk