

COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
June 22, 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 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 June 8, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

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

Mayor Fosdick announced a year ago our Village Clerk retired and Barbara Pettit was appointed as Acting Village Clerk. On the advice of her doctor, Mrs. Pettit will be retiring with 25 years of service to the Village. It is with regret that Mrs. Pettit is retiring but Mrs. Warlikowski will come back on a part time basis. On behalf of the Board of commissioners and the people of Ridgefield Park we wish Mrs. Pettit the best. Mrs. Pettit was presented with flowers and a plaque from the Mayor and Commissioners.

Mayor Fosdick said July 5<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> with our main parade, the baby parade and all the activities that normally take place in the Village. July 5<sup>th</sup> will be the opening of Overpeck Park which has been 60 years in the making. The Mayor gave the history of how the park came about with the donation of our Village. He explained how Mr. Durkin was instrumental in making it happen, and spoke of how beautiful the park is with baseball, softball and soccer fields. Ridgefield Park High School will play a baseball and softball game on the field on July 5<sup>th</sup>... There are tennis courts, concessions stands and an amphitheater. We are still in discussion about the pedestrian bridge, but we believe work will begin sometime next year, being ready in 2012. The County is having fireworks funded through our Fireworks Committee. He invited everyone to get out to the park and enjoy it !.

Commissioner Boyd wished Commissioner Poli a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Poli introduced his mom and dad and his wife who were in the attendance. Commissioner Poli said 28 years ago he left his native country, and now America is his country. He said this is the first time in 28 years he has been with his father for Fathers Day and his father with him for his birthday. He said they would be with him for the July 5<sup>th</sup> activities.

#### CORRESPONDENCE\*\*\*\*\*

None.

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

Dominick Frontera – 265 Main Street

Mr. Front era spoke on behalf of the Ridgefield Park Business Owners Association. He said the stores are struggling to survive. They need support from residents and the Commissioners. They need to attract more customers. He said he walked Bergenline Avenue. It is busy, displays outside the stores. He said Ridgefield Park charges \$75.00 for a permit. The businesses are hindered by the Historic Committee. He has contacted the banks and asked for reduced loan rates for owners wanting to improve their property. It will take the store owners, residents, and the Commissioners to get the Association going.

Juanita – 233 Main Street

A couple of business owners talked with her about signs and trees that block store signs, and the sidewalks are coming up. She said perhaps we could do a brick look for the sidewalks but with concrete. She asked about benches on Main Street for senior citizens to sit and stop while shopping on Main Street...

Commissioner MacNeill said we are changing garbage receptacles and planters. We have talked about parking, about rates and eliminating loading zones. We find people are not moving their cars. We will remove a couple of loading zones and repair Cedar Street lot and the lot in back of the Municipal Building.

Juanita asked about merchant parking.

Commissioner Anlian said parking is the biggest issue. Business owners and employees are the largest group parking on Main Street. Business owners should encourage their employees to park on Bergen Avenue or somewhere else. With more parking people would be more apt to shop on Main Street.

Juanita replied it is the presentation of Main Street. The trees are overgrown, overwhelming the businesses.

Mayor Fosdick explained that many years ago, Commissioner Davis put 415,000 in the budget for use by the business association. Not a penny was spent With respect to parking, the town many years ago provided a lot in back of the diner. It was not used; it was too far from Main Street. He said the commissioners want to help the business Association. He said the trees were put in to beautify Main Street. Commissioner MacNeill is working on a lot of things.

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

Commissioner Boyd announced that this is the time and place for the Public Hearing on “ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2010”. No none wished to be heard.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli that the “ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2010” be approved and duly advertised in the Record. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

Commissioner Boyd announced that this is the time and place for the Public Hearing on “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”.. No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli that 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” be approved and duly advertised in the Record. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

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

Resolution No. 1]      Application to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection  
Green Acres Project – Veterans Park Multipurpose Grass Field  
Development Project-\$400,000.

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill seconded by Commissioner Anlian that Resolution No. 1 be approved. 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 2 -      Appointing Vince Buono as Part Time Tax Collector effective  
July 1, 2010.

Resolution No. 3 -      Approving Tax Lien Redemption No. 09-05..

Resolution No. 4 -      Approving appointments to the Board of Health.

Resolution No. 5 -      Approving Refund of Taxes on block 75, Lot 10 in the amount  
of \$2,379.78.

- Resolution No. 6 - Approving Closing Barnes Drive East July 4<sup>th</sup> from Arthur Street to 7 Barnes Drive East..
- Resolution No. 7 - Authorizing Receipt Of Bid - 2010 Road Program.
- Resolution No. 8 - Authorizing the Renewal of Liquor License.
- Resolution No. 9 - Approving Estoppel Certificate for 85 Challenger Road.
- Resolution No 10 - Appointing Sarah Warlikowski As Village Clerk for Period July 1, 2010 to July 31, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Poli , 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 to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

s/John H. Anlian

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Commissioner

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/s/Adam MacNeill

Commissioner

/s/Hugo R. Poli

Commissioner

/s/George D. Fosdick

Mayor

/s/Sarah Warlikowski

Acting Village Clerk