

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
**September 28, 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. Also present: William Betesh, Esq., and Deborah Fehre

**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 September 14, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Commissioner Anlian – No report

Commissioner Boyd – Ridgefield Park Business Association will have a fall festival on Main Street from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2010.

Commissioner MacNeill – Basketball and Volleyball court is complete and ready to use.

Commissioner Poli – Concert at Overpeck Park last Friday evening was fine.

Mayor Fosdick – He attended a meeting regarding Police Consolidation and Regionalization. It is essential and required that the process involve Police Chiefs and officers. Ridgefield Park's accreditation will result in lower insurance rates, any involvement with neighboring communities would have to be to our standard, no compromise. Participation can also be partial for certain functions. There is no penalty if a town can demonstrate why they will not participate, money for the study would be refundable.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Resident of 205 Bergen Turnpike commented that the 165 bus service will be back.

Mr. Ziemba commented that he appreciated the reports of the Commissioners. He thinks the budget process for 2011 should start now. He thinks the town can look into the garbage collection process and turn it into a ratable.

Mayor Fosdick stated that the legislature must address the property tax system. There needs to be a constitutional convention to change this.

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Ridgefield Park resident, Steve, asked if there has been a solution to the town pool issue yet.

Commissioner Boyd answered that the final reports are not in yet.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCES: PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION**

**COMMISSIONER MACNEILL CALLED UP FOR SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:**

**ORDINANCE 2010-07**

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Article XII of Chapter 197 of the Code of the Village of Ridge field Park, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (fees and fines)

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner MacNeill moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Boyd. So ordered. Commissioner MacNeill read the ordinance by title on second reading. The Mayor then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

The following people spoke on the ordinance:

Mr. Ziemba, resident, inquired if every meter was affected.

Ridgefield Park resident, Richard, asked if the parking times were the same.

After all interested parties had spoken on the ordinance, Commissioner MacNeill moved the hearing be closed. So ordered.

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Anlian and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

**COMMISSIONER MACNEILL CALLED UP FOR SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:**

**ADOPTION ORDINANCE 2010-08**

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Article XIII of Chapter 197 of the Code of the Village of Ridge field Park, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (loading zones)

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The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner MacNeill moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Anlian. So ordered. Commissioner MacNeill read the ordinance by title on second reading. The Mayor then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

After ample opportunity was given, no interested parties commented on the ordinance. Commissioner MacNeill moved the hearing be closed. So ordered.

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Anlian and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

**COMMISSIONER BOYD CALLED UP FOR SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:**

**ADOPTION ORDINANCE 2010-09**

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 362 of the Code of the Village of Ridge field Park, entitled "Towing and Storage"

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner Boyd moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Poli. So ordered. Commissioner Boyd read the ordinance by title on second reading. The Mayor then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

The following people spoke on the ordinance:

Mr. Ziemba, resident, asked where the vehicles are towed to.

Commissioner Boyd responded that it depended on the towing company called.

After all interested parties had spoken on the ordinance, Commissioner Boyd moved the hearing be closed. So ordered.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Poli and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

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Resolution No. 1      Reaffirm Responsibility for Operation and Maintenance of Pedestrian Bridge to Overpeck Park

Mayor Fosdick explained the necessity of the resolution stating that the Village of Ridgefield Park needed to reaffirm their commitment to maintenance of the pedestrian bridge. He then read the resolution.

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

Mayor Fosdick announced 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.

Regarding Resolution 9: Keith Stewart, President of Guardians of the Ribbon, explained the organizations goal to raise money to fight breast cancer. They will attend fundraisers with their pink fire trucks and they sell t-shirts to offset their expenses.

Mr. Ziemba suggested that Loretta Weinberg be contacted regarding money for health programs. Mr. Stewart suggested that Mr. Ziemba can start his own program to help in any area needed.

Resolution No. 2      Authorize Expenditure of Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds

Resolution No 3 -      Authorize Closure of a section Main Street on October 30, 2010

Resolution No. 4 -      Authorize Tax Refund Block 46, Lot 23

Resolution No. 5 -      Authorize Tax Refund Block 25, Lot 8

Resolution No 6 -      Appoint Board of Health Members, Bernard and Elizabeth Clancy

Resolution No 7 -      Appoint Historic Preservation Member Gerald Garofalo and assign Alternate status to Teresa McDonough and Jeffrey Hoffman

Resolution No. 8 -      Support Enactment of Property Tax Reform with Passage of “Municipal Toolkit” and Mandates Relief

Resolution No. 9 -      Support Guardians of the Ribbon – Ridgefield Park Cares Enough to Wear Pinks Days

Resolution No. 10 -    Authorize Agreement with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission – Health Services

Resolution No. 11 -    Approve June 10, 2011 date for “Relay for Life” fundraiser for American Cancer Society

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Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, 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 that the public meeting be recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (5) and (7) Litigation Ridgefield Park vs. County of Bergen and Redevelopment Plan Negotiation

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:09 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Commissioners returned to open session to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

/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/ Deborah L. Fehre  
Interim Village Clerk