

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
October 22, 2013
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, 2012 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: Philip Boggia, Esq.; Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent; Ed Rose, Police Chief and Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. Mayor Fosdick then asked for a moment of silent thought for Ann Schrumpf, George Salotti and Frank Connelly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of October 8, 2013.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Truck Company No. 1 – Resignation

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the resignation of Chris Hartless be accepted with regret.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No reports.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

John Welsek, resident, thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for adopting the parking ordinance amendment. The limousine problems have been resolved.

Kathy Held, resident, asked if speed limit signs could be placed close to the intersection of Teaneck Road and Bergen Turnpike. Mayor Fosdick referred her inquiry to Chief Rose.

Jordan Wagner, resident, advised the Mayor and Commissioners the swings in Chestnut Street Park are broken and the park needs to be cleaned. Mayor Fosdick referred the issue to Superintendent O'Grady.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Fosdick announces 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.

Resolutions

2013-100 Authorize Expenditure of Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds
2013-101 Support Fugitive Safe Surrender Program

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".

ORDINANCE: PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

ORDINANCE 2013-06

2013-06 ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS &
EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE
YEAR 2013

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner Poli moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Anlian. So ordered. Commissioner Poli read the ordinance by title on second reading. Commissioner Poli 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 Poli 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, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner Boyd voted "NAY".

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ORDINANCE: PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

ORDINANCE 2013-07

2013-07 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND A NEW FIRE TRUCK, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,904,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, 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.

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 Anlian. So ordered. Commissioner Boyd read the ordinance by title on second reading. Commissioner Boyd then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

Mayor Fosdick advised the sale of Challenger Road properties to Avalon Bay would add approximately 16-18 million dollars in revenue. There would be no tax impact if the sale completes. If not, the tax impact would not occur for a few years.

After ample opportunity was given, no interested parties commented on the ordinance.

Commissioner Boyd 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".

RECESS

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli to recess and reconvene in the conference room in 5 minutes.

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

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 7:45 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

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DISCUSSION

Jim Ruff, Stephen Quinn, Kevin Avery, Peter Garvey and Harry Menta from the Environmental Commission were present to discuss the Eagle's nest.

The Mayor thanked the Commission members for coming. He stated there are concerns the Board of Commissioners are not cognizant of all issues pertaining to the Eagle's nest. He added the Board of Commissioners should be corresponding with potential developers since they are responsible for establishing policies for the Village.

Stephen Quinn, 30 year planning board member and liaison to the Environmental Commission, stated the Environmental Commission believes Skymark can maintain the eagle's nest as well as their intended goals for development. The Environmental Commission has a scheduled meeting with Skymark and Langan Engineering on October 23rd to discuss two proposals. The first proposes subdividing the property to include the nest and the protected wetlands creating "Skymark Eagle Preserve." The second would call for the same subdivision if Skymark is mandated by the NJDEP to cut down the tree due to soil contaminants. Once the area is cleared and capped, planting of the same fast-growing cottonwood trees would re-create the original nest site habitat. Skymark and the Environmental Commission both agree the 50'-100' steel tower the NJDEP is proposing would probably not work and ultimately become an eyesore.

Mayor Fosdick thanked the Environmental Commission members for coming and providing a better understanding of the issues regarding the eagle's nest.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner Boyd

Commissioner MacNeill

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor Fosdick

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on November 12, 2013