

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
November 9, 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: Deborah Fehre

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of October 26, 2010.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Commissioner Anlian – The Halloween awards were announced. The DeSantis Family won first prize and the Faro Family was the runner up

Commissioner Boyd – Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Festival. It was a great success. We will be meeting with the auditor next week to begin the budget process. Mr. Zambia, if you have any meaningful input please feel free to let us know.

Commissioner MacNeill – No report

Commissioner Poli – No report

Mayor Fosdick read the proclamation for the Mosaic Lodge No. 194 of the Free and Accepted Masons in honor of their 100th anniversary.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Mr. Ziemba, resident, stated that drastic cuts must be made regarding the budget. He complained about the school budget, especially the superintendent salary. He also stated that the time will come when a school will have to be closed. He then stated that Overpeck Park was polluting the waterways which are tidal waters.

Mayor Fosdick responded that the waterways were not tidal waters. In 1955 tide gates were installed, there is no pollution coming from Overpeck Park, all DEP regulations were met. He also stated that the Municipality does not participate in the school budget. The school budget is voted on every year by the residents and it passes overwhelmingly every year. Dr. Richardson had a performance based contract and he turned the school

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district around. The Mayor asked Mr. Ziemba where the students would go if a school were closed. He further explained what was reported at the last meeting regarding the 2% hard cap which has been approved and the three exemptions from this cap which are debt service, pension benefits, and capital expenditures. He noted that arbitration reform is critical and that when utility bills increase the municipalities must pay them. New Jersey needs a constitutional convention to change the property tax system.

Commissioner Anlian added that New Jersey is a Home Rule state, however we are dictated to by the State regarding employee compensation of benefits. No matter what happens employees are entitled to set benefits. Municipalities are still paying after employees retire.

Mayor Fosdick noted that Governor Christie put a cap on sick days, something Ridgefield Park did many years ago while also grandfathering in the existing days for employees. The Board of Commissioners also approved a one year catastrophic disease allowance.

Nick Dellafave, resident, stated that he had an ongoing problem with a neighbor's very large dog. The owner is not picking up after his dog.

Commissioner Anlian advised that he may sign a complaint.

Mr. Dellafave is not sure which neighbor it is.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2010-10

2010-10 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 154 of the Code of the Village of Ridgefield Park, entitled "Property Maintenance"

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner MacNeill read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper on November 12, 2010 and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on November 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Anlian.

On roll call:

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

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INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2010-11

2010-11 An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Article XII of Chapter 147 of the Code of the Village of Ridgefield Park, entitled “Business Hours”

Commissioner Anlian moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner Anlian read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Anlian moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper on November 12, 2010 and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on November 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner MacNeill.

On roll call:

Commissioners Anlian, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”. Commissioner Boyd voted “NAY”

RESOLUTIONS

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.

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| Resolution No. 1 | Authorize 2010 Budget Transfers |
| Resolution No 2 | Authorize Cancellation of Checks |
| Resolution No. 3 | Authorize refunds of over payments of taxes |
| Resolution No. 4 | Authorize expenditures – Fire Prevention Dedicated Account |
| Resolution No 5 | Accept Resignation of Chief Financial Officer Paul Hansen |
| Resolution No 6 | Appoint Joseph Iannaconi Jr. Chief Financial Officer |
| Resolution No 7 | Appoint Walter Raps Associate Member of the Shade Tree Commission |
| Resolution No 8 | Authorize Tax Collector Create Payment Plan – Added Assessments |

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

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,474,412.21.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Jerry DiMeglio, resident, asked for clarification regarding the 24 hour business ordinance.

Nick Dellafave congratulated the Board regarding the success of the Street Fair.

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 (7) Contracts for Legal Services and In Ho Son vs. Ridgefield Park.

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commissioners returned to open session to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk
Approved: 11/23/2010