

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 14, 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, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Absent: Commissioner Boyd. Also present: Martin Durkin, Esq. and Deborah Fehre

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silence to remember Harry graves, a long time resident and volunteer in the Village of Ridgefield Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of November 23, 2010 and Closed Session Minutes of November 23, 2010

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

Mayor Fosdick announced the retirement of Martin T. Durkin, Attorney for the Village of Ridgefield Park. Mr. Durkin's legal advice was straight forward, non-political and well regarded. He has received many awards, he is intelligent with integrity and we commend and salute Martin Durkin. He then asked the audience to join him in a show of appreciation for Mr. Durkin. Mr. Durkin received a standing ovation from a fully packed audience.

Mr. Durkin addressed the audience. He stated that it was wonderful to represent the Village of Ridgefield Park. The people are straight forward, honest and sincere. His advice was accepted 100% of the time, even when not agreed to. He never lost a major case for the municipality and a lot of that credit also goes to the people he worked with. He raised his children in Ridgefield Park, his wife taught in the local schools. He then thanked everyone for the handclapping.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Installation of Ridgefield Park Fire Department Elected Officers

Mayor Fosdick welcomed all guests including the Fire Department of Bogota. He asked Fire Chief John M. Malool to give his annual Report.

Chief Malool reviewed the statistics and highlights of the year 2010 in the Fire Department. There were a total of 370 fire alarms and calls for assistance. This represents a 9% increase over last year. There were three major fire incidents in 2010 along with

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several other noteworthy events. Fortunately these calls were handled with no major injuries or loss of life.

Mayor Fosdick asked Mrs. Fehre to administer the oath of office to the Captains and Lieutenants for each of the Fire Companies.

Engine Company #1	Captain Rodney Wagner 1 st Lt. William Nebling 2 nd Lt. Ross Wagner
Engine Company #2	Captain Andrew Scheideler 1 st Lt. Michael Flynn 2 nd Lt. Frank Farina
Engine Company # 3	Captain Liam Radburn 1 st Lt. Thomas McGee 2 nd Lt. Richard Pickett
Engine Company # 4	Captain Richard DePena 1 st Lt. Sylvan Mack 2 nd Lt. James Garvey
Truck Company # 1	Captain John O'Grady 1 st Lt. Brian Nevins 2 nd Lt. John O'Grady Jr.
Truck Company # 2	Captain John Antola Jr. 1 st Lt. Michael Daglezt 2 nd Lt. Sean Rodreguez

Mrs. Fehre then administered the oath of office to the Administrative Officers

President	John O'Grady
Vice President	Brian O'Grady (absent)
Secretary	Ani Malool
Treasurer	Michael Alberque

Mayor Fosdick read the report of election for the Fire Department.

Mrs. Fehre administered the oath of office first to Assistant Fire Chief Peter Arciuolo, and then to Assistant Fire Chief Michael Lauer. Each officer was pinned by their family members. Mayor Fosdick presented flowers to each family.

Mayor Fosdick administered the oath of office to Fire Chief Richard LaTour. Chief LaTour's family joined him. He was pinned by his wife. Mayor Fosdick presented Mrs. LaTour with flowers.

Chief LaTour introduced his family and friends. He is looking forward to the next year. He invited everyone in attendance to the Hook and Ladder two on Hazelton Street. He thanked Bunny Reilly and Tara O'Grady for all their help in the main office at Village Hall.

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Mayor Fosdick announced the purchase of new equipment and supplies for the Fire Department. He explained the changes over the years regarding fire hazards. All volunteers get the same training as professional fire fighters. He especially noted that one situation never changes and that is the time factor for victims who stop breathing. The thing NOT to do is cut back on volunteer costs for all that they need. We hope it isn't needed, but if it is, we hope they have all they need. Always strive to do better.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Anlian – no report

Commissioner MacNeill – no report

Commissioner Poli – announced that the Mayor and all Commissioners attended a Joint Insurance Fund meeting regarding insurance liability for municipalities. Their attendance results in a \$1,250.00 discount on the insurance bill for the Village. The Ambulance Corps covered for Ridgefield the previous Saturday and received a commendation for professionalism and knowledge of emergency responses.

Mayor Fosdick – added that the Joint Insurance Fund informed the Commissioner of new legislation which requires heart monitoring for fire fighters.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Rosemary Collins thanked the Board of Commissioners for a lovely senior citizen holiday party. She also questioned the Village policy of late fees for taxes.

Mayor Fosdick explained that the late fee is governed by New Jersey State law.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Fosdick announces 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 | Approve Board of Commissioners Annual Meeting Notice for 2011 |
| Resolution No. 3 | Authorize Payments from Fire Prevention Dedicated Account |
| Resolution No. 4 | Award – Fire Department Equipment Bid |
| Resolution No. 5 | Award Purchase of Scott Air Paks for Fire Department |
| Resolution No. 6 | Appointments to the Municipal Court |
| Resolution No. 7 | Appoint Project Coordinator |
| Resolution No. 8 | Appoint Fire Inspectors |

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- Resolution No. 9 Appoint Members to the Pool Commission
- Resolution No. 10 Appoint Alternate to the Construction Board of Appeals
- Resolution No. 11 Appoint Members to the Rent Stabilization Board
- Resolution No. 12 Appoint Member to the Local Assistance Board
- Resolution No. 13 Appoint Representative to the Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living
- Resolution No. 14 Appoint Members of the Emergency Management Council
- Resolution No. 15 Appoint Historic Preservation Enforcement Officer
- Resolution No. 16 Appoint Members and Associate Members to the Shade Tree Commission
- Resolution No. 17 Member to the ADA Committee
- Resolution No. 18 Appoint Safety Officer

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,073,504.59.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2010-13

2010-13 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9 Of The Code Of The Village Of Ridgefield Park, Entitled "Ambulance Corps"

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

Commissioner Poli read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Poli moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper on December 17, 2010 and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on December 28, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner MacNeill.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Commissioner Boyd

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INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2010-14

2010-14 An Ordinance Amending Revising And Supplementing
 The Bylaws Of The “Dr. Charles A. Knox Memorial
 Volunteer Ambulance Corps Ridgefield Park, New
 Jersey”

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

Commissioner Poli read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Poli moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper on December 17, 2010 and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on December 28, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner MacNeill.

On roll call:

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

Absent: Commissioner Boyd

ORDINANCES: PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

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

BOND ORDINANCE 2010-12

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF A SYNTHETIC TURF MULTIPURPOSE ATHLETIC FIELD AT VETERANS PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$400,000 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."

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. The Supplemental Debt Statement and Capital Budget Amendment Resolution were duly filed with the Division of Local Government Services. Commissioner MacNeill moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Poli. 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 asked where the field was. He also noted the importance of maintenance.

Nicholas Dellafave asked for clarification on raising the \$400,000.00. Commissioner MacNeill explained the bonding process in conjunction with the grant money being received.

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After all interested parties had spoken on the ordinance; Mayor Fosdick 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 Poli and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Commissioners returned to open session to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 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: 12/28/2010