

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
November 3, 2016
7:00 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, 2015 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.
Absent: Commissioner Poli

Also present: Priscilla Boggia, Esq., Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

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 25, 2016.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,274,126.18.

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

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Anlian announced tonight is the Public Hearing on the Nature Preserve Improvements.

Mayor Fosdick reminded all the Veterans Day Observance is Friday, November 11th at 11am at the monument. He also advised tonight’s Regular Commissioners meeting is being held instead of the traditional 2nd Tuesday of the month due to Election Day.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Tom Blumenthal, resident, thanked Tara O’Grady for her expertise with the Digital Board. With TD Bank closing, he inquired if the Board of Commissioners has given any thoughts to renting it out and utilizing it as a teen center. Mayor Fosdick responded the Board has not. Commissioner MacNeill advised the Civic Center is currently in remediation and hopes to renovate and remodel the 2nd floor and make it a Rec Center. He hopes it will be completed in the spring.

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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:

- 2016-147 Authorize Mayor to sign letter supporting the County of Bergen's Application for a Tidelands License and Grant Involving the Overpeck Creek
- 2016-148 Authorize Cancellation of Capital Improvement Authorizations
- 2016-149 Authorize Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2016-10

- 2016-10 A Capital Ordinance of the Village of Ridgefield Park, in the County of Bergen, Authorizing the Making of Various Public Improvements in, by and for the Village, and appropriating therefore the sum of \$110,000.00 and providing that such sum so appropriated, shall be raised from the Village's Capital Surplus Account

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

Commissioner Boyd read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on November 22, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Anlian.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Nature Preserve Improvements

Commissioner Anlian advised the Village has submitted a Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant application for improvements to the Nature Preserve. The land has been donated or acquired from property owners. On display was the Village Engineer's drawing of a "boardwalk" trail which would run through the Nature Preserve. A requirement of the application process is to hold a public hearing and hear citizen's comments. The following are residents in favor of the improvements:

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Iris Cooney	Tom Christiansen	Donna Noonan	Judy Corriato
Robert Lee	Sonny Yotka	Flo Muller	Barbara Lyons
Doris Paez	Linda Quinn	Joe DiAngeli	Peggy Conversano
Jim Ruff	Lisette Torres	Shirley O'Brien	Edwin Vega
Helen Ryan	Nicholas Pierro	Virginia Pizzuta	Sharon O'Reilly
Tom Blumenthal	Gloria Rivera	Melissa Gonzales	Adam Conversano
Mary O'Neill	Donna Rose-McEntee	Carlos Lopez	Laura Brice
Mark Martinez	Nicholas Brice	Gabriel Gruna	Nicole Noonan
Emily O'Neill	Jennifer Dempsey	Francine Orovitz	Clair Rovito
Paul Chang	Joseph Orovitz	Ricardo Salcito	Marc Olson
Marcello Acosta	Mallory Moran	Theresa Jersey	

Also in favor were many Elementary and High School students.

Non-resident, Michael Savino – teacher in the Ridgefield Park Junior/Senior High School

Mayor Fosdick and Commissioner Anlian thanked and commended all for their participation and supporting this effort.

RESOLUTION:

2016-150 Authorize Application to Bergen County Open Space for Improvements to Nature Preserve

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, that Resolution 2016-150 be approved.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

Absent: Commissioner Poli

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamation:

Evening Membership Department of the Woman's Club 75TH Anniversary

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick announced the Board of Commissioners will adjourn from the Regular Commissioners Meeting and reconvene to complete their Caucus Meeting from 6 p.m.

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner Poli

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on November 22, 2016