

**COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**RIDGEFIELD PARK**  
**December 13, 2016**  
**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, 2015 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Village Attorney and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silent thought for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of November 22, 2016.

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

Abstain: Commissioner Poli

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$5,231,575.44.

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

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Installation of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Officers.

Fire Department Chaplain Larry Evans commenced the ceremony with the invocation.

Mayor Fosdick welcomed Bogota Fire Chiefs Brophy, Camone, and Dimiouro; Hillsdale Chief Durie, Ron Jeffers, Photographer, Rescue Chief Shields and Ex-Chiefs of the Ridgefield Park Fire Department.

Mayor Fosdick asked Chief Lauer to give his annual report.

Chief Lauer advised the Fire Department responded to approximately 400 Service Calls.

Chief Lauer thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their continued support to the Fire Department. He also thanked Tara O’Grady and her staff, Chief Rose and the RPPD staff, Chief Kotzias and the Ambulance Corps; Chief Shields and the Rescue Squad. He thanked Superintendent Alan O’Grady and the DPW; Ex-Chief Doug Hansen, Fire Marshal/OEM Director and Francine Orovitz, Administrative Assistant. He thanked his Assistant Chiefs – James VanderTulip and John Antola.

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He thanked the department, his friends and especially his wife Maggie for all of their support.

His recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for next year and the near future are as follows:

1. Plan for replacement of 22 year old engine
2. Plan for replacement of 21 year old ladder truck
3. Revisit cost of living adjustment to LOSAP program

Mayor Fosdick presented Chief Michael Lauer with his Ex-Chief Badges.

Mayor Fosdick certified the Fire Department Election results:

Chief James VanDerTulip

Assistant Chief John Antola Jr.

Assistant Chief Rodney Wagner

President Michael Alberque

Vice President Michele Lynn

Secretary James Schmitt

Treasurer Michael Alberque

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Executive Officers; Michael Alberque, Michele Lynn, James Schmitt, and Michael Alberque

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Executive Officers.

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Lieutenants of the Volunteer Fire Department: 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenants: Peter Arciuolo, Timothy Rudersdorf, Donald Jump, Sylvan Mack, John O'Grady, William Lynn; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants: Kenneth Corrigan, Anthony Galasso, Thomas McGee, Richard DePena, Brian Nevins and Sean Neubauer.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Lieutenants.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Captains of the Volunteer Fire Department: William Graves, Michael Flynn, Sean Byrnes, Ronald Wagner, Brian O'Grady, and Sean Rodriguez.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Captains.

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Assistant Fire Chief; Rodney Wagner.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to Assistant Chief Wagner.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Assistant Fire Chief John Antola.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oath of Office to Assistant Chief Antola.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Fire Chief James VanDerTulip.

Mayor Fosdick administered the Oath of Office to Chief VanDerTulip.

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Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Poli thanked the members of the Fire Department for their dedication, commitment and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Fosdick stated the Fire Department will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. The Department is made up of volunteers, men and women, who help their neighbors and friends. The Village's firefighters serve 365/24/7 and always have to be prepared. He commended Chief Lauer for his years of service and thanked all.

### **RECESS**

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to recess for 10 minutes.

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

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 8:10 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

No reports.

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No citizens present.

### **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:**

- 2016-156 Authorize Receipt of Bids for DPW 2017 Four Wheel Drive Dump Truck with Snowplow
- 2016-157 Authorize Expenditure of Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds
- 2016-158 Authorize 2017 Annual Meeting Notice

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

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

### **ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION**

- 2016-11 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SIXTEEN YEAR EXTENSION OF A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES PROGRAM FOR THE RIDGEFIELD PARK AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING COMMUNITY AT 278 MAIN STREET PURSUANT TO THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS NOT FOR PROFIT ACT (N.J.S.A. 15:1-1 et seq.)

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn meeting at 8:21 pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian  
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady  
Village Clerk  
Approved on December 27, 2016