

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
January 10, 2017
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 22, 2016 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: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney 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 Anlian to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of December 27, 2016.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,512,306.62.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Installation of the Ridgefield Park Heavy Rescue Squad Officers.

Commissioner Boyd welcomed all and asked Chief Rich Shields to present his annual report.

Chief Shields stated for 2016 the Rescue Squad responded to 114 calls. Chief Shields added 2016 was year 21 for Rescue 530. He announced one member has completed and three more will complete the Rescue Technician course. Swift Water Rescue Operations took place in April.

Chief Shields thanked the members of the Squad and their families, as well as the Village Department Heads and employees. He also thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Boyd thanked the members and their families for giving so much of their time.

Mrs. O’Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Administrative Officers.

Commissioner Boyd administered the Oaths of Office to Lieutenant Roberto Velez, Captain Darryl Henkel, and Chief Rich Shields.

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Mayor Fosdick stated he was glad to see an emphasis on water rescue training since the Village is bordered on 3 sides by water. Due to the elements of Rtes. 46, 80, 95 and two railroads, we must be prepared at all times. He congratulated and commended the members of the Rescue Squad for volunteering and their service to the community.

RECESS

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

By voice vote, all in favor, none opposed.

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 7:50 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

No reports given.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Richard Tecchio, resident, thanked the Board of Commissioners for the phenomenal job the DPW did with last snowstorm. Our DPW is second to none.

John Welsek, resident, stated the senior citizens would like larger street signs.

Joan Carlson, resident, inquired if a permit or license is required for pigeons. Since she doesn't get the newsletter and the Patriot no longer exists, she is considering obtaining homing pigeons.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

2017-007 Approve Inter-local Services Agreement for Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, that Resolution 2017-007 be approved.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2017-008 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the public portion of the meeting recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7, 8) Contract Negotiations, Personnel

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:05 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:30 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 January 24, 2017