

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
April 24, 2018
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, 2017 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Priscilla Boggia, Village Attorney; Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent; Charles Gneiding, Police Captain; Jana Carratu, Finance Assistant and Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. There was a moment of silent thought for Dr. John Richardson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Kohles, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of April 10, 2018.

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

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Anlian reminded all May 5th is the Shade Tree Commission's celebration of Arbor Day at 9am and the Environmental Commission/Green Team's celebration of Earth Day at 10am in Riverside Park, located behind the DPW.

Commissioner Poli advised this Sunday the Ambulance Corps. is hosting a breakfast at the Elks.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Chris Charas, resident, stated he would like information on the Nature Path. His property is west of the nature preserve and is concerned about trespassers, dumping, and maintenance. Most residents were upset that notification was not received from the Village advising them when the work would be starting.

Commissioner Anlian advised a sign will be placed on the northern end of the Nature Preserve to deter trespassing. He stated notifications will be sent in the future.

Mr. Charas inquired if signs will be posted on the western end of the Nature Preserve.

Commissioner Anlian advised there were no plans but will speak with the Environment Commission to address signage issues.

Commissioner MacNeill stated maintenance is the big issue; as well as policing the area.

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When asked what the full plan for the Nature Preserve was, Commissioner Anlian advised a “boardwalk” will be constructed which will travel across the marsh area. Information boards will also be placed along the boardwalk. The intent is not to infringe on private property.

Mayor Fosdick added since it is a restricted area, no building can occur.

In closing, Mr. Charas advised how upset he was with how the Village acquired the property after the majority of the property owners were against it.

A resident in attendance inquired about Styrofoam recycling.

Commissioner Anlian stated the County is in the process of purchasing a machine. The Green Team has bins in town for plastic bag recycling.

Spiro Xenophontos, resident, asked if a speed bump could be placed at 2nd Street and the off ramp from Route 80.

Mayor Fosdick stated he believes Mr. Xenophontos would need to contact the State Department of Transportation.

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:

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| 2018-034 | Approve 2017 LOSAP Qualification Contributions |
| 2018-035 | Approve Refund of Taxes due to Overpayment |
| 2018-036 | Authorize Application and Execution of New Jersey Forest Service Grant |
| 2018-037 | Supporting the Mayors Wellness Campaign |
| 2018-038 | Appoint Acting Fire Marshal/Fire Official |

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

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

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

2018-04 Cap Bank Ordinance

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner MacNeill moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Kohles. So ordered. Commissioner MacNeill read the ordinance by title on second reading. Commissioner MacNeill then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

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After ample opportunity was given, no interested parties commented on the ordinance.

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Kohles and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Commissioner Anlian read the following proclamation:
Arbor Day

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamation:
VFW Post 277 – Buddy Poppy Sale

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m.

On roll call, Commissioner Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Theresa A. Kohles
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on May 8, 2018