

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 11, 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, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Village Attorney; Charles Gneiding, Police Captain and Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of November 27, 2018.

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,593,467.13.

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

SPECIAL REPORTS

Installation of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Officers.

Mayor Fosdick welcomed Bogota Ex-Fire Chief Brophy, Cedar Grove Chief Bannon, Washington Twp. Chief John Hoffman and Ex-Chiefs of the Ridgefield Park Fire Department.

Mayor Fosdick called up Sgt. Jensen, Patrolmen Knebl, Avila, Marco, Firefighters LaTour, Lauer, Lynn, Locarno, VanBuskirk and Caroselli. All were issued certificates for saving the life of fellow firefighter Tom Wilson whose heart stopped after driving the fire truck to a fire call.

Mayor Fosdick asked Chief VanDerTulip to give his annual report.

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

Chief VanDerTulip 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 Thomas and the Ambulance Corps; Chief Shields and the Rescue Squad. He thanked Superintendent Alan O'Grady and the DPW; Fire Marshal Peter Danzo; OEM Coordinator Mike Lauer and Francine Orovitz, Administrative Assistant. He congratulated all the officers and chiefs.

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He thanked the department and his girlfriend Cathy 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 24 year old engine
2. Plan for replacement of 23 year old ladder truck
3. Combining Fire Department and Rescue Squad

Mayor Fosdick certified the Fire Department Election results:

Chief John Antola Jr.

Assistant Chief Rodney Wagner

Assistant Chief John Malool

President Michele Lynn

Vice President Jacob Zardoya

Secretary James Schmitt

Treasurer Michael Alberque

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Executive Officers; Michele Lynn, Jacob Zardoya, 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.

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

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Captains of the Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Assistant Fire Chief; John Malool.

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

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

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

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

Mayor Fosdick administered the Oath of Office to Chief Antola.

Mayor Fosdick stated this year the Fire Department had a loss of life in a fire. The homes in Ridgefield Park are now close to 100 years old. There are dangers. The first responders do what they are trained to do – to protect. He commended and thanked all members of the Fire Department.

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RECESS

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to recess for 10 minutes.

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 8:07 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Kohles, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:17 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:

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| 2018-121 | Certification of the Annual Audit by the Board of Commissioners |
| 2018-122 | Authorize 2019 Annual Meeting Notice |
| 2018-123 | Appoint Village Attorney |
| 2018-124 | Appoint Insurance Consultants |
| 2018-125 | Appoint Various Professional Services |
| 2018-126 | Authorize Mayor Fosdick to sign Health Awareness Regional Program Contract |
| 2018-127 | Authorize Mayor Fosdick to sign Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission Agreement for Health Services |
| 2018-128 | Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement |

Motion by Commissioner Kohles, seconded by Commissioner Poli that the Consent Agenda be approved.

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

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| 2018-11 | AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK'S MUNICIPAL NON-EXCLUSIVE CONSENT FOR THE RENEWAL OF A FRANCHISE FOR CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE IN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SAID FRANCHISE BEING GRANTED TO TIME WARNER CABLE NEW YORK CITY LLC, l/k/a CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS |
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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 Kohles. 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 Kohles and adopted upon a call of the roll.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m. and reconvene to the Caucus Meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Theresa A. Kohles
Commissioner

Abstain
Commissioner MacNeill

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on December 27, 2018