

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
February 26, 2013
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, 2012 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Priscilla Boggia, Esq., Tara O’Grady

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 and Closed Session Meeting of February 12, 2013.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Mayor Fosdick introduced Police Chief Edward Rose to commence the Promotional Ceremony of the Ridgefield Park Police Department.

Chief Rose announced there recently been changes to the Police Department. Dan Hippe has been promoted to Captain due to the retirement of John DiNiro and Joe Rella is promoted to Lieutenant. Chief Rose acknowledged the current, retired, and probationary police officers that were in attendance. He wished retired Captain John DiNiro the best of luck in his retirement. Chief Rose stated the department has been working on an accreditation process for the past 2 ½ years and is proud to announce the Police Department was granted accreditation on February 14, 2013. The Ridgefield Park Police Department is 1 of 10 Departments out of 68 in Bergen County with accreditation.

Mrs. O’Grady administered the Oath of Office to Captain Daniel Hippe.

Captain Hippe introduced his family and friends. He also acknowledged the Ridgefield Park Public School Staff. He invited all to a reception at the Elk’s Club following the meeting.

Mrs. O’Grady administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Joseph Rella.

Lieutenant Rella introduced his family and friends.

Mayor Fosdick congratulated Captain Hippe and Lieutenant Rella on their promotions. He then read a memo from Chief Rose stating the Board of Directors of the State Accreditation Agency would like Captain Hippe to serve on the Board. He stated Capt. Hippe and Lt. Rella are now leaders – committed to principal, maintain integrity. Without integrity, there will be no success. He added the accreditation process was led by Chief Rose and Capt. Hippe at no cost to the taxpayers of Ridgefield Park.

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RECESS

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to recess for 15 minutes.

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

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

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:05 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Fosdick announced the Ridgefield Park Cheerleaders took first place in Maryland and are invited to the Nationals in Florida. Both the Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams won in the 1st round of the States.

Mayor Fosdick announced the Board of Commissioners is reviewing the parking ordinance as well as the limo/taxi ordinance to alleviate arising issues.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Walter Richter, resident, stated the parking problems at 152 Bergen Turnpike have been alleviated. The business located at this address is the only business in the Village without signage. Mayor Fosdick will check into the signage issue.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

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| 2013-029 | Authorize Appropriation Reserve Transfers |
| 2013-030 | Authorize Application for Recycling Tonnage Grant |
| 2013-031 | Certification of Expenditure of Recycling Taxes |
| 2013-032 | Authorize Use of Village Property for Parking |
| 2013-033 | Authorize Place to Place Liquor License Transfer |
| 2013-034 | Authorize Appropriation for Capital Improvements of Laurel Street,
Preston Street, and Ehler Court |

Mayor Fosdick asked if there are any questions regarding the Consent Agenda.

Tom Christiansen, resident inquired about Resolution 2013-033.

Commissioner Boyd advised an application was received for a Place-to-Place License Transfer. The license is currently a pocket license that wishes to become active at 248 Teaneck Road.

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

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

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

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

/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 March 12, 2013