

COMMISSIONERS MEETING- APRIL 8, 2003, 8:15 P.M.

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 on January 6th and the Star Ledger on January 7, 2003 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Davis, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

FLAG SALUTE*****

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. The Mayor requested a moment of silence for all the troops in harm's way around the world, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Commissioner Anlian read a proclamation for Arbor Day He announced Arbor Day and Environmental Earth Day will be held on Saturday, April 26, at Lincoln School at 10:30 A.M.

Mayor Fosdick announced –

Friday, April 11, 6:00 P.M. at Ridgefield Park High School the Public School Arts Festival will be held.

Friday, April 11, 6:00 P.M. at the Elks the Second Annual Lenny Hatton Scholarship Fund Raiser will be held. Cost is \$20.00

Saturday, April 12, 12:00 A.M. opening of the Little League Season.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Davis that the bills in the amount of \$2,679,583.04 be paid. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Davis, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

Letter received from the Rescue Squad to accept two new probationary member. Dave Brierty was in attendance. Mayor Fosdick said volunteers were appreciated and thanked him for volunteering to serve on the Rescue Squad. Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to accept the two new probationary members. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Davis, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Kevin Nevins – 177 Brinkerhoff Street –

Mr. Nevins is President of the Ridgefield Park Baseball Organization. Mr. Nevins stated there is a need for more baseball fields since they have many more children playing. He suggested removing basketball courts and hockey rink.

Mayor Fosdick explained there were no immediate plans for park improvements. Drainage is responsible for bad condition of courts. Cost is prohibitive for study and corrections. Green Acres funds were used for construction of some park improvements, and they must remain in use.

It was suggested the area at the bottom of Brinkerhoff Street be used for a practice field. This facility would not take long to be prepared. Possibilities will be reviewed.

Mike Alberque – 122 Preston Street –

Mr. Alberque stated there is a conflict on the fields with out-of-towners.

It was explained that schools have first use; recreation next; followed by Ridgefield Park organizations; Ridgefield Park Softball Association uses Hobart field. Again, since the Village has used Green Acres funds, all facilities must be open to any out-of-towners.

Ed Palange – 107 Union Place.

He asked if permits were required for field use. It was told they are.

Mr. Palange spoke for the Senior Citizen group. they have lost money when they have had to cancel a bus for a planned trip due to lack of participants. He met with Commissioner Storer and asked if town bus could be used more. Commissioner Storer brought question to the Commissioners and reported to the seniors it was not approved. Mr. Palange said seniors had not explained what they wanted. They do not want service to shopping centers. They do pay overtime incurred when bus is used. They want buses to go further than 25 miles. Mayor Fosdick stated they will see what can be done, and it will be on a case-by-case basis.

E. Quigley – 75 Edwin Street –

Mr. Quigley is treasurer of the Senior group. The trip that was cancelled due to a shortage of participants was going to Huntington, approximately 50 miles away.

Mike Alberque – 122 Preston Street –

Questioned if geese problem was being addressed. Alan O'Grady is checking into it.

Mike Gioia – 128 Gordon Street –

Mr. Gioia complained about a stockade fence his neighbor has around his pool is falling down on Mr. Gioia's property. He had photos to show problem. Issue will be brought to Doug Hansen's attention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

None.

NEW BUSINESS*****

Resolution No. 1; Authorizing Aerial Spraying for Mosquito Larvae. Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioners D'Auria that Resolution No. 1 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Davis, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner Anlian abstained.

Mayor Fosdick announced that all business is considered to be routine in nature and would be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration:

Resolution No. 2] Authorizing Increase in the 2003 Temporary Budget.

Resolution No. 3] Recognizing April 5 through 13, 2003 as Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Resolution No. 4] Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License No. 929 to RP Elks Lodge No. 1506.

Resolution No. 5] Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License No. 930 to RP Soccer Association.

Resolution No. 6] Authorizing payment of voucher from Fire Prevention Dedicated Account.

Resolution No. 7] Supporting Assembly Bill 2625 and Senate Bill S-1999 for Auto Insurance Reform.

Resolution No. 8] Authorizing payment of 1st Quarter State 2003 DCA Fees.

Resolution No. 9] Authorizing signing of agreement with Community Development for Barrier Free Improvements at RP Public Library.

Resolution No. 10] Authorizing Signing of Estoppel Certificate for Refinance of the Daewoo Parcel 2B.

Resolution No. 11] Authorizing the Rebuilding of a Retaining Wall on the Village Right of Way at 71 Seventh Street.

Resolution No. 12] Authorize Signing of Grant Agreement between Ridgefield Park Environmental Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Davis that the Consent Agenda be approved. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Davis, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

RECESS*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer to recess the meeting at 9:15 P.M. and reconvene in 5 minutes in the Conference Room in Closed Session to discuss police contract negotiations. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Davis, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".