

COMMISSIONERS MEETING-December 9, 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, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioner Davis was absent.

FLAG SALUTE*****

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner D'Auria that the minutes of [November 25, 2003](#) be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS****

Mayor Fosdick announced the installation of the 2004 Fire Department Officers would take place. Mayor Fosdick introduced former Chiefs Andy Scheideler and Richard Flynn who were in attendance. Sonny Yotka of the Rescue Squad was also recognized.

Chief Wagner read the Chief's Report for 2003. The department responded to 386 calls, and participated in training and meetings which amounted to 9,727 man hours.

Chief Wagner's recommendations for 2004 included fire apparatus for Hose Co. No. 4, extensive body work on Hose Co. No. 1's apparatus and upgrading of all self contained breathing apparatus.

Chief Wagner thanked the Board of Commissioners, the Assistant chiefs, the various departments that assisted him throughout the year, and his wife for their support and assistance.

Mayor Fosdick presented the Ex-Chief's badge to Assistant Chief Wilson and thanked him for his service. His wife was presented with flowers.

Chief Wagner and Assistant Chief Demski presented him with a gift.

Mark Campbell reported the results of the election:

Administrative Officers:

Department President – Bob Stauffer

Vice President – Dan O’Shea, Jr.

Secretary – Sarah Graves

Treasurer – Michael Alberque

Chief – Rodney Wagner

Assistant Chief – Eamon Radburn

Assistant Chief – Stephen Dembski

The Assistant Chiefs were sworn in by the Village Clerk. The Assistant Chiefs introduced guests in attendance. Their wives were presented with flowers.

Chief Wagner was sworn in by Mayor Fosdick. Chief Wagner introduced his guests. Flowers were presented to his wife.

Commissioners thanked the Fire Department members and commended them on their dedication and service to community.

Mayor Fosdick explained there have been articles stating towns have too many fire companies, and they should regionalize. However, volunteers want to participate in their own towns. He stated it has been proven that regionalization does not save money. If one fire fighter had to be hired, it would be a financial burden on a town. He said the Ridgefield Park Fire Department does a great job, and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners he thanked them for their dedication and service.

Mayor Fosdick announced a five minute recess at 8:50 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 8:55 PM.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that bills in the amount of \$2,184,735.00 be paid. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, D’Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

None.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

No one wished to be heard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Anlian announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on an ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 14-97 ENTITLED AN

ORDINANCE TO PRESCRIBE VARIOUS FEES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN LICENSES AND TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE SANITARY CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK TO PROVIDE NEW FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES AND DEATH CERTIFICATES. No one wished to be hear. Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner D'Auria that the ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 14-97 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PRESCRIBE VARIOUS FEES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN LICENSES AND TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE SANITARY CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK TO PROVIDE NEW FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES AND DEATH CERTIFICATES pass its second reading , and be duly published in the Record.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

NEW BUSINESS*****

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. 1] Authorizing Transfers between 2003 Budget Appropriations.

Resolution No. 2] Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License No. 939 to Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr High School.

Resolution No. 3] Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License No. 948 to Elks Lodge No. 1506.

Resolution No. 4] Supporting Senate Bill S-838 which Prohibits Punitive damage Awards Against Municipalities and Municipal Employees.

Resolution No. 5] Authorizing Issuance of Trust Check to A. Zaccone for Deposits Received with Rescue Squad Building Bids. .

Resolution No. 6] Authorizing Payment of Voucher with Fire Prevention Fine Fees. .

Resolution No. 7] Authorizing Signing of Agreement with NJ Department of Community Affairs for Smart Future Grant.

Resolution No. 8] Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 00-6, Block 50, Lot 13.01.

Resolution No. 9] Authorizing Refund Due to Incorrect Payment of Taxes on Block 14, Lot 31.

Resolution No. 10] Authorizing Signing of Agreement with County of Bergen for 2004 Animal shelter.

Resolution No. 11] Authorizing Refund Due to Tax court Judgment on Block 89, Lot 8, 183-185 Main Street

Resolution No. 12] Authorizing Refund Due to Tax Court Judgment on Block 3, Lot 1.01, 38 Central Avenue.

Resolution No. 13] Awarding Contract for Phase 4 of Fire Department Communications Grant.

Resolution No. 14] Awarding Contracts for Fire Department Equipment

Resolution No. 15] Approving the Refacing of wall on Village Right-of-Way at 415 Main Street, Block 16, Lot 5.

Resolution No. 16] Approving Installation of Fence on Village Right-of-Way at 232 Euclid Avenue, Block 76, Lot 8

Resolution No. 17] Awarding Contract for EMS MCI Command Vehicle.

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

Mayor Fosdick introduced an ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEARS 2003, 2004, 2005. Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner D'Auria, that the ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEARS 2003, 2004, 2005 pass its first reading, be duly advertised in the Record and come up for public hearing on December 18, 2003. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Mayor Fosdick announced next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 18th.

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Storer to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, D'Auria, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".