

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
January 14, 2020
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 31, 2019 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: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Kohles, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of December 26, 2019.

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

Abstain: Commissioner Poli

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,837,006.94.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Hose Co. No. 4 - Resignation

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Truck Co. No. 1 – Resignations

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Kohles, the resignations of Ronald Wagner, Kevin Alberque and Ryan Whitmer from the Village of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department were accepted with regret.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Presentation of Awards to the Holiday Display Winners.

Diane Catalano, Board of Recreation President, thanked all who decorate for the holiday season and making the Village brighter.

Ms. Catalano announced the winners and presented the awards.

Commissioner Anlian thanked all who participated.

Mayor Fosdick thanked Ms. Catalano and the Board of Recreation for sponsoring this event and for all they do year-round. He reminded all the Board of Recreation is made up of volunteers and sponsors many activities for all age groups.

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Installation of the Ridgefield Park Heavy Rescue Squad Officers.

Commissioner Kohles welcomed all and asked Chief Rich Shields to present his annual report.

Chief Shields advised the volunteers should focus on their well-being, awareness and communication.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Administrative Officers.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to Lieutenant Roberto Velez, Captain Oilicec Robbio, and Chief Mike Ruiz.

Commissioner Kohles thanked Chief Shields for his service as Chief and as a volunteer. She thanked the families of all volunteers.

Installation of the Ridgefield Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Administrative Officers.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to Assistant Chiefs Edwin Hernandez and Joseph Sheehan.

Commissioner Poli asked John Weidner to present his annual report.

Chief Weidner stated the Ambulance Corps responded to approximately 712 emergency calls in 2019. The Ambulance Corps. currently has 66 members which are comprised of life active members, active members, first responders, probationary members, associate members, reserve and youth members.

Chief Weidner thanked the Board of Commissioners, Police Department, Fire Department, Rescue Squad, OEM, DPW and the Village Clerk's office.

Commissioner Poli administered the Oath of Office to Chief Weidner.

Commissioner Poli advised, upon recommendation of the Fire Department, insurance benefits for our volunteers has been increased at a minimal cost to the Village. Copies will be made for the Chiefs. He thanked the Ambulance Corps. and all the volunteers. It has been a great honor to be a member of the Ambulance Corps. and a great honor to serve as Commissioner. Thank you for serving the Village of Ridgefield Park.

Mayor Fosdick added Sonny Yotka, charter member of the Rescue Squad, is in attendance. Mayor Fosdick thanked Mr. Yotka for his service.

Mayor Fosdick thanked all for taking the time to serve others. All volunteer services now require extensive training. They sacrifice a lot to help neighbors and strangers. Over the years, he has learned we have a lot of very fine people. The employees and volunteers take pride in doing their job properly. On behalf of the Village of Ridgefield Park – thank you to all of you for what you do.

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RECESS

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

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

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 8:15 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No reports.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Rodney Wagner, on behalf of the Schuylkill Historical Fire Society, thanked the Board of Commissioners for donating the 1983 Hendrickson Grumman Pumper Fire Engine.

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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| 2020-003 | Approve Inter-local Services Agreement for Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force |
| 2020-004 | Authorize Mayor Fosdick to sign Health Awareness Regional Program Contract |
| 2020-005 | Authorize Mayor Fosdick to sign Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission Agreement for Health Services |
| 2020-006 | Authorize Donation of the 1983 Hendrickson Grumman Pumper Fire Engine |
| 2020-007 | Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement |

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”.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2020-008 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the public portion of the meeting recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (4) Contract Negotiations

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:35 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:45 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 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 January 28, 2020