

**COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**RIDGEFIELD PARK**  
**February 23, 2021**  
**7:30 PM**

Mayor Anlian 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, 2020 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and Village Website.

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Health Crisis, this meeting was held via Zoom call.

**ROLL CALL**

Those present were Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson and Mayor Anlian in the chair.

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

Also, present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney; Joseph Rella, Chief of Police and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Anlian.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Caucus Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of January 26, and February 9, 2021.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Mayor Anlian stated the Commissioners meetings can have up to 35 people in attendance now. Should the Commissioners continue Zoom meetings through March. Commissioner Olson stated he prefers in person meetings but he will be away for the last 2 meetings in March. Mayor Anlian stated Zoom meetings will continue until April.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No citizens present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Anlian 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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| 2021-22 | Adopt Temporary Capital Budget for 2021  |
| 2021-23 | Authorize Mayor Anlian to sign Health Awareness Regional Program Contract                              |
| 2021-24 | Authorize Expenditure of Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds   |
| 2021-25 | Award Contract for Improvements to Industrial Avenue, Central Avenue, Highland Place and Poplar Street |
| 2021-26 | Appoint Library Board Member   |

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Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, that the consent agenda be approved.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.  
Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

Mayor Anlian asked Mrs. O’Grady to notify Maureen Gibbs of her appointment and to advise her of the Library meeting tomorrow night.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

2021-02      BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NATURE TRAIL IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$950,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Commissioner Gerken moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner Gerken read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Gerken moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on March 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Olson.

On roll call Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.  
Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

**CLOSED SESSION**

Resolution:

2021-27 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Mayor Anlian seconded by Commissioner Olson, 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 (7) Legal Matters

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.  
Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:43 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Olson, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:03 p.m.

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**NEW BUSINESS – cont.**

**RESOLUTION:**

2021-28 Authorize the Planning Board to study, determine, and recommend appropriate zoning standards for cultivation and manufacturing in Industrial zones and the former “Skymark” property

Motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, that Resolution 2021-28 be approved.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Olson to adjourn.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

Commissioner Portorreal

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

/s/William G. Gerken  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson  
Commissioner

Abstain  
Commissioner Portorreal

/s/ Tara O’Grady  
Village Clerk  
Approved on March 9, 2021

/s/ John H. Anlian  
Mayor