

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
April 27, 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.

ROLL CALL

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

Also, present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Anlian.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Portorreal to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of April 13, 2021.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Hose Co. No. 1 – New Member
Ridgefield Park Fire Department Hose Co. No. 4 – New Member

Motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, Dean Co and Daniel Brink were accepted as new members of the Village of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department subject to approval by the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Portorreal advised she would like to discuss the Pool at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Olson stated a plumber looked at the water fountains in the park and some are repairable.

Commissioner Gerken stated he is working on the fireworks contract.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Joe Kenney, RP Arts Association & resident, gave an update on the Summer Arts Festival. The festival is taking place on June 11, 12 & 13. The Civic Center will have 3 days of art exhibits. The Arts Association is renting a stage from the County. The concert will take place on Saturday, June 12. There will be new performers this year. There are concerns: the stage is 30 feet in length and Grove Street has low hanging wires. The Arts Association would like Main Street closed off on the 12th from 4pm-9pm. This has been a widely publicized event – part of the County Art Crawl. Mayor Anlian stated closing Main Street will hurt the businesses and impact IGA. Mayor Anlian advised Joe Kenney to speak with IGA.

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Tom Wilcott, resident, stated a number of the Village restaurants did well 2 years ago. The Commissioners need to keep in mind social distancing requirements.

Marly Gonzalez, resident, added that she doesn't think there will be an impact on IGA or other businesses.

Mayor Anlian thanked all for putting this program together.

Rafael Alfaro, resident, stated something must be done with the garbage/litter around the Village. The IGA and 7-11 parking lots are unsightly.

Mayor Anlian agreed that litter is a continuous problem.

Commissioner Olson stated the DPW cleans Main Street each morning.

Commissioner MacNeill stated the apartments above the businesses on Main Street are using the garbage receptacles for their personal use and put their garbage out on Fridays for Monday pick-up.

Marly Gonzalez stated the ordinances need to be enforced – commercial vehicles parking on the streets, residents doing mechanic work on vehicles in driveways.

Joan Carlson, resident, stated she complained about this years ago. The tenants take no responsibility – go after the landlords.

Mayor Anlian thanked everyone for bringing these issues to their attention.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

2021-54 Authorize Contract with Bilow Garrett Group

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Olson, that Resolution 2021-54 be approved.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted "YEA".

Commissioner Portorreal inquired if virtual payments can be made for pool membership fees – advised to speak with Vince Buono, Village CFO. Also, if businesses can sponsor memberships in exchange for advertising on the pool's bulletin board – Phil Boggia doesn't see an issue with it. Can the pool accept equipment donations – can be accepted via resolution. Can the pool fund raise – speak with CFO, may need to set up a trust account

ADJOURNMENT

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

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted "YEA".

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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/s/William G. Gerken
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson
Commissioner

/s/ Wanda C. Portorreal
Commissioner

/s/Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on May 25, 2021

/s/ John H. Anlian
Mayor