

**COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**RIDGEFIELD PARK**  
**May 25, 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 Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meetings of April 27, 2021 and May 11, 2021.

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

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Deborah Dispenza, resident, stated there is a problem that has been occurring for the past 3 years. She and the neighbors are fed up with unbearable noise from 31A and 21 Overpeck Avenue. The resident installs sound systems in vehicles in the driveway and tests them with the car running. Her house vibrates and windows shake. She has to keep the windows closed since the noise is so loud. She and her neighbors have called the police, who say there is nothing they can do during the day. She has lived in the Village for approximately 19 years and is considering selling her home. Also, Overpeck Avenue is being used as the Indy 500 roadway. There are no stop signs, lights or speed bumps to deter the speeding that occurs.

Mayor Anlian stated that avenues don’t usually have stop signs but will see what can be done – send letters to the homeowners/occupants.

Phil Boggia stated Mrs. Dispenza has to be willing to sign a complaint and go to court.

Tara O’Grady, resident, announced that she and her husband are going to be grandparents in early October.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Gerken advised plans are full blown for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – Home Decorating, Program Cover Contest, Fireworks, Grand Marshal – Gerard Garofalow.

Holy Name Hospital will be conducting COVID-19 vaccinations in the Civic Center on June 2 and June 23 from 9am-1pm. Registration is encouraged, walk-ins welcome.

The Municipal Court Administrator has rescinded her retirement; however the Judge is retiring September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Olson stated the Ambulance Corps. needs to replace 1 vehicle – told to perform a 5-year inventory plan for the Commissioners.

Concert/Artsfest schedule was distributed to the Commissioners.

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Commissioner Portorreal advised the municipal pool is opening on Saturday. \$25,000 was collected in membership fees at their open house. Another open house is planned for June.

Mayor Anlian advised he will do a reverse 911 message for the pool and following Memorial Day services:

9:30am – Fire Department ceremony at the Fire Department monument at Cedar/Euclid.

11am – VFW/American Legion ceremony at Mt. Vernon/Euclid.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTION:**

2021-65        Authorize Designation of “Area in Need of Redevelopment” – Block 152.01, Lots 1, 1.01, 2 – “Golf Range”

Motion by Commissioner Portorreal, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, that Resolution 2021-65 be approved.

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

### **ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION**

2021-07        Cap Bank Ordinance

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner MacNeill moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Portorreal. So ordered. Commissioner MacNeill read the ordinance by title on second reading. Commissioner MacNeill then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Portorreal and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

2021-08        AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 96, “ZONING,” OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES.

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 June 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Olson.

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

Resolution:

2021-66 Authorize Closed Session Meeting – Affordable Housing Litigation

On a motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, 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) Litigation

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:10 p.m.

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

**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 8:25 p.m.

/s/William G. Gerken  
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson  
Commissioner

/s/ Wanda C. Portorreal  
Commissioner

/s/ John H. Anlian  
Mayor

/s/Tara O’Grady  
Village Clerk

Approved on June 22, 2021