

**COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK**

**April 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 and Village Website.

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

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian (7:39 p.m.), Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the chair.

Also, present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney; Charles Gneiding, Police Captain and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silent thought for the COVID-19 victims and those that have passed, and for the concern and safety of the first responders and health care workers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Special Meeting and Commissioners Closed Session Meeting of April 2, 2020.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$10,073,048.38

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps. – 2019 & 2020 Membership Changes

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Kohles, to accept the 2019 & 2020 membership changes of the Ridgefield Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Changes will be kept on file in the Village Clerk’s office.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Poli advised the TAANAC meeting has been cancelled with no tentative rescheduled date. As per the Loss Accident Report, the Village is #12 out of approx. 26 municipalities.

Commissioner MacNeill advised he and Commissioner Kohles attended a telephone conference call with the architects and the field committee regarding the re-design of the Veterans Park fields. The architect will submit plan to the Board of Commissioners shortly.

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Mayor Fosdick read his memo regarding the retirement of Chief Rose and the appointment of Lt. Rella to Police Chief effective May 1, 2020. The Mayor stated this has been a difficult time for Chief Rose – COVID-19 illness and the passing of his father in law. Under the authority of the Walsh Act, Mayor Fosdick advised he has the authority to appoint a new Police Chief. A Closed Session Meeting was properly advertised for the interviewing process – Mayor Fosdick, Commissioners Kohles and Poli conducted the interviews.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Margaret Boyd, resident, stated she wishes Ed Rose all the best and a speedy recovery for him and his family.

Luis Correa, resident, also wishes a speedy recovery for Chief Rose and his family.

Janet Malool, resident, questioned if AstroTurf is being considered for the Veterans Park fields. She stated, where she worked years ago, there were problems with the turf fields and deemed unusable.

Commissioner MacNeill advised plans to possibly re-do the fields at Veterans Park have been 2 ½ years in the making. Commissioner Kohles stated turf could be a part of the proposed design. Turf that is utilized now is different from turf that was used years ago.

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:

2020-043 Authorize Extension of 2019 Unused Vacation Days

2020-044 Authorize Refund of Taxes due to Tax Court Judgement

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”.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Theresa A. Kohles
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ Tara O’Grady

Village Clerk

Approved on April 28, 2020

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor