

**COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK**

**May 7, 2020
7:00 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, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the chair.

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

Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silent thought for retired Sgt. Phil McEntee and all COVID-19 victims, 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 Caucus Meeting of April 23, 2020, Commissioners Regular Meeting of April 28, 2020 and Closed Session Meetings of April 23, 2020 and April 28, 2020.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,334,967.76.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

04-36 NJLM – Daily Update - Informational

04-37 NJLM – Weekly Round-Up - Informational

04-38 Rebecca Schwartz, Office of Governor – Executive Order Providing Short-Term Support for Renters - Informational

04-39 Hanna Mori, Esq., Office of Senator Booker – New COVID-19 Relief Bill - Informational

04-40 Division of Local Government Services – Property Tax Interest Rate Reduction Guidance – A resolution has been adopted to extend the property tax grace period until June 1, 2020

04-41 Jesus O. Alcazar, Senior Aide to Governor – Protocols for Essential Personnel to Return to Work - Informational

04-42 Rebecca Schwartz, Office of Governor – Protections for Individuals without Permanent Housing – Informational

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CORRESPONDENCE – cont.

- 04-43 MEL Safety Institute Bulletin – Can Employers Take Worker’s Temperatures - Informational
- 04-44 Kerry Kirk Pflugh, NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection – NJDEP Weekly Update – Informational
- 04-45 Local Finance Board – 2020 Financial Disclosure Statement Filing – Filing deadline has been extended until July 31, 2020
- 04-46 Connor Strong & Buckelew – Getting Ready for Employees to Return to Work - Informational
- 04-47 Marc Schrieks, County of Bergen – Governor Murphy’s Six Principles Plan to NJ Re-Opening – Mayor Fosdick read the six principles to re-opening NJ
- 04-48 Mike Lauer, OEM Coordinator – Coronavirus/PPE OPRA Requests – Mayor Fosdick read the directive from Bergen County OEM
- 05-01 James Muserlian, Vitalant Blood Services – Blood Drives - Informational
- 05-02 Marc Schrieks, County of Bergen – Local Food Business’ – Correspondence has been forwarded to OEM
- 05-03 Marc Schrieks, County of Bergen – Local Government Needs Survey – OEM to complete survey
- 05-04 NJLM – Weekly Round-Up - Informational
- 05-05 Marc Schrieks, County of Bergen – Census Information – as of April 26th, RP response is 55.8%
- 05-06 COVID-19 Press Release – Schools will Remain Closed - Informational
- 05-07 Local Finance Notice 2020-11 - Informational
- 05-08 Local Finance Notice 2020-12 - Informational
- 05-09 SNJ Dept. of Env. Protection – All Granite Enterprises, 1 Mt. Vernon Street - Informational
- 05-10 Fred Rosen – Airbnb – subject to further discussion
- 05-11 Ezio Altamura, GJEM Insurance – 2020 Cyber Renewal - Informational

DISCUSSION

COVID-19 Updates

Mayor Fosdick announced as of today, Ridgely Park has 257 positive COVID-19 cases. The numbers appear to be slowing down. He encouraged residents to refer to the Village website regarding testing information. The County is establishing mobile testing units and Ridgely Park is on the list. 75 years ago, today – WWII came to an end – May 8th VE Day.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Anlian advised he has something for after Hearing of Citizens. He would like to re-open and activate the community gardens as long as gardeners practice social distancing. Janet Malool advised she is in the process of creating a plan.

Mayor Fosdick advised this week is Nurses Week. We salute the nurses for being on the front lines dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of them.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Maggie Boyd, resident, asked if the mobile testing is free to residents or paid through their insurance.

Mayor Fosdick advised mobile testing was only announced last Friday and we don't know any particulars yet.

Janet Malool, resident, advised the orange netting around the playground was down.

Alan O'Grady advised the DPW will take care of it.

Bill Gerken, resident, thanked the entire Board of Commissioners for their service to the Village of Ridgefield Park. In particular, Theresa Kohles for her 3 years of service, Hugo Poli for his 16 years of service and George Fosdick for his 28 years as Mayor.

Diane MacNeill, resident, thanked Mayor Fosdick. "Your mission as assigned is now complete." She extended a personal thank you – you have been a great Mayor to the town, a confidant and mentor. Enjoy your time.

PROCLAMATIONS

Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill and Poli read a proclamation honoring Mayor Fosdick.

Mayor Fosdick was humbled and expressed his love for the Village of Ridgefield Park.

Mayor Fosdick's entire family was on the teleconference meeting, Mayor Fosdick's last meeting.

Mayor Fosdick read the National Police Week/Peace Officers' Memorial Day Proclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli to adjourn meeting at 7:37 p.m.

On roll call, Commissioner Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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/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 May 21, 2020