

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
August 10, 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 and Mayor Anlian in the chair.
Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

Also, present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney; Joe 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 MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of June 22, 2021.

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

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of July 13, 2021.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Gerken to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,423,891.08.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Truck Co. No. 1 – Resignation

Motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, the resignation of Donald Vorhees from the Ridgefield Park Fire Department was accepted with regret.

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

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Ridgefield Park Fire Department Truck Co. No. 1 – New Member

Motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, Nicholas Arciuolo was accepted as a new member of the Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department subject to approval by the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

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

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Olson stated the Municipal Pool's dive pool pump has been repaired.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Doreen Frega, Animal Protection League of NJ, was in attendance to offer services and solutions to minimize the geese population. Flight turf and laser lights are deterrents. She provided information for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioner Olson suggested she attend the DEP lectures. Ms. Frega's response was that she has and the DEP promotes hunting. The Animal Protection League has a different point of view – habitat modification.

Mayor Anlian thanked Ms. Frega for taking the time to speak to them.

Tom Christiansen, resident, thanked the Ridgefield Park Police Department for their assistance with Sonny Yotka's funeral procession.

Dan Gallagher, resident, stated there is a drainage problem on Birch Street. The sewer is caving in and it has become increasingly worse over the past 10 years.

Mayor Anlian stated the Village will take a look at it. Commissioner Olson added he is not sure if there is anything that can be done but will get back to him.

Joan Carlson, resident, stated she hopes there is money in the budget to get rid of the geese. She lives near a beautiful park that can't be used because of the geese.

Regarding the flooding issue on Birch Street, Ms. Carlson stated there was a sewer pipe next to the firehouse that used to pump out into the meadows.

Ms. Carlson also thanked the Police Department. Over the last few months, she has never felt more comfortable with the officers.

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:

2021-87 Authorize Special Law Enforcement Officer III's Agreement

2021-88 Appoint Municipal Court Prosecutor

2021-89 Appoint Planning Board Member

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

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ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

2021-12 AN ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS &
EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR YEAR 2021

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

Commissioner Olson read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Olson 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 September 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gerken.

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

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

/s/William G. Gerken
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson
Commissioner

Abstain
Commissioner Portorreal

/s/ John H. Anlian
Mayor

/s/Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on September 14, 2021