

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
November 23, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Truck Co. No. 2 – New Members

Motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, Isaiah Pickens and Eddyn Vasile be 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 Olson stated the business owner letter will be mailed – meeting December 8th.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Gianna Terrarosa, resident, created the Pollinator Garden located at the High School. She is a junior at the Ridgefield Park Jr. Sr. High School and a Girl Scout. The pollinator garden was her project to achieve the Girl Scout Gold Award. She has held educational programs for younger scouts and her attending tonight’s meeting is part of the community outreach program. The Monarch’s pledge will show residents different ways to help pollinators. The pledge is December 1st through March 31st.

Joan Carlson, resident, thanked Mayor Anlian for his great attempt to get people to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony. She also thanked Commissioner Gerken and the Police Department for attending.

Noel Cote, resident, thanked Commissioner Olson for sending him the information on the tree carving bid and for inviting him to the December 8th meeting.

Mr. Cote asked for clarification on Resolution 2021-123 regarding the hiring of the Social Media Coordinator.

Mayor Anlian stated the coordinator will be creating a Facebook page and Instagram.

Commissioner Olson stated the coordinator will get information out to the residents via social media.

Commissioner Gerken stated the Village is not looking to change the website so much but to just get information out to the public.

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Mr. Cote also stated something needs to be done about the garbage on Main Street on Sunday mornings. This is not the first time it has been reported. Main Street is a mess.

Mr. Cote stated while it is nice trying to promote culture, residents also need to be made safe. He mentioned in the past about flashing red light stop signs – one should be placed at Euclid Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

2021-123 Authorize Contract for Website and Social Media Consulting Services

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Portorreal, that the consent agenda be approved.

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Anlian read proclamation honoring Hank Teel.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

/s/William G. Gerken
Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner MacNeill

/s/Mark C. Olson
Commissioner

/s/ Wanda C. Portorreal
Commissioner

/s/ John H. Anlian
Mayor

/s/Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on February 8, 2022