

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 14, 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 Website and Bulletin Board.

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; Edward Monroe, DPW Superintendent 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 Meeting of September 14, 2021.

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

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,300,934.82.

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

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

SPECIAL REPORTS

Installation of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department

Mayor Anlian welcomed everyone and stated 1 year ago, the installation was held in the High School due to the pandemic with sparse attendance.

Mayor Anlian asked Chief Antola to give his annual report.

Chief Antola advised the Fire Department responded to approximately 372 Service Calls. Seven new members joined the department. Board of Commissioners increased LOSAP, annual clothing allowance and training reimbursement to assist with retention.

Chief Antola thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their continued support to the Fire Department. He also thanked Tara O’Grady and her staff; Chief Rella, his command staff and the entire Police Department; Chief Peter Danzo, Fire Marshal and his staff and OEM Coordinator, Mike Lauer. He thanked Superintendent Mike Monroe, Rich Flynn and the DPW employees and Francine Orovitz, Administrative Assistant. He congratulated all the officers and chiefs.

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He thanked his outgoing Assistant Chiefs, the department, his friends and family, and his wife Kayla and son Luca for all of their support.

His recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for next year and the near future are as follows:

1. Plan for replacement of aging portable radios
2. Replacement of Engine 3 and Truck 2
3. Equipment and replacement timeframe outlined in long-term strategic plan presented to the Board of Commissioners on December 3, 2020.
 - a. Thermal Image Cameras
 - b. Turnout Gear
 - c. SCBA Cylinders
 - d. Command Car

Andrew Scheideler read the election results.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Executive Officers.

Mayor Anlian announced the newly elected Lieutenants of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Lieutenants.

Mayor Anlian then announced the newly elected Captains of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Captains.

Mayor Anlian presented Ex-Chief Badges to Asst. Chiefs VanDerTulip and Wagner.

Mayor Anlian announced the newly elected Assistant Fire Chief; William Lynn.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oath of Office to Assistant Chief Lynn.

Mayor Anlian announced the newly elected Assistant Fire Chief; John Malool.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oath of Office to Assistant Chief Malool.

Mayor Anlian then announced the re-elected Fire Chief John Antola.

Mayor Anlian administered the Oath of Office to Chief Antola.

Mayor Anlian thanked the officers leaving office for serving and congratulated the new officers. He thanked all the volunteers for their time and keeping the Village safe. It takes a special person to commit and there are few organizations that call upon its members to spend the amount of time that you do serving the community. He thanked them again for their commitment and thanked their families for allowing their loved ones to serve.

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RECESS

Motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Gerken to recess for 10 minutes.

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

Absent: Commissioner Portorreal

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 8:05 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Gerken advised Christmas trees have been planted in the planters.

Commissioner Olson advised the annual tree lighting took place on Sunday. The tree sculpture is still in process – should be completed Monday.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Jacqueline Velilla, resident, stated there are handicap parking spaces near her place of residence. One is personally assigned to someone. There is a resident that uses a relative’s placard and abuses the spot. She inquired if there is any way the placard can be checked.

Chief Rella stated that using someone else’s placard is an offense and will look into it. He suggested to Ms. Velilla to fill out an application for an additional handicap parking spot for her neighborhood.

Mercedes Haines, resident, wanted to advise the Board of Commissioners how great our DPW is and that they are doing a super job. She also thanked Chief Rella and his men as well. Ms. Haines thanked the Commissioners that attended the tree lighting ceremony.

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:

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| 2021-126 | Authorize Mayor to sign Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of 911
Emergency Telephone Services |
| 2021-127 | Authorize Mayor to sign Shared Services Agreement Renewal with Bergen County
for the Animal Control Program and Employee Assistance Program |
| 2021-128 | Approve 2021 Corrective Action Plan |
| 2021-129 | Award Contract to Storr Tractor Company through Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
with the National Joint Powers Alliance/Sourcewell Contract |
| 2021-130 | Authorize 2022 Annual Meeting Notice |
| 2021-131 | Appoint Construction Board of Appeals Member |
| 2021-132 | Appoint Municipal Court Personnel |
| 2021-133 | Appoint Municipal Court Judge |
| 2021-134 | Appoint Fire Inspectors |
| 2021-135 | Authorize Establishment of Petty Cash Funds |
| 2021-136 | Authorize Rate of Interest on Delinquent Taxes |

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RESOLUTIONS (cont.):

2021-137 Authorize Cancellation of Small Balances
2021-138 Designate Official Depositories of the Village
2021-139 Designate Official Newspapers of the Village
2021-140 Designate Signatories for Banking Purposes
2021-141 Appoint Insurance Consultants
2021-142 Appoint Various Professional Services
2021-143 Appoint Village Attorney
2021-144 Appoint Member to Library Board
2021-145 Oppose Assembly Bills 1571 and 1576 and Senate Bill 1956
2021-146 Authorize Community Development Application

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, 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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Olson, 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 8:25 p.m.

/s/William G. Gerken
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson
Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner Portorreal

/s/ John H. Anlian
Mayor

/s/Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on February 22, 2022