

**COMMISSIONERS SINE DIE MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK**

**May 21, 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 Bergen Record, and the Star Ledger on May 14, 2020 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and Village Website.

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Health Crisis, this meeting was held via Zoom 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 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 Anlian to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Caucus Meeting of May 7, 2020.

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

UNFINISHED 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:

2020-049	Approve Separation Agreement with Captain Charles Gneiding
2020-050	Approve Employment Memorandum for Police Chief Joseph Rella
2020-051	Approve Employment Memorandum for Police Lieutenants
2020-052	Approve Collective Negotiations Agreement with PBA Local #86
2020-053	Approve Employment Memorandum for Police Captain effective July 1, 2020

Mayor Fosdick commended Captain Gneiding for his 35 years of exemplary service. Capt. Gneiding will be retiring effective July 1, 2020. Lt. Chris Thibault has been appointed Acting Captain.

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”.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Kohles stated this would be her last Commissioner’s report. She thanked all of the Village employees and volunteers. Special thanks to Alan O’Grady, Mike Monroe, Donna Rose-McEntee and all of the DPW workers; the Police Department; Pool Commission and employees; Rescue Squad; Tara O’Grady and Jana Carratu; Phil Boggia and Joe Voytus. Thanks to Commissioners Anlian and Poli for their friendship; the Fosdick Family – especially Mayor Fosdick. She thanked her family for all of their support and understanding.

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Commissioner Poli thanked all of the Commissioners, the Village Departments, the Village Clerk - Tara O’Grady, the DPW – Alan O’Grady, Mike Monroe and all the employees, the Ambulance Corps. and the Village residents. He congratulated and wished the newly elected Commissioners good luck.

Mayor Fosdick stated over his 28 years as Mayor, the Village has had many fine employees, department heads, volunteers and committees. We are always a work in progress. Ridgefield Park has been written up in the Bergen Record and New York Times. The Village is made up of older homes and its nice to see residents are improving their property. He congratulated the newly elected Mayor and Board of Commissioners – they will be the 28th Board of Commissioners. He thanked his wife and family. Mayor Fosdick stated he is happy to be a part of Ridgefield Park and has a great affection for the Village – It was an honor to serve as the Mayor and Commissioner and did the best he could to represent the Village.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Janet Malool, resident, congratulated the new Commissioners. She thanked the DPW for mowing the community garden in Fellowship Park.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

/s/William G. Gerken
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson
Commissioner

/s/ Wanda C. Portorreal
Commissioner

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on June 18, 2020

/s/ John H. Anlian
Mayor