

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 28, 2010
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 Record and the Star Ledger on December 28, 2009 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioner Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Absent: Commissioner Boyd. Also present: Martin Durkin, Esq. and Deborah Fehre

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of December 14, 2010

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

Mayor Fosdick announced the retirement of Martin T. Durkin, Attorney for the Village of Ridgefield Park. He then read and presented a proclamation to Mr. Durkin.

Mr. Durkin introduced his family in the audience. He remarked that representing Ridgefield Park has been a great legal experience. The Commissioners always stood behind him. There were several tough issues such as the Railroad and Overpeck Park. The Pedestrian Bridge is still to be constructed. He thanked everyone for their support during this time. He then commented that he had heard the Village Attorney had retired shortly after he moved to Ridgefield Park. He spoke with an active woman in the Village and subsequently received a phone call for an interview. He thanked everyone again for allowing him to represent the Village.

Mayor Fosdick elaborated on the process of appointing an attorney and shared his thoughts on how important institutional memory is for the Village. It saves a lot of time and expense when dealing with the various business and issues in the Village.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Installation of Ridgefield Park Ambulance Corps Elected Officers

Mayor Fosdick then turned the meeting over to Commissioner Poli regarding the Installation of the Ambulance Corps Officers.

Commissioner Poli asked Captain Fernandez to present his annual report.

Captain Fernandez thanked the Commissioners and Mr. Durkin. He also thanked the ladies in the Clerk's office, DPW, the OEM, Fire Department, Police Department and the Rescue Squad. The Ridgefield Park Ambulance Corps responded to 987 emergency calls. This represents an increase of 8% in call volume from the previous year. Holy Name

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continued to assist the Village with the mutual aid calls during the day. They responded to 168 calls, representing 17% of the call volume for the year.

He then invited all in attendance to the Ambulance Corps building for refreshments after the meeting.

Commissioner Poli asked Mrs. Fehre to administer the oath of office to the Lieutenants, Mechanic, and Administrative Officers of the Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

1st Lieutenant Sean Florio
2nd Lieutenant Robyn Florio
3rd Lieutenant Silvio Zapata
Mechanic Kevin Coyle

President Irma Rutkowski
Vice President William Hansen
Treasurer Kate Spontak
Secretary Stephanie Hansen (absent)

Commissioner Poli administered the oath of office to Captain Steven Fernandez

Captain Fernandez thanked everyone for their support.

Commissioner Poli addressed the public. He noted that the Board of Commissioners supports volunteers in the Village. He is still riding with the Ambulance Corps on Friday nights. He started in 1996. He commented on how great it is to see new members. They have kept up with their training and are getting the job done even with the State of New Jersey is taking funding away for their training. He thanked all of the members and their families for the time that they put into the Ambulance Corps.

Mayor Fosdick commented that he received a call from Chief Malool regarding an article about Ridgefield Park. The article stated that Ridgefield Park was the best place in New Jersey to raise kids. The Mayor read the article which noted the parades, contests, pool etc. He noted that Village memberships of volunteer organizations continue to grow. The average tax bill of \$9,000.00 includes \$16.00 for Ambulance Corps, \$8.00 for Rescue Squad and approximately \$50.00 for the Fire Department. He then complimented the Ambulance Corps on their training and thanked them with great appreciation.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No reports

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Fehre read correspondence from the Ambulance Corps reporting the changes in their membership.

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the report of the membership changes was accepted by the Board of Commissioners.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

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Mrs. Fehre read the correspondence from the Rescue Squad reporting a new probationary member.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli the report of the probationary member was accepted.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

HEARING OF CITIZENS

There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Poli added to his previous comments noting that the Ambulance Corps does not respond only to medical emergencies in the home, they are called out for many accidents due to the highways and waterways which surround the Village.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Fosdick announces that all business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

- Resolution No. 1 Authorize 2010 Budget Transfers
- Resolution No. 2 Authorize Payments from Fire Prevention Dedicated Account
- Resolution No. 3 Authorize Agreement Bergen County Animal Control Program
 And Employee Assistance Program
- Resolution No. 4 Appoint Village Attorney
- Resolution No. 5 Appoint Professional Services for the following: Redevelopment
 Counsel, Bond Counsel, Labor Counsel, Village Auditor, Village
 Engineer, Sewer Consultants
- Resolution No. 6 Appoint Insurance Consultants
- Resolution No. 7 Appoint Grants-man and Administrator of Grants
- Resolution No. 8 Appoint Construction Code Official and Building Subcode Official
- Resolution No. 9 Tax Lien Redemption

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, that the Consent Agenda be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$396,649.41.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

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ORDINANCES: PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

COMMISSIONER POLI CALLED UP FOR SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

ORDINANCE 2010-13

2010-13 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9 Of The Code Of The Village Of Ridgefield Park, Entitled "Ambulance Corps"

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner Poli moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner MacNeill. So ordered. Commissioner Poli read the ordinance by title on second reading. The Mayor then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

After ample opportunity was given and no interested parties commented on the ordinance, Commissioner Poli moved the hearing be closed. So ordered.

Commissioner Poli moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner MacNeill and adopted upon a call of the roll.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

COMMISSIONER POLI CALLED UP FOR SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

ORDINANCE 2010-13

2010-14 An Ordinance Amending Revising And Supplementing The Bylaws Of The "Dr. Charles A. Knox Memorial Volunteer Ambulance Corps Ridgefield Park, New Jersey"

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

RECESS

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Boyd that the public meeting be recessed in order to serve cake in honor of Mr. Durkin's retirement and then convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7) Personnel Procedure

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:30 p.m.

The Commissioners returned to open session to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian

Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd

Commissioner

Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli

Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick

Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk
Approved: 01/11/2011