

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
March 24, 2009
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 21, 2008 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

FLAG SALUTE*****

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silence in memory of Florence McGaughran. She served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and was involved in various Village organizations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting of March 10, 2009. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Mayor Fosdick explained the COLA ordinance and Resolution No. 1, introducing the 2009 budget, were being withdrawn because the budget was still a work in progress. He stated a special meeting would be held on Tuesday March 31st at 7:30 PM to introduce the budget.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

None.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Jim Ruff, 89 Union Place, Chairman Environmental Commission Leonia held a public meeting on County Overpeck Park development. Senator Weinberg was at the meeting and suggested there be a public meeting with all involved towns, namely Leonia, Teaneck and Ridgefield Park.

Commissioner Anlian explained land was given to the County for a park. In 1980 Village went to court. County met provisions of court judgement with a definite timetable. Amenities included ballfields, amphitheater, etc. Fill has been placed on land to compress the soil. A September 2009 completion date is anticipated.

Park plans, which have been in place for several years, do not permit traffic cut throughs in the park. County Police will maintain area.

Mayor Fosdick stated Teaneck has the golf course and Palisades Park has football fields and other amenities. Ridgefield Park will have the park. We are trying to get permission from the Turnpike Authority for a pedestrian bridge over the Turnpike from the high school to the park. The high school will be permitted to use the County ballfields and bridge would be an easy access to the park. The bridge would be paid for by the county. The town needs the backing of citizens for the bridge.

Steve Frimmer, 255 Overpeck Avenue

Senator Weinberg suggested citizens meet with the park people for answers to questions. No one at the Leonia meeting said anything about what was presented at this meeting.

Ray Ziemba, 101 Overpeck Avenue

Traveling outside of Boston, Mr. Ziemba stated economic problems have resulted in 19% unemployment. Towns have received 12% give backs from the police and fire departments in lieu of layoffs. Arbitration should be turned around. It is too expensive to towns. The Governor did not cut spending and hasn't provided tax relief. Many houses are up for sale in Ridgefield Park

Commissioner Anlian said houses are not selling or they are not sold quickly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

None.

NEW BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Poli introduced the "DPW SALARY ORDINANCE". Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner Boyd that the "DPW SALARY ORDINANCE" be approved, be duly advertised in the Record and come up for public hearing on April 14, 2009. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Mayor Fosdick announced 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. 2] Authorizing Increase in 2009 Temporary Budget.

Resolution No. 3] Authorizing Cancellation of Unpaid 2007 Current Account Checks.

Resolution No. 4] Authorizing Cancellation of Closed Escrow Accounts.

Resolution No. 5] Authorizing Payment to Employees Who Opt-out of Medical Benefits.

Resolution No. 6] Authorizing Appointments to Board of Recreation.

Resolution No. 7] Authorizing Cancellation of Unpaid 2007 Payroll Checks.

Resolution No. 8] Awarding Contract to Wayne King for Demolition of 68 Park Street

Resolution No. 9] Authorizing Placement of Monument in Memory of Frank Romano

Resolution No 10] Authorizing Village Clerk or Village Engineer To Advertise For Bids For The Municipal Complex Parking Lot Expansion.

Mr. Ziemba questioned Resolution No. 5.

It was explained that employees can opt-out of the Village's medical plan and are paid a percentage of the medical coverage cost.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill that the consent agenda be approved. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli voted “YEA”.

S/ John H. Anlian
Commissioner

S/ Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

S/ Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

S/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

s/ Sarah Warlikowski
Village Clerk