

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
February 8, 2011
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 29, 2010 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

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

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of January 25, 2011 and the Closed Meeting of January 25, 2011.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Hiring of Police Officer – Bradley Gilmore

Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to Police Chief Edward Rose who introduced Bradley Gilmore.

Mrs. Fehre administered the Oath of Office to Officer Gilmore. He was pinned by his wife. Officer Gilmore then commented that he was excited to start the next 25 years with Ridgefield Park. Officer Gilmore's sister was present via skype video conference.

Mayor Fosdick then turned the meeting over Police Chief Rose and Captain DiNiro to present Police Service Awards.

The following Police Officers received awards and/or letters of Commendation:

Sergeant Milo, Detective Sgroi, Patrolman Mullay, Patrolman Marquez, Patrolman Davis, Patrolman Tress, Sergeant Thibault, Patrolman Powel, Patrolman Morton, Patrolman Distasi, Sergeant Jensen, Lieutenant Gneiding, Patrolman Rellinger, Lieutenant D. Hippe, Patrolman Cmielewski, Sergeant B. Hippe

The distinguished service of the police officers included life saving efforts for an attempted suicide, domestic disputes involving cars and public places, vicious dogs, drug violations, astute alertness solving burglaries, string of shop lifting events, car thefts, unstable citizens, and weapon recovery.

One Civilian Service Award was presented to Daniel Greco. Mr. Greco was awakened by his wife who observed fire in the house next door. Mrs. Greco called 911. Mr. Greco entered the house to be sure the family evacuated safely.

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Mayor Fosdick thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He welcomed Police Officer Gilmore. He explained the hiring process for police officers and commented on how proud he is of those who serve the Ridgefield Park Police Department. They respond to 21,000 calls per year ranging from nothing to very serious. All calls are answered in a professional manner. He then commended Daniel Greco for his voluntary actions the night of his neighbor's home fire. He recognized the Lakewood Officer who was killed in the line of duty and noted that any routine stop can become a serious matter. He thanked the Police Department for their service.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,278,984.40.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Ambulance Corps – New members on the Senior Squad: Tanzima Arif, Larry Mackey, Lady Torres. New members on the Youth Squad: Amanda Thomas, Jonathan Roman

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the new members were accepted. On roll call: Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Jane Kraljic, 138 Bergen Avenue addressed the Commissioners regarding the parking ban due to the substantial amount of snow from the recent storms. She noted that it was difficult to park, she did not want to park too far away from her home. She asked if something was being done.

Mayor Fosdick answered no, the ban will remain in place because it is more dangerous to have the streets too crowded with cars in addition to the snow which prevents emergency vehicles from getting down the street.

Denise Margiotta, 30 Summit Avenue, commented that there were cars on Summit Street that have not been moved for weeks.

Captain DiNiro answered that there is no enforcement of alternate side parking with the no parking on snow side being enforced. They are not able to uncover all the snow of all the cars to find resident stickers.

Mayor Fosdick added that the decision to enforce the no parking on snow side was not done lightly. It will be lifted when the DPW Superintendent informs them that the streets are clear enough.

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NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS

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.

RESOLUTIONS

- 2011.20 Authorize "Dedication by Rider" for Shade Tree Replacement
- 2011.21 Authorize Reimbursement Tax Overpayment
- 2011.22 Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Fosdick read the Read Across America Proclamation.
He then read the Proclamation congratulating Eagle Scout Kevin A. Alberque, noting that this is of special interest to the boy scouts present in the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

/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/ Deborah L. Fehre

Interim Village Clerk

Approved 02/22/2011