

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
July 12, 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.

Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silent thought for Doris Conley who passed away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of June 28, 2011.

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Closed Session Meeting of June 28, 2011

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,712,578.68.

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

Absent: Commissioner MacNeill

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Anlian reported that the summer concerts start tomorrow at McGowan Park. They will take place each Wednesday through the end of August.

Mayor Fosdick reported that the Citizens 911 Committee was meeting that same night. There will be an observance for the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Tom Christiansen, 17 Main Street, stated he was happy to see the Commissioners. They have done a terrific job for the residents and lowered taxes. Thank you.

Patricia O'Grady, 13 Pershing Court, stated that the dogs next to her house were still barking. It has been 60 days. There has been no resolution in court. Commissioner Anlian

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advised that she keep a record, notify the Health Department and sign a summons. Mrs. O'Grady stated that she understood that a summons was already issued. Commissioner Anlian did not recall, however he will look into it again. He further stated that the Health Department must observe for themselves what the neighbors are experiencing in order for the Health Department to issue its own summons. Commissioner Boyd reminded the Commissioners that there were suspicions of a puppy mill being run at the residence. Commissioner Anlian stated that after the previous complaint regarding the puppies, all puppies were removed the next day. He called another resident who told him the situation was much better. Mr. Boggia, Village Attorney, asked who Mrs. O'Grady could contact in order to sign the complaint. Captain DiNiro stated that Mrs. O'Grady could see him.

John Walsek, 31 Arthur Avenue, asked if the Commissioners would like to participate in a pie eating contest again this year at the street fair. He also asked what the cost of the Fourth of July parade was. Commissioner Boyd responded that the cost of the parade was approximately \$50,000.00.

Walter Richter, 34 Hazelton Street, stated that there is a residence in very bad shape with a boat in the yard for years. Mayor Fosdick responded that the Village is looking into a contract with a third party to address property maintenance. There is also the issue that some residents cannot afford the repairs needed on their homes. Mr. Walsek added that garbage on a porch is not a financial matter. Mayor Fosdick stated that at the Fourth of July parade he received many compliments on the condition of the Village. Mr. Walsek acknowledged that 95% of the town is okay, five percent of the properties are a problem.

Ray Ziembra, 101 Overpeck Avenue, complimented the Mayor on his property tax stance. He then stated that the county dropped their budget by 30 million dollars.

Mrs. O'Grady asked why there was no explanation or detailed information of the agenda items on the agenda. Mrs. Fehre explained that the agenda is a list of business items to be addressed; the details are in the minutes. Resolutions and ordinances listed on the agenda are available for the public. She then asked for clarification on the resolutions regarding the insertion of revenue, renewal of Interim Village Clerk and the sale of the fire truck.

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.

Mayor Fosdick read the resolutions by title.

Resolutions:

2011-96	Authorize Expenditure Fire Prevention Dedicated Account
2011-97	Authorize Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
2011-98	Insertion of Revenue Line 2011 Budget – Chapter 159
2011-99	Authorize Renewal of Interim Village Clerk Contract
2011-100	Authorize Sale of Fire Truck

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

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

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ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2011-08

2011-08 ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS &
EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK
FOR THE YEAR 2011

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner Boyd read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper on July 18, 2011 and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on August 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Poli.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Eagle Scout – Brian Kennedy

Mayor Fosdick read the proclamation on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

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/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk
Approved on August 9, 2011