

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
August 9, 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, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Absent: Commissioner Boyd

Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Deborah Fehre, and Tara O'Grady

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silent thought for the military personnel killed in Afghanistan when their plane was shot down.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of July 12, 2011

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

Commissioner MacNeill abstained

Absent: Commissioner Boyd

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,334,990.63.

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

Absent: Commissioner Boyd

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Engine Company #2

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli, applicant Thomas Iapicco was accepted as an active member of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Engine Co. #2 provided that all State requirements for membership are met.

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

Absent: Commissioner Boyd

HEARING OF CITIZENS

John Walsek, 31 Arthur Avenue, stated that he had a copy of the property maintenance regulations from Hawthorne. He asked if Ridgefield Park would implement the same system of warnings, fines, summonses, and liens. They also have third party contracts for the work that needs to be done. He gave the regulations to Commissioner MacNeill, who stated that the Village is looking into a third party contract as well to address property maintenance issues.

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Noel Cody, 418 Teaneck Road, asked if the Village has any control regarding utility companies opening up the roads after they have been repaved.

Mayor Fosdick responded that when the roads are scheduled to be paved the utility companies are notified so that if they have scheduled work they can get it done before the repaving.

Joan Carlson thanked Commissioner MacNeill for getting back to her in 24 hours regarding an issue she had.

Jenie Pana, 188 Park St., stated that the trees on her neighbor's property are damaging her property.

Commissioner Anlian responded that he was informed of this by the Shade Tree Commission. He will contact her later, however it sounds like this may be a private matter and the Village may not be able to help.

Ray Ziembra, 101 Overpeck Avenue, commented on the Federal, State, County and School Boards spending.

Louise Maksymowicz, 62 Chestnut Street, asked when the tax bills would be sent out.

Bruce Gregory, 240 Fifth Street, stated that other residents in other jurisdictions do not have tax increases as high as his tax increase.

Mayor Fosdick reviewed the synopsis of the allocations in the Village budget. The largest increases are beyond the Commissioners' control.

Mr. Gregory stated that he thought the DPW was huge, he suggested privatizing some of the services.

Mayor Fosdick disagreed that privatization would save money. He also explained that personnel in the Village have been reduced.

Commissioner Anlian added that the taxes everywhere are too high and it is the system and state mandates that are forced on the municipalities that create expenses beyond the Commissioners' control.

Mayor Fosdick also stated that Ridgefield Park's property tax are a little below the county average.

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:

2011-101 Appoint Deputy Registrar
2011-102 Approve Payment of LOSAP Contributions

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2011-103 Authorize Expenditure of Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds
2011-104 Authorize Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
2011-105 Authorize Tax Lien Redemption
2011-106 Award of Bid Main St. & Bergen Ave. to English Paving Co. Inc.

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

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

ORDINANCES: PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

COMMISSIONER POLI CALLED UP FOR SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

ORDINANCE 2011-08

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

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 Anlian. 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.

The following people spoke on the ordinance:

Mayor Fosdick noted that the Record newspaper had a headline that police dispatcher received raises. The Mayor explained that the hours increased due to one less dispatcher and therefore the salary increased proportionately.

Noel Cody, 418 Teaneck Road, inquired about the amount of court personnel. Commissioner Anlian responded that the amount of court personnel has been the same for many years.

John Walsek, 31 Arthur Avenue, asked why the Police salaries were not included in the salary ordinance.

Commissioner Poli responded that the salary ordinance was for non-contractual employees. The police have a separate negotiated contract.

After all interested parties had spoken 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 Anlian and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

September 11, 2001 National Day of Service and Remembrance

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

He then announced the observance that will take place at the Peace Bell Monument in Veterans Park on Sunday, September 11, 2011. The Village has a piece of the World Trade Center Steel.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk
Approved on September 13, 2011