

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 13, 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, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Also present: Joseph Voytus, Esq., Deborah Fehre, and Tara O'Grady

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silent thought for John Ranone, Walter Rap, and Marge Floyd residents and volunteers who passed away.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Installation of Ridgefield park Volunteer Fire Department Officers

Mayor Fosdick asked Chief LaTour to give his annual report.

Chief LaTour thanked the Assistant Chiefs Peter Arciuolo, and Mike Lauer. They administer the training classes and State mandate testing and have an excellent working relationship with the Police Department. He then thanked Doug Hansen and Francine Orovitz of the office of Emergency Management and Fire Prevention, Daryl Henkle Captain of the Rescue Squad and Steve Fernandez Captain of the Ambulance Corps, Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent and his crew and especially mechanic Ed Schreck, and Chief Woegens of the Bogota Fire Department. Ridgefield Park and Bogota have a long tradition of working together at fire scenes. He then thanked his wife Donna, for her patience with all the phone calls and interruptions. He also thanked Mrs. Fehre, Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. O'Grady and Ms. Fitzpatrick for their help in the Clerk/Finance office.

The Ridgefield Park-Bogota Rotary Club donated hydrant markers. He thanked the Mayor and Board of Commissioners for all their support. The Volunteer Fire Department responded to 504 service calls, 53 Structure Fires, 9 car fires, 5 brush or rubbish fires, 8 Rescue and Ems assists, 39 Hazardous incidents, 11 accidents, 19 Electrical wiring incidents, 76 water leaks, 34 Service Calls, 11 Good intent, 145 False alarms, 42 Mutual Aid calls, 52 unintentional alarms. They participated in 191 drills and 71 meetings.

One engine needs replacing. He would like the Assistant Chiefs to have Fire Department cars so that they did not have to use their personal cars. He believes this can be accomplished with no increase to the budget.

He then invited everyone to Hook & Ladder #2 for refreshments.

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Lieutenants of the Volunteer Fire Department. 1st Lieutenants: Ross Wagner, Thomas Wilson, Thomas McGee, Richard Burke, John O'Grady Jr., and Michael Daglezt. 2nd Lieutenants: William Nebling, Thomas Carr, Richard Pickett, Sylvan Mack, Brian O'Grady, and Sean Rodreguez.

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Mrs. Fehre administered the Oath of Office to the Lieutenants.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Captains of the Volunteer Fire Department. Rodney Wagner, Frank Farina, Liam Radburn, Richard DePena, Brian Nevins, and John Antola Jr.

Mrs. Fehre administered the Oath of Office to the Captains.

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Assistant Fire Chiefs; Peter Arciuolo and Michael Lauer.

Mrs. Fehre administered the Oath of Office to the Assistant Chiefs.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Fire Chief Richard LaTour.

Mayor Fosdick administered the Oath of Office to Chief LaTour.

Commissioner Anlian noted that the Village was very fortunate to have the Fire Department volunteers and it is a privilege to live in a town with people such as them.

Commissioner Boyd thanked all the volunteer firefighters; they do a lot everywhere and are always there for the Village.

Commissioner MacNeill thanked the volunteer firefighter for everything that they do; he then wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Poli thanked all the volunteers; he noted that he sees them at the emergency scenes. He then wished them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Fosdick commented there is a big difference in being Mayor and Fire Chief. The Fire Chief has a car, office, desk, and secretary. The Mayor has none of these things. The Fire Department is the oldest volunteer organization in Ridgefield Park, it is made up of local citizens who stepped forward to serve, neighbors, friends, and family. The training is rigorous and is the same for professional and volunteer firefighters. The Commissioners are most grateful of the spirit of willingness to do for others. He then noted that as good as we are now; we always want to do better.

The meeting was recessed for five minutes in order to take pictures and visit with the newly elected officers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Boyd had a question regarding the minutes of November 3, 2011 and November 22, 2011. She noted that Resolution 2011-150, appointment of a Webinar Administrator, was held for further information on November 3rd. Commissioner Poli stated that further information was obtained for the November 22, 2011 meeting. She asked for a motion to rescind Resolution 2011-150, the motion did not receive a second and therefore failed.

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of November 22, 2011

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On roll call Commissioners Anlian, MacNeill, Poli and voted “YEA”
Mayor Fosdick and Commissioner Boyd abstained.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner MacNeill announce that the All Sports Field was officially open.

Commissioner Poli announced that the Ambulance Corps will have pictures with Santa at the Ambulance Corps building on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Fosdick reported that the Development of Challenger Road Request for Proposals brought in three proposals. He estimated that it will take the professionals four to six weeks to analyze the proposals.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Christina Schiess, 18 Cedar Street, asked if the Webinar Administrator would receive pay for the other safety duties. Commissioner Poli responded that the pay was for the Webinar Administration.

Noel Cody, 418 Teaneck Road, inquired if the Webinar Administration require training. Commissioner Poli responded that there was training.

Christina Schiess asked to discuss part time and full time hours. Mayor Fosdick responded that she should contact Commissioner MacNeill.

Commissioner Boyd asked to be taken off the negotiating team and left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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:

2011-165	Authorize 2011 Budget Transfers
2011-166	Approve 2012 Meeting Dates - Annual Meeting Notice
2011-167	Authorize Refund Tax Overpayments
2011-168	Award Contract to W. E. Timmerman Co., Inc. for Street Sweeper Bid
2011-169	Authorize Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Funds
2011-170	Authorize Mayor to Sign Renewal Agreement Holy Name Medical Center
2011-171	Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement Park Court, Inc.
2011-172	Appoint Construction Board of Appeals Members
2011-173	Appoint Court Personnel
2011-174	Appoint Emergency Management Committee
2011-175	Appoint Environmental Commission Members
2011-176	Appoint Fire Inspectors
2011-177	Appoint Grants-man Administrator of Grants
2011-178	Appoint Historic Preservation Committee Members
2011-179	Appoint Historic Preservation Enforcement Officer

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2011-180 Appoint Rent Board Representatives
2011-181 Appoint Local Assistance Board Members
2011-182 Appoint Project Coordinator
2011-183 Appoint Planning Board members
2011-184 Appoint Pool Commission Members
2011-185 Appoint Representative Southeast Senior Center
2011-186 Appoint Shade Tree Commission Members
2011-187 Appoint Zoning Board Members
2011-188 Award Contract Fischer Appraisal Associates, LLC

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

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$5,945,326.76.

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

ORDINANCES: PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

COMMISSIONER ANLIAN CALLED UP FOR SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

ORDINANCE 2011-13

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE 2011-13

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS OWING TO OTHERS FOR TAXES LEVIED IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,310,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,310,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner Anlian moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Poli. So ordered. Commissioner Anlian 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, no interested parties commented on the ordinance.

Commissioner Anlian moved the hearing be closed. So ordered.

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Eagle Scout – Luke Nichols-O’Neill
Eagle Scout – Shane Nichols-O’Neill

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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 on December 27, 2011