

COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
May 15, 2012
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 28, 2011 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Deborah Fehre, and Tara O’Grady

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

MOMENT OF SILENT THOUGHT – POLICE MEMORIAL DAY

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was acted upon.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd the Sine Die Portion of the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was adjourned.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

Deborah Fehre, Interim Village Clerk, read her report regarding the May 8, 2012 Municipal Election in the Village of Ridgefield Park.

On May 8, 2012 Municipal Elections were held in the Village of Ridgefield Park. There were 1,257 participating voters. There were no valid provisional ballots. The result, including absentee ballots, of said election is as follows:

George D. Fosdick	1002
John H. Anlian	977
Margaret R. Boyd	991
Adam A. MacNeill	941
Hugo R. Poli	954
Junior Hernandez	420
Wayne Boyd	8

Mrs. Fehre then certified the election results as follows:

At the Village of Ridgefield Park’s Municipal Election held on May 8, 2012 to fill five Commissioners’ seats, I hereby certify that the following were duly elected for four year terms commencing on May 15, 2012 and terminating on the third Tuesday in May 2016.

George D. Fosdick
John H. Anlian
Margaret R. Boyd
Adam A. MacNeill
Hugo R. Poli

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ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

Mrs. Fehre administered the Oath of Office to the five duly elected Commissioners: George D. Fosdick, John H. Anlian, Margaret R. Boyd, Adam A. MacNeill, and Hugo R. Poli

CALL TO ORDER NEW BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Fosdick. Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Deborah Fehre, and Tara O'Grady

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR Resolution 2012-56

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli, Resolution 2012-56 was offered for approval.

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

Mayor Fosdick resumed the Chair following his mayoral appointment by the Board of Commissioners.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

Mayor Fosdick asked Father Larry Evans II to lead the Invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ridgefield Councilman Warren Vincenz
School Superintendent Christopher Onorato
Assistant Superintendent Eric Konig
Roosevelt School Principal Michael Alberque
Lincoln School Principal Joseph Newbert
Chairman of the 4th of July Committee John Tymon
Former Village Clerk Barbara Petit
Board of Education Member Donna Blue

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Charles Quigly, resident, asked which Commissioner was in charge of the Civic Center. Commissioner MacNeill responded that he was in charge. Mr. Quigly stated that there were repairs, a thorough cleaning and more regular maintenance needed regarding the building. Commissioner MacNeill agreed and stated that he increased the budget for the Civic Center and has plans for its improvement.

Walter Richter, resident, informed the Commissioners that garbage is being put out on Friday for Monday pick up on Main Street.

Grace Krajcovic, resident, stated she would like to see more handicap spaces at the Municipal Pool.

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Ms. Chenet, resident, informed the Commissioners of an abandoned house with a covered pool which is creating a haven for mosquitoes. Commissioner MacNeill stated that the banks that hold the mortgages are responsible for these homes. Mayor Fosdick added that the Village must be careful about what they do or don't do regarding private property.

Mary Ellen Papay, resident, commented on the garbage put out on Main Street for Monday pick up. She also congratulated whoever had the idea to have garbage put behind the Children's Center.

Mayor Fosdick welcomed Junior Hernandez the sixth candidate in the Municipal Election. Mr. Hernandez congratulated the Commissioners on their win for another four year term.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Fosdick announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

RESOLUTIONS

- 2012-57 Designation of Departments
- 2012-58 Designation of Powers and Duties of the Department of Public Affairs
- 2012-59 Appointment of Director of Public Affairs
- 2012-60 Designation of Powers and Duties of the Department of Revenue and Finance
- 2012-61 Appointment of Director of Revenue and Finance
- 2012-62 Designation of Powers and Duties of the Department of Public Safety
- 2012-63 Appointment of Director of Public Safety
- 2012-64 Designation of Powers and Duties of the Department of the Department of Public Works
- 2012-65 Appointment of Director of the Department of Public Works
- 2012-66 Designation of Powers and Duties of the Department of Parks and Public Property
- 2012-67 Appointment of Director of Parks and Public Property
- 2012-68 Designation of Duties of Collector of Taxes and Assessments
- 2012-69 Authorization of Procedure for Payment of Bills
- 2012-70 Approve Cash Management Plan
- 2012-71 Determining the Board of Commissioners as the Ridgefield Park Redevelopment Agency
- 2012-72 Appoint Members of the Meadowlands Advisory Committee
- 2012-73 Appoint Secretary of the Board of Health
- 2012-74 Appoint Class 3 Member of the Planning Board

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

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

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MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Fosdick announced his mayoral appointments of Michael Landolfi as a Class 2 Member of the Planning Board and Adam MacNeill as the Mayor's Representative to the Planning Board.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Commissioner Anlian first thanked his wife, Bonnie, then his sister Marie, nephew Thomas and all others who helped in the campaign. He thanked all departments' staff and especially the citizens. He commented that it is important to have the eyes and ears of the residents and he appreciates hearing about issues because the Commissioners cannot see all themselves. He then thanked the Mayor and fellow Commissioners for allowing him to serve with them. Ridgefield Park is small town America with all its special character.

Commissioner Boyd welcomed and thanked everyone for having faith in the Commissioners. She thanked her husband Wayne, and her mother, Margit Szabo. She then thanked her friends who came to the meeting and encouraged everyone to go to the Commissioners with any comments.

Commissioner MacNeill thanked his wife, Diane, his children, Owen, Paige, Grace and Wesley, his father Don MacNeill and cousins. There are several projects on the horizon for Ridgefield Park; he is excited to be part of it. He then thanked everyone for their support.

Commissioner Poli thanked his wife, Myra who without her support; he would not be a Commissioner. He thanked his sons Stephen and Ricardo. He then thanked the voters of Ridgefield Park. He thanked all who tell the Commissioners what they see and help him do his job well. He acknowledged his departments the DPW, Ambulance Corps, and Matt McArow, Insurance Risk Manager. Thank you all.

Mayor Fosdick introduced his grandchildren, Henry, Emily, and Jackie, his son George with wife Monica, his daughter Karen and his daughter Sally who is in Maine. He then introduced his wife Susan who is the new State Chairman of Evening Woman's Club.

He commented that he is fortunate to have grown up in Ridgefield Park. When he was in high school his mentor was then Mayor Vogt and later when he joined the Fire Department Mayor Gibbs told him he must be a cheerleader for Ridgefield Park. It is his privilege to serve.

He informed the public that June 4, 2012 was the 100th anniversary of the Commission Form of Government in Ridgefield Park. He stated that all may hold all Commissioners accountable. He highlighted the services of the town and the good working relationship the Commissioners have with the Board of Education. He then referred to the future development plans on Challenger Road and stated that they are very mindful of the importance of the overall infrastructure.

The Mayor then thanked everyone for returning all the Commissioners to office.

Mary Ellen Papay commented that the DPW was better than in any town around.

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Mr. Quigley commented that there must be additional funds due to the mild winter. Commissioner Poli then reported that there were two sewer overflows due to collapses; it will cost approximately \$30,000.00 to fix. They will use the money budgeted for salt.

Mayor Fosdick then asked Father Larry Evans II to lead the Benediction.

Mayor Fosdick invited all in attendance at the meeting to the Westside Tavern for food and drinks.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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 on June 12, 2012