

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
July 10, 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 Commissioner 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of June 26, 2012 and the Closed Session Meetings of June 12 and June 26, 2012.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA" with the exception of Commissioner Boyd who abstained on the Regular and Closed Session Meetings of June 26, 2012

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,152,126.03.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Commissioner Anlian reminded everyone that the first concert at McGowan Park will be held tomorrow evening at 7:00, the band is Cornucopia.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Hose Co. No. 3 – Resignation

Mayor Fosdick explained that Mr. Wood was resigning in order to transfer to Hook & Ladder Co. #2

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd the resignation of Michael Wood was accepted.

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

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Hook & Ladder Co. #2 – New Member

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the membership of Michael Wood was accepted.

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

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Hook & Ladder Co. #2 – New Member

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the membership of Brian Castelli was accepted subject to approval by the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association.

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Louise Maksymowicz, resident, asked about the increase in traffic on Bergen Turnpike. Commissioner Poli suggested that perhaps it had to do with the new malls on Tonnelle Avenue.

Mayor Fosdick commented that Little Ferry circle will be rehabilitated shortly and there will be single lanes in each direction.

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. He then commented on resolution 2012-97 Appointment of Acting Village Clerk. He thanked Mrs. Fehre, Interim Village Clerk, for being a fine professional clerk and was pleased with Mrs. Fehre’s admirable performance. Mrs. Fehre is also training Tara O’Grady who has completed all of her courses and will take the Municipal Clerk certification test in the fall.

Mayor Fosdick explained resolution 2012-99 as a fundamental change for the Village to change from ground lease to the sale of the land. It is difficult for developers to get loans for development if there is a ground lease which allows the Village to be first in line due to default instead of the bank. Village professionals who have reviewed the situation have advised that it would be better to sell the property. Due to the land being public property the land must be sold at auction with interested parties bidding on the property. The Village is asking for a minimum bid of \$2,900,000.00.

He then explained resolution 2012-100. The State is trying to confiscate the money that the Village has been mandated to collect for low income housing and is being earmarked for the development of Challenger Road. Resolution 2012-101 allows the Fire Marshal to purchase a new vehicle without spending any taxpayer funds. His old vehicle will be donated to the Fire Department for use by the Assistant Fire Chiefs.

Resolutions:

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| 2012-97 | Appoint Acting Village Clerk |
| 2012-98 | Authorize Chapter 159 Insertion of Revenue to Clean Communities |
| 2012-99 | Authorize the Public Sale of Municipal Property |
| 2012-100 | Approve Counsel on Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan |

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- 2012-101 Authorize Purchase of Emergency Vehicle Using Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds and Grant Monies
- 2012-102 Ridgefield Park High School "Homecoming Weekend"
- 2012-103 Authorize Redemption of Tax Lien and Return of Premium
- 2012-104 Authorize Use of Village Property for Parking
- 2012-105 Approve Submission of Transportation Enhancement Program Application and Execute Grant Agreement with NJDOT for Emerson Street and Challenger Road Sidewalks

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

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

RECESS

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, that the public meeting be recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (5, 7) RFP-Redevelopment Challenger Road.

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:47 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeil
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Acting Village Clerk
Approved on August 14, 2012