

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
September 25, 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., and Tara O’Grady

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of September 11, 2012.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Commissioner MacNeill reported the lower level and 2nd floor of the Civic Center has been painted.

Mayor Fosdick read letter of resignation from Police Captain John DiNiro. His retirement will commence February 1, 2013 after 30 years of service to the Village. Mayor Fosdick stated Capt. DiNiro is an asset the Village of Ridgefield Park and is well-liked and respected.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Hose Company No. 1 – New Jr. Firefighter Application

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli, Tyler Cote was accepted as a junior member of the Village of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps. – Membership Changes Jan.-Sept. 2012

On a motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, membership changes of the Village of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps. January through September 2012 be accepted.

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

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HEARING OF CITIZENS

Wayne Boyd, resident, stated after the last home High School football game, he and a friend were almost hit by a car while in the crosswalk at the intersection of Teaneck Road and Preston Street. He inquired if a police officer could be stationed there after games to assist pedestrians. Mayor Fosdick stated he will look into his request.

Mr. Boyd also stated during the football game, children were on the new multi-purpose field throwing garbage cans at each other. Comm. MacNeill will inquire if a police officer can be stationed in the area of the field as a deterrent.

Walter Richter, resident, stated the vehicle at 137 Teaneck Road is still in the driveway and has not been moved. Commissioner MacNeill stated a letter was sent to the homeowner.

Also, 108 Bergen Turnpike has a driveway but a vehicle is parked in the backyard, on the grass, with New York license plates; 323 Teaneck Road has numerous cars in the driveway and another vehicle in the backyard; 24 Teaneck Road has a vehicle parked in front of the house – not in a parking spot; 334 Teaneck Road has an unlicensed vehicle and the front yard is paved over.

The property located at 371 Main Street does not have 1 complete slab of sidewalk on the Hazelton Street side. Commissioner MacNeill will follow up on the complaints.

Mr. Richter inquired who covers the expenses of crossing guards and police officers on duty at the street fair. Commissioner Boyd responded the Business Association will be making a donation to the Village.

Mr. Richter commented on the high grass on the State property located at the Route 46 exit and Teaneck Road.

Also, the tree located in front of the Municipal Building is dead.

Mr. Boyd responded the Rotary Club has offered to replace the tree.

Joan Carlson, resident, complimented Acting Clerk Tara O’Grady on doing a fantastic job. She also complimented Pat Barone, DPW Secretary for her assistance with homecoming weekend.

Patricia O’Grady, resident, inquired who is our liaison to Teterboro and if they are expanding. Commissioner Poli stated the hangers are expanding in preparation for the Super Bowl. Ms. O’Grady stated she is interested in knowing the daily traffic rate. Commissioner Poli stated approximately 40% less than in 2008. Ms. O’Grady would like to see the report.

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:

- 2012-126 Support Court Appeal of Borough of Hopewell v. Verizon
- 2012-127 Approve Resolution 2012-125 amendment to include October 18, 2012 and October 20, 2012

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamation:
Put The Brakes on Fatalities Day

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 (8) Personnel Matters

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:52 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:10 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/ Tara O'Grady
Acting Village Clerk
Approved on October 9, 2012