

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
July 12, 2016
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, 2015 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Village Attorney; Ed Rose, Chief of Police and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. Mayor Fosdick then asked for a moment of silent thought for the victims and families of the Dallas and Michigan shooting incidents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of June 28, 2016.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$8,089,886.00.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Fosdick advised this Sunday is the Scleroderma Walk at the County Park – starting time 9:30-10am.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Ceremonial Swearing-In of New Police Officers

Police Department Promotions

Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to Chief Ed Rose for the Police Department Ceremonial Swearing-In of new Police Officers and Department Promotions.

Chief Rose announced although this is a difficult time for police officers, this is a great night for our Police Department with the celebration of new officers and promotions. He welcomed family, friends, colleagues, retirees, current officers, and representatives of the school district and other agencies. He commended the officers on their integrity and professionalism.

Chief Rose thanked everyone for coming and introduced new police officers Ventrice and Halley.

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Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to Patrolmen Ventrice and Halley.

Chief Rose announced the promotion of Detective William Morton to Sergeant.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Morton.

Chief Rose announced Det. Sgt. Brian Hippe had been promoted to Lieutenant.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oath of Office to Lt. Hippe.

Chief Rose announced Lt. Charles Gneiding had been promoted to Captain.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oath of Office to Capt. Gneiding.

Chief Rose stated Ridgefield Park has a non-partisan, commission form of government and this form of government works well for the Village. The five Commissioners work together for what is right for the Village. He added that leadership starts at the top. It is his honor to work with someone who has insight, wisdom and a vision as to how the Police Department will go in the future.

At this time, Chief Rose presented Mayor Fosdick with a gold shield.

Mayor Fosdick advised tonight should be a happy occasion. Tonight is different, though, due to the incidents in Dallas and Michigan. Officers that protect us, do so with risk. While Police officers have to react in 1 second, their reactions can be analyzed for years. There are divisions in society that need to be worked on. We have an obligation to the idea that all must learn to live together in peace and harmony. Tomorrow there will be new challenges and we need to be prepared for them.

Mayor Fosdick explained the hiring and promotional processes of police officers and stated politics are not involved. Promotions are based on testing results. He advised that expectations are high and expects everyone to do their best at all times. He thanked all for coming.

RECESS

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to recess for 10 minutes.

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

Absent: Commissioner Anlian

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 8:15 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Poli announced his son Steven was sworn in by US Customs and will be training as a Border Patrol Agent. The Board of Commissioners wished him well.

Mayor Fosdick advised all tomorrow night's summer concert at McGowan Park will feature Joe Kenney.

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HEARING OF CITIZENS

Marissa Jennings, resident, stated there is a handicap parking space on her street and inquired if her license plate number can be placed on the street sign. Other cars park in this spot and for her son's safety, she needs to park as close to her home as possible. Mayor Fosdick advised he will speak to Chief Rose and Sgt. Locarno and have her request researched.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2016-108 Authorize Receipt of Bids for 2016 Road Improvement Project
- 2016-109 Authorize Receipt of Bids for 2016 Improvements to Little League Field
- 2016-110 Honoring the Bergen Volunteer Center on its 50th Anniversary

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, that Resolution 2016-108 be approved.

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

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, that Resolution 2016-109 be approved.

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

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, that Resolution 2016-110 be approved.

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

- 2016-06 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 100 U.S. ROUTE 46 EAST IN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 47.06, LOT 1 ON THE OFFICAL TAX MAP OF THE VILLAGE, AND IF NECESSARY, AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS TO OBTAIN SAME, ALL COSTS OF WHICH SHALL BE BORNE BY EAGLE NEST DEVELOPMENT URBAN RENEWAL, LLC

Commissioner Poli moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner Poli read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Poli moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on August 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Boyd.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn meeting at 8:36 pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Abstain
Commissioner Anlian

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner MacNeill

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on August 9, 2016