

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

RIDGEFIELD PARK

July 17, 2008

7:00 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 21, 2007 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

Those present were Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli, and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioner Anlian arrived late.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2008. On roll call Commissioners MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner Boyd abstained.

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner MacNeill that the closed minutes of June 24, 2008 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli, and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the Closed Minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2008. On roll call Commissioners MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner Boyd abstained.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$707,351.70. On roll call Commissioner Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

NEW BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Boyd introduced an ordinance "REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF (A) a \$160,000 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR TAX APPEALS AND (B) \$758,998.90 IN TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENTS, IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$790,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE FUNDING OF SAID EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION." Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli an ordinance "REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF (A) A \$160,000 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR TAX APPEALS AND (B) \$758,998.90 IN TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENTS, IN, BY, AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN

THE SUM OF \$790,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE FUNDING OS SAID EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION” be approved, be duly advertised in the Record, and come up for public hearing on August 21, 2008. On roll call Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

Resolution No. 1] Approving Introduction of Refunding Bond Ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve Resolution No. 1. On roll call, Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli, and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

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.

Resolution No. 2] Approving Application to Local Finance Board.

Resolution No. 3] Recusing Mayor Fosdick From Signing Any Documents In Connection With the Purchase Of the Nature Preserve

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli that the Consent Agenda be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

7-09] Dean Boorman & Associates-New Housing Element & Ordinances-Informational.

7-10] Letter from Raymond Ziemba-Town Should Be Run Like A business-Informational.

7-11] Borough of FairLawn-Resolution Support Contesting County Construction New Vehicle Roadway & Parking Lot in County Park-Informational.

07-12] Borough of Little Ferry-Ordinance-Signs In Residential Zones-Informational.

07-13] Borough of Little Ferry-Ordinance-COAH-Informational.

07-14] NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection - Treatment Works Approval Application- Application received.

07-15] Bergen County - Resolution - Importance of County Parks & Recreation Facilities- Informational.

07-16] Bergen County Senior Services-Senior Picnic-Approved.

07-16A] Letter from Kathleen Wright-4th of July Parade-Informational.

07-17] E-mail-State of New Jersey-League-DCA Fiscal Stress Survey-Informational.

07-18] NJ Department of Community Affairs-State Aid Award - \$150,000-Informational.

07-19] Loss control Report-Job Site Safety Observation-Police Department received a good Report.

07-20] E-mail from Richard Dwyer-PSE&G Testing LED Streetlamps-Not ready at this time.

07-21] Elks Lodge-Youth Group Activities-Stephen Dembski Trust Fund-Run/Family Walk-Informational-Run/Walk will raise money for Steve Dembski Memorial Fund.

Commissioner Anlian and Martin Kafafian arrived at 7:10 PM.

The proposed date for the fireworks is August 29th - Labor Day weekend.

Commissioner Boyd suggested the Village not hold the fireworks to save money, i.e. overtime for Police Department, DPW and out of town police. Discussion followed. Commissioner Anlian stated we are committed for \$13,000 to fireworks company. A vote was taken, and the Commissioners voted in favor of the fireworks 4 to 1.

Received letter that CSO compliance is good.

Alan O'Grady reported:

1. Hilton Gardens is rebuilding sewer line.
2. Gas (\$3.80) and diesel \$4.00) prices have stabilized. Gas and electric bill for Municipal Building was \$7,000.00 Field lights are costing us extra.

Commissioner MacNeill -

He recommended we charge a fee for permits for field use. Clinics run by out of towners are held and participants are charged fees per week. Next season Board of Recreation Woman's Softball will have eight out of town leagues. The Board of Education pays \$2,000 per year for field use.

Captain Rose - No report.

Alan O'Grady received a call from M. Kelly regarding County project under Route 80. They wanted us to share \$50,000 for drainage ditch. Village will not participate.

Martin T. Durkin reported:

J I F would like proof of insurance for all people who are using the park that are not part of the town program.

Alan O'Grady and Captain E. Rose left at 7:28 PM.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to go into Closed Session to discuss Avalon Bay development. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Meeting reconvened at 8:40 PM.

COAH - Sarah Warlikowski stated Barbara DeLuca will attend the next Executive meeting. The Village Clerk will check with Bill Betesh if administrative fees for Barbara DeLuca can be paid out of COAH account.

REPORTS*****

Commissioner Boyd reported:

Budget meeting held with Joe Kelly. An average assessed property, \$365,000.00 will probably have an increase of \$658.00 total in taxes.

Commissioner Poli reported:

1. He wants to set up an internet committee to keep information up to date. Meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 24 at 7:30 PM. Madelaine Cappuccio and Adam MacNeill will be part of the committee.
2. Ambulance should be ready the first week in August.

Commissioner MacNeill reported:

1. Village has many foreclosed properties.
2. Property maintenance is not under DPW. Tickets are given, but owners do not show up at court. Something must be done to collect fees.
3. Rotary has agreed to help with sandblasting of Press Box. They are also donating \$1,000 toward project.
4. New restaurant on Teaneck Road is a "take out only". However, they want inside tables. Discussion followed as to whether tables should be allowed in a take out store. Several places in town do have tables.
5. Pool on Pershing Court does not have a fence and a notice of eminent hazard will be issued.

Commissioner Anlian - no report.

Mayor Fosdick will be away from July 25th through August 3rd.

Village Clerk - No report.

Martin T. Durkin - No report.

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

s/John Anlian _____
Commissioner

s/ Margaret Boyd _____
Commissioner

s/Hugo Poli _____
Commissioner

s/Adam MacNeill _____
Commissioner

s/ George Fosdick _____
Mayor

s/ Sarah Warlikoski _____
Village Clerk