

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

RIDGEFIELD PARK

August 11, 2009

7:30 PM

Mayor Fosdick announced 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 31, 2008 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

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

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 meeting of July 14, 2009. ON roll call commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Commissioner Boyd read a Proclamation for Organ Donation & Your Community.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,105,433.04. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

Deputy Clerk Roslyn Reilly read a letter from Hose Company #4 regarding Tyler Olsen as an authorized driver.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner Boyd to approve Tyler Olsen as an authorized driver. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and

Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Ray Ziemba - 101 Overpeck Avenue:

Mr. Ziemba spoke of the recent apprehension of New Jersey politicians, stating that this was only the "tip of the iceberg". On a lighter note, Mr. Ziemba gave kudos to the Board of commissioners on the release of the new tax bills reflecting a minimum increase. Then he complimented the DPW for repairing the horse shoe pit and fence painting. Next, he stated our \$600,000 recycling program must be trimmed. He also noted that the DPW is picking up lawn mowers on regular garbage pick up days. \$96,000-2009 gasoline bill is too high. We should contact towns like Teaneck that are using bio fuels. He went on to our budget noting we received no State Aid.

Mayor Fosdick explained the lack of State Aid was due to the fact that the Village did not defer pension payments, which ultimately would prove far too costly. Mayor advised

Mr. Ziemba that budgets are passed year after year after year with not taxpayer input. Commented on police contract, noting arbitration is "just a joke".

Commissioner Boyd explained that the legal fees would be prohibitive. He has studied budgets from 2006 projected to 2010 and again the burden will be on the taxpayer.

Commissioner Poli comment on rising health costs stating cuts must be made due to the health care crisis. Noting that 165 tax appeals have been approved, he was advised that the Village has a five year bond to cover the refunding of taxes, which will amount to approximately 1.5 million. When suggesting the budget be cut, Commissioner Boyd asked him to explain where these cuts could be made.

Cheryl Perrotta - 15 Union Place:

Ms. Perrotta queried how many of the 566 mayors in New Jersey attend the Mayors' Legislative Conference in Trenton. Mayor Fosdick advised approximately 100. Regarding "politics" the mayor stated 95% of all incumbents are re-elected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Anlian announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on an "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 297 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK ENTITLED "RENT CONTROL". No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian announced by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 297 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK ENTITLED "RENT CONTROL", and that it be duly advertised in the Record. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner Boyd announced that the Public Hearing on an “ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES” would be postponed until September 22, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, 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. 1] Authorizing Bond Anticipation Note \$1,550,000 dated August 6, 2009 Payable April 23, 2010 as a “Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation.
- Resolution No. 2] Awarding of Bid on Main Street Section 7 to English Paving.
- Resolution No. 3] Awarding Bid For Municipal Complex Parking Lot.
- Resolution No. 4] Authorizing the Sale of Block 135, Lot 1 to Domenic Lofaro.
- Resolution No. 6] Awarding Sale of Block 135 Lot 1 to Domenic Lofaro.
- Resolution No. 5] Authorizing the DOT Agreement For Repairs To Route 46 Bridge.
- Resolution No. 6] Approving Payment of Vouchers with Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds.
- Resolution No. 7] Approving Payment of State Surcharge Feed for New Construction.
- Resolution No. 8] Authorizing Amendment to the Ridgefield Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps LOSAP Plan.
- Resolution No. 9] Authorizing Bid Award for Municipal Complex Parking Lot Extension

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”

RECESS*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to recess the Commissioners Meeting to go into Closed Session at 8:25 PM to discuss legal matters. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli, and Mayor Fosdick Voted “YEA”.

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

Roslyn D. Reilly
Deputy Village Clerk