

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

RIDGEFIELD PARK

September 8, 2009

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 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.

9-11 Remembrance-Mayor Fosdick said on 9-11-01, we had a meeting the night of the attack on America. He asked for a moment of silence for Lenny Hatton and Michael Zinzi and all those who lost their lives.

Mayor Fosdick asked if anyone wanted to say anything regarding 9-11.

Martin Durkin, Esq. said he had been in Germany that day and everything came to a roaring halt, banks closed, etc. At the airport, the pilots themselves inspected everyone's credentials. The changes in Europe were very profound. They thought War was eminent.

Mayor Fosdick said on 9-11, he closed his office and headed to Ridgefield Park. While starting up the parkway, the first tower fell and when he came to Route 80, the second tower fell. When he arrived in Ridgefield Park he was met by Doug Hansen, who reported all Fire, Police, Rescue, and Ambulance were on stand-by. He met with Chief Grossman, Commissioner Davis and Doug Hansen to set a strategy. It was determined that Doug Hansen would handle service on stand-by. The Chief of Police, Commissioner Davis and Mayor Fosdick visited all the schools and met with Acting Superintendent Roy Schrupf. Mr. Schrupf determined the pupils with parents working in the City. We visited all the schools and were satisfied they were under control and no one would be allowed to leave unless they were picked up. Traffic was at a stand still. It wasn't until a day or two later we realized Lenny Hatton was missing. Lenny Hatton lived on Christie Street and was an FBA Agent. He had been on his way to his FBI Office and saw this.

He had been lead FBI Agent on the blowing up of the USS Cole. The last evidence of Lenny Hatton was passing through the lobby of the Trade Center and going back in and up. At the end of that day, we learned it was a terrorist attack. These terrorist object to our freedom and liberty and the right of people to disagree. Unlike in the past, the bad guys live among us wanting to destroy our way of life.

Mayor Fosdick said we have a 9-11 Citizens Committee, but due to lack of participation, they did not have a service this year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Commissioner Meeting of August 25, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by commissioner MacNeill that bills in the amount of \$4,621,245.85 be approved. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

None.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Mr. Ziemba – 101 Overpeck Avenue

Mr. Ziemba brought a branch of a tree from Main & Mt. Vernon Sreet to the Board of Commissioners attention, stating a youngster had been hurt while playing tag. He showed the tree had thorns on it.

Mr. Ziemba spoke about the poor economy. He said he looked at budgets from 2007, 2008 and 2009. He said we have to reduce our budget.

Mr. Ziemba said there is a gold mine in garbage. We have to cut our expenses on our garbage disposal. We have to separate our recyclables and wood. All municipalities in New Jersey have to get together and write letters to the governor to take mandates away.

Mayor Fosdick said he and Commissioner Poli attended the opening of the School Faculty & Staff Meeting. Dr. Richardson reported the State has mandated that every student is to be included in test proficiency scores. Dr Richardson reported he has two students who do not speak; however, they must be included in the test scores. Just another State Mandate. It is a faulty system where the State of New Jersey is using property taxes to fund education.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

None.

NEW BUSINESS*****

Mayor Fosdick announces 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] Approving Grant Application & Execute Grant Agreement
With NJ DOT For Safe Street To Transit-Emerson & Challenger Road.
- Resolution No. 2] Authorizing Signing Of Contract With Board of Education
For Non Public Nursing Services.
- Resolution No. 3] Authorizing Signing Of Contract With Clear Wireless LLC.
- Resolution No. 4] Endorsing the Second Annual Stephen Dembski 5K Run October 4, 2009.
- Resolution No. 5] Authorizing Signing Mutual Aid Agreement With Little Ferry Volunteer Fire
Department.
- Resolution No. 6] Supporting Position That Christopher Righetti Should Not Be Paroled.
- Resolution No. 7] Authorizing Payment Of Voucher With Fire Prevention Dedicated
Funds
- Resolution No. 8] Authorizing Refund Of Overpayment of Taxes on Block 151,
Lot 1, 185 Industrial Avenue in the amount of \$20,170.08
- Resolution No. 9] Authorizing Refund of Duplicate Payment Of Taxes On Block 99,
Lot 9, 132 Main Street in the amount of \$3,109.58.
- Resolution No 10] Authorizing Endorsement Of Integrated Roadway Construction
Project Preston St. (Main St. to Euclid Ave); Summit Street

(Main Street to Lincoln Avenue)-Community Development.

Resolution No 11] Authorizing Roadway Improvements to Cedar Street (Mt. Vernon Street to Spruce Avenue) – Community Development.

Resolution No 12] Roadway Improvements To Bergen Avenue (Preston Street To Hobart Street) – Community Development

Resolution No. 13] Authorizing Payment of Refund of Building Department Permit.

Resolution No. 14] Authorizing Michael F. DeMarrais, Attorney For The Ridgefield Park Board Of Adjustment To File Appropriate Answer In Legal Proceeding Entitled RP Board of Adjustment ADV Metro PCS New York

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, 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 8:02 PM to discuss certain negotiations with the County. 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

s/ Barbara Pettit

Acting Village Clerk