

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
January 27, 2009

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of January 13, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Mayor Fosdick introduced Chief Lee. Chief Lee thanked all for coming and stated he was proud of his officers and their professionalism. He then presented awards to the following police officers for their exemplary responses in extraordinary situations.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION:

Sgt. Scott Ehalt
Ptl. Michael Cmielewski
Sgt. Albert Brooks
Pts. Brian Hippe (2)
Ptl. Justin Tress (2)
Lt. Cliff Hamblen
Det. Alfonso Locarno
Det. Anthony Sgroi (2)
Det. Sgt. Daniel Hippe
Sgt. Christopher Thibault

Meritorious Service Award:

Lt. Cliff Hamblen
Lt. John DiNiro (2)
Sgt. Charles Gneiding
Det. Anthony Sgroi
Sgt. Albert Baker (2)
Ptl. Brian Hippe (2)
Sgt. Christopher Thibault
Ptl. Michael Cmielewski (2)
Sgt. James Maglione
Det. Joseph Rella
Ptl. Darcy Rellinger
Ptl. Harry Marquez
Pt. Todd Milo
Det. Carlos Carames - Hudson County Sheriff's Office

LIFE SAVING AWARD:

Sgt. Scott Ehalt
Ptl. Todd Milo
Ptl. William Morton

HONORABLE SERVICE AWARD:

Ptl. Greg Davis
Ptl. Michael Cmielewski

Mayor Fosdick commended Chief Lee and Captain Rose for their leadership in the Police Department. He stated in 2008 there were over 18,000 incidents responded to by the Police Department. Officers require expertise, understanding, intelligence, agility and they must continue to pursue a standard of excellence. Mayor Fosdick thanked and commended all who received awards and he commended all the officers.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Boyd to recess the meeting for five minutes at 7:55 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 PM.

Mayor Fosdick announced there will be no fireworks display this 4th of July. Issue was discussed with Barbara and Chuck DeLuca, Chairman of the Fireworks Commission. In the past, the fireworks were self funded. However, several rainouts resulted in additional expenses and depletion of funds. This is the only budget decision made to date with reluctance. Everything else on the 4th will remain the same.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

Letter received from Hose Co. No. 3 regarding the acceptance of Robert Thornton. Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner Boyd to approve Robert Thornton as a member of the Fire Department. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Ray Ziemba, 101 Overpeck Avenue -

1. The State of the State report by the Governor showed:
 - a. NJ residents desperately need tax relief
 - b. No State aid to municipalities
 - c. Contracts, budget and services must be reduced by the municipalities and the Board of Education.

Plans must be made for tax relief. Lower taxes result in more home sales. 2009 is the year to make necessary cuts.

2. Complained that when he walked Main Street on Sunday there was garbage on curbs for Monday pickup. He stated it was dirty by various buildings.
3. The Department of Agriculture is awarding \$3,000.00 grants to plant trees. Trees are lacking on Brinkerhoff Street.

Mayor Fosdick explained School Budget last year did not increase one cent, but due to the shift in the tax levy from commercial to residential, school taxes went up.

The Mayor in Closter is asking the State to eliminate arbitration system, but there is no support in the legislature. Bergen County Police has no arbitration. Their contract salary is an average of the five highest paid salaries in the County.

Federal government is proposing a stimulus package. Projects must be ready to go to bid and completed in 180 days in order to be eligible for funds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

None.

NEW BUSINESS*****

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 the Issuance of Checks from Police Trust Escrow Account

Resolution No. 2 - Authorizing Payment of Vouchers with Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds

Resolution No. 3 - Authorizing Refund of Performance Guarantee to RHY Construction for Project at 81 Teaneck Road

Resolution No. 4 - Authorizing Transfers between 2008 Appropriation Reserves

Resolution No. 5 - Authorizing Increase in 2009 Temporary Budget

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

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

s/John H. Anlian

Commissioner

s/ Margaret R. Boyd

Commissioner

s/ _____

Commissioner

s/ Hugo R. Poli

Commissioner

s/George D. Fosdick

Mayor

s/Barbara Pettit, Deputy

Village Clerk