

COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
October 27, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES\*\*\*\*\*

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

SPECIAL REPORTS\*\*\*\*\*

None.

CORRESPONDENCE\*\*\*\*\*

None.

HEARING OF CITIZENS\*\*\*\*\*

Felix Melendez – 15 Union Place:

1. PSE&G a pruning trees – butchering them.
2. Does anyone pay attention to the Yield Sign?

Commissioner Anlian spoke with PSE&G about what was being done. Utility company can prune trees by law and can remove tree branches to accommodate their lines. They prune back as far as possible so they don't have to come back. Nelson Tree Service is doing the work. Long term solution is to not plant trees under power lines. In many cases they infect or damage trees with cutting/pruning. They cut the trees slingshot style. We are sensitive to it but it's a battle. Commissioner Anlian said perhaps Mr. Melendez should join the shade Tree Commissioner. He asked for his name and address so the Shade Tree Commission could send him an invitation.

Ray Ziemba – 101 Overpeck Avenue:

At last meeting Mr. Ziemba spoke about budgets of New Jersey. He said he has new numbers. Said New Jersey is 94 billion in a hole due to pensions, interest on debt and debt. He spoke with Mr. Dressler at the State. People are taxed to the max. Mr. Ziemba said New Jersey cannot be as generous with public employees. We have to remove mandates. Take action to take our State back. Mr. Ziemba's company is doing their 2010 budget. Forecast for 2010 is bleak. State will have a crisis year as well as the County.

Mayor Fosdick said next Tuesday people will vote. Let's see what happens. Mayor Fosdick said he wanted to bring to everyone's attention the past Sunday's Record heading Property Taxes. Ridgefield Park has the lowest in the County, less than 2% increase, an over of \$145.00. He said with the State mandates 2% is extraordinary.

Last year we did not apply for State Aid. This time last year State took the position that if you did not apply for pension deferral, you would not get State Aid. We paid our pension and we have the same tax base that we have had for many years. Mayor Fosdick said people want a full service community. He reminded everyone to vote next week

UNFINISHED BUSINESS\*\*\*\*\*

Resolution No. 1] Approving Corrections To The Salary Ordinance

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

Commissioner Boyd announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on an "ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2009". No one wished to be heard. Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the "ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2009" and that said Ordinance be duly advertised in the Record. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Commissioner Boyd announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on "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". No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the "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." and that said Ordinance be duly advertised in the Record. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

NEW BUSINESS\*\*\*\*\*

Resolution No. 2] Authorizing Amendment to the Capital Budget in the amount of \$850,000 - Acquisition of Fire Engine/Apparatus.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve Resolution No. 2. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Mayor Fosdick read a "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF (a) A NEW PUMPER FIRE ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, AND (b) NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$850,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS".

Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, that "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF (a) A NEW PUMPER FIRE ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, AND (b) NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN, BY ANF FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$850,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS" pass its first reading, be duly advertised in the Record and come up for Public Hearing on November 10, 2009. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Resolution No 3] Approving the introduction of A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF (A) A NEW PUMPER FIRE ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$850,000.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner MacNeill that Resolution No. 3 be approved. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

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. 4] Authorizing Termination To Participate in New Jersey State Health Benefits Program. .

- Resolution No. 5] Authorizing Refund Of Duplicate Tax Payment For Second Quarter of 2007 on Block 18, Lot 14, 114 Edwin Street in the amount of \$1,708.05..
- Resolution No. 6] Authorizing Refund Of Duplicate Tax Payment on Block 68, Lot 14, 8 Pershing Court for the Second Quarter of 2006 in the amount of \$1,833.01.
- Resolution No. 7] Authorizing Cornerstone Accounting Group To Perform Audit Of 55 Challenger Road.
- Resolution No. 8] That The Village Attorney & Members of His Office Were Authorized To Appear At Hearing Of The Application By Robert Inho Son and Take All Necessary Action To Protect The Interest Of The Village and Ensure Agreement Between Village of Ridgefield Park and Owners Of 209 Main Street Were Not Violated.
- Resolution No. 9] Approving Signs Being Posted for Shops On Bergen Turnpike While Bridge is Closed To Ridgefield.

Motion by Commissioner Anlian , seconded by Commissioner Poli that the Resolutions No. 5 through 9 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli that Resolution No. 4 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner Boyd voted "No".

RECESS\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli to recess the Commissioners Meeting to go into Closed Session 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  
Commissiosner

/s/George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

/s/ Barbara Pettit  
Acting Village Clerk