

COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
November 10, 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. Mayor Fosdick requested a moment of silence for Harry Hills a resident of Ridgefield Park who was a WWII veteran, been active in the Baseball Association and many other activities, who had recently passed away. The Mayor also requested a moment of silence for the people who were injured and those who died in the tragedy at Fort Hood.

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

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Commissioners of October 27, 2009. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

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

Mayor Fosdick reminded everyone that tomorrow is Veterans Day and a service will be held at the monument at 11:00 with the American Legion and the VFW.

PAYMENT OF BILLS\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,836,110.01. On roll call commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE\*\*\*\*\*

Mrs. Pettit read a letter from the Rescue Squad accepting two new members into the Squad. Both Mr. Edward Berrios and Jeffrey Hums were in attendance and were congratulated for volunteering.

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

Tom Essig – 226 Fifth Street

Spoke concerning quality of life regarding dog owners not curbing their dogs and defecating on his property. He called the police and could not get information regarding curbing dogs.

Commissioner Anlian in charge of the Board of Health said the law was – dog owners are required to clean up after their pet. They are required to curb their dog.

Joseph Palocci – 217 Fifth Street:

Mr. Palocci said a group of kids with skate boards and bikes were using his property. The kids question what was his property. Mr. Palocci said he maintains it and takes care of it. He called the police and the dispatcher said it is not his property.

Commissioner Anlian said right of way is usually 50' wide. Your boundary is 10" to 12" inside the curb but the homeowner is required to maintain the sidewalk. In the past the Board of Health put an article in the Newsletter.

Mr. Essig said it is in the Newsletter but not as explicit as it should be.

Mayor Fosdick said he will ask the Police Department to be aware of the issue.

Commissioner Anlian said to be aware that there are situations where the resident knows the violation, but the Police Department has not observed it, and you will have to sign a complaint.

Ray Ziemba -101 Overpeck Avenue

We did our part, made the change. Now we have to keep pushing for mandates to be taken away from the towns.

Mayor Fosdick agreed that Governor Corzine was defeated but incumbents were re-elected. You are dealing with the same cast of people in Trenton. Governor Corzine was in favor of the Green Acres Bond. The voters approved it and added to the debt. He said Ridgefield Park is among the lowest tax increase in Bergen County, less than 2% and we will continue to try to do better.

Tom Essig spoke about the re-val and the fact that he was originally assessed so high. After re-inspection and tax appeal his 2009 taxes were reduced, but he did not get back any of the 2008 taxes. He said he was told to wait to appeal them.

Commissioner Anlian said you have until April to appeal your taxes.

Mr. Essig said he4 waited until he got the card from the town to see what he paid in taxes.

Commissioner Anlian said you filed your appeal in 2009 and current tax year taxes have no effect on 20089.

Mr. Essig asked how much it cost to re-inspect the houses.

Commissioner Boyd said it was included in their contract.

Mr. Ziemba said for years he has been coming to the meetings for a dog run down the parks. He said "keep it in mind".

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

Mayor Fosdick said this is the time and place for the public hearing on 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”. No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner Anlian that the “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” be approved and duly advertised in the Record. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

Resolution No. 1] Approving the adoption of the Bond Ordinance \$850000 -  
New Pumper, Apparatus & Additional/Replacement Equipment  
For Use Of The Fire Department

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

Mayor Fosdick spoke concerning the Bond Ordinance. He said we are able to buy a truck, additional replacement and equipment that we buy with a ten year service life. He explained we had to wait twenty days and then advertise for bids, and money not spent for the truck can be used to buy equipment that needs to be replaced. The Mayor explained the cost of the Fire Department is \$33.00 to the taxpayer for these volunteers. The cost of the Ambulance Corps is \$12.00 and the cost of the Rescue Squad is \$3.00.

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. 2] Authorizing Redemption Of Tax Sale Certificate No. 07-04  
In The Amount Of \$31,628.62 And Premium Of \$2,600.

Resolution No. 3] Authorizing Refund Of Taxes For 2008 on Block 78, Lot 5, 121  
Hudson Avenue In The Amount Of \$2,596.19.

Resolution No. 4] Authorizing Agreement With Tivon LLC

Resolution No. 5] Appointing Douglas Hansen as the Emergency Management Coordinator November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2012.

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

RECESS\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Boyd to recess the Commissioners Meeting and to meet in five minutes in Closed Session to discuss legal and such other matters as may come before the Board. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

/s/John A. 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