

COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
December 22, 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 MacNeill to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

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

Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to Commissioner Poli for the installation of Ambulance Corps Members for 2010.

Commissioner Poli introduced Captain Steve Fernandez, who gave the year end report. He thanked the Commissioners and said the Ambulance Corps had responded to 9034 emergency calls, 1833 man hours, and Holy Name assisted in 115 calls during the year. He said that membership is 58 members, 10 Life members, 18 Active Members, 3 driver only, 17 probationary members and 10 youth squad members. The Ambulance Corps continues to have a strong relationship with Troop 3. He announced that the new line officers are all Eagle Scouts from Troop 3. Training is the top priority. He said the Ambulance works in conjunction with the Fire Department, the Rescue Squad and he thanked Barbara Pettit and the Village Clerk Staff, Chief Malool, Douglas Hansen, Chief Lee, and Alan O'Grady and the DPW and especially Chris Adams for responding to calls. He said 2009 was a great year and 2010 will only get better.

Captain Fernandez announced awards to the following members:

Lifesaving Awards – March 18, 2009

Steven Fernandez

Christine Pickett

Lifesaving Awards – July 19, 2009

William Hansen, Jr.

Orestis Kotzias

Robyn Florio

Jolly Thomas

Silvio Zapata

Lifesaving Awards – December 6, 2009

Kate Spontak  
Steven Poli  
Jessamyn Alvarado

Honorable Service Award  
Jessamyn Alvarado  
Kate Spontak  
Irmaq Rutkowski  
Jolly Thomas

Meritorious Service Award  
Silvio Zapata (responded to over 300 emergency calls)

The following officers were sworn in by the Village Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant – Mally Clancy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant – Ricardo Poli  
Mechanic – Kevin Coyle

President – Richard Brown  
Vice President – Dolly Samus  
Treasurer – Kate Spontak  
Secretary – Silvio Zapata

Commissioner Poli sworn in the 2010 Captain – Steve Fernandez.

Mayor Fosdick on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the people of Ridgefield Park he offered sincere appreciation and thanks for their dedication and service 24/7/365. Ridgefield Park relies on the services of our volunteers, and thanked all for the assistance they provide under stressful situations.

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

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Mac Neill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$460,447.74. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

#### CORRESPONDENCE\*\*\*\*\*

None.

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

Ray Ziemba – 101 Overpeck Avenue

Mr. Ziemba said the State of New Jersey is broke. It does not have revenue coming in and it will filter down to the municipalities. Budgets must be cut, the taxpayer cannot afford it any more. He said the Commissioners have their work cut out for them.

The Mayor responded to Mr. Ziemba. He said as was mentioned last year, municipalities were permitted to defer pension payments. Ridgefield Park did not, and we did not receive extraordinary aid; and since we did not defer pension last year, we do not believe we will defer it this year. He said the Commissioners will be asking every department to look at all

expenditures.

Mayor Fosdick said Resolution #3 on tonight's agenda is for the purchase of pagers for the Fire Department and this will be done by using money left from the purchase of prior fire trucks. Also, Resolution #6 appointing Mr. Stefanile as our Grants man. Mr. Stefanile was able to get a \$85,000 grant for our Police Department for the purchase of digital camera equipment.

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] Approving the adoptions of the 2010 Temporary Budget.
- Resolution No. 2] Awarding Contract For Fire Pumper to Seagrave Fire For New Fire Pumper In The Amount Of \$706,186.00 COD.
- Resolution No. 3] Awarding Contract For Pagers For The Fire Department To Regional Communications of Paramus for \$27,593.25.
- Resolution No. 4] Authorizing Contract Between The Board Of Commissioners And The DPW Employees January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Resolution No. 5] Appointing F. Terrance Perna, Esq., As Municipal Court Judge.
- Resolution No. 6] Appointing Lawrence V. Stefanile as Village Grants-man For The Year 2010.
- Resolution No. 7] Appointing Richard LaTour And Richard Flynn As Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators January 1, 2009 And Terminating December 31, 2012.
- Resolution No. 8] Appointing Edward Ballard As Historic Preservation Enforcement Officer January 1, 2010 And Terminating December 31, 2010.
- Resolution No. 9] Appointing Charles Batch As Fire Sub-Code Official For Four Years Effective January 1, 2010.
- Resolution No. 10] Appointing Members And Associate Members Of the Shade Tree Commission.
- Resolution No. 11] Approving Payment To National Fire Codes With Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds.
- Resolution No. 12] Approving Refunds To Veterans/Seniors And Disabled For The Year 2009.

- Resolution No. 13] Approving An Agreement For Professional Services For Employee Assistance Between The Village Of Ridgefield Park And Bergen County For The Year 2010.
- Resolution No. 14] Authorizing The Signing Of 2010 Contract For comprehensive Animal Control And Shelter Services With Bergen County.
- Resolution No. 15] Authorizing Budget Transfers Between 2009 Budget Appropriations.
- Resolution No. 16] Approving Entering Into Agreement With Bergen County Department of Health Services For Nursing Services.
- Resolution No. 17] Adopting Corrective Action Plan for 2008 Audit.
- Resolution No. 18] Approving Corrective Easement For RP Lodging.
- Resolution No. 19] Approving Interfund Transfers Shown In 2008 Audit.
- Resolution No. 20] Approving The Closing Of Some Ball Fields To Protect From Over-Use.

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".

Mayor Fosdick wished everyone a Happy New Year and said the next Commissioners Meeting would be held on January 12, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the Meeting at 8:00 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/Adam A. MacNeill  
Commissioner

/s/Hugo R. Poli  
Commissioner

/s/George D. Fosdick  
Mayor

/s/Barbara Pettit  
Acting Village Clerk