

COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
RIDGEFIELD PARK  
December 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.

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

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the commissioners Meeting of November 24, 2009. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

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

Mayor Fosdick welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to Chief John Malool of the Ridgefield Park Fire Department. Chief Malool read the 2009 Annual Chief's report (copy attached to the minutes).

He said Ridgefield Park Fire Department has very dedicated members. The Fire Department responded to 358 fire alarms and calls for assistance. These included fires, rescue calls, hazardous conditions and others. He cited several significant 2009 fire responses. He explained that the Fire Department maintains their equipment at the highest state of readiness, and explained the hours of training required to become a firefighter.

Chief Malool explained the value of the Junior Firefighter Program and said recruiting is on going and they will recruit in Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr High School in 2010. He said they interact with other services and reported several members of the Fire Department have completed the First Responder Course and the EMT Program. He thanked the Fire Prevention Bureau and its secretary for all their help. Chief Malool spoke about public relations and the Fire Department. He thanked the Village Clerk's Office, the DPW, the Rescue Squad and the Ambulance Corps for their assistance.

Chief Malool made recommendations concerning mandated narrow band width radios with compliance in 2013. He thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support of the Fire Department and for replacing vehicles, and said he would speak with the Mayor concerning other recommendations. He concluded with saying we have the best group of firefighters.

Chief Malool introduced friends present:

Chief Paul Schwedhym- Little Ferry  
Assistant Chief Scott Woegens - Bogota  
County fire Marshall Brian Hennig

Mayor Fosdick read the 2010 Fire Department Officers-Administration:

President – Anthony Reo  
Vice President – Brian O'Grady  
Treasurer – Michael Alberque  
Secretary - Sean Burns

The Village Clerk swore in the Fire Department Administration Officers.

Mayor Fosdick announced the Captains and Lieutenants, and they were sworn in by the Village Clerk.

Mayor Fosdick asked for the Report of Tellers. Robert Stauffer gave the report:

Chief John Malool  
Assistant Chief – Richard LaTour  
Assistant Chief Thomas Wilson  
President – Anthony Reo  
Vice President – Brian O'Grady  
Treasurer – Michael Alberque  
Secretary – Sean Burns

Assistant Chief Richard LaTour and Thomas Wilson were sworn in by the Village Clerk.

Assistant Chief LaTour introduced his wife, family and friends in attendance. Assistant Chief LaTour presented flowers to his wife.

Assistant Chief Thomas Wilson introduced his daughter, his son, his niece, his brother, his father and Nancy Dembski. He presented his daughter with flowers.

Mayor Fosdick swore in Chief John Malool.

Chief Malool introduced his wife and presented her with flowers.

Commissioner Anlian thanked all the firefighters as well as their families for lending them to the Village. He said mere words are not enough. He thanked them for all that they have done and what they will do. He wished them a Great Christmas and Holidays.

Commissioner Boyd said thank you very much. She said she appreciates all that they do and the hours you put in and wished them all Happy Holidays.

Commissioner MacNeill said thank you to the firefighters and wished them Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Poli said in all reality we work tighter many times. He said thank you very much for without you the Village would not be what it is.

Mayor Fosdick announced that everyone was invited to Hook & Ladder Co. #1 for a celebration immediately following the ceremony. He said he wanted to use this occasion to let everyone know that the State of New Jersey is in fiscal crisis. In Ridgefield Park, the average tax payer pays \$8,000 in taxes. It is below the Bergen County average.

The school budget is 65% of it. The paid Police Department cost the taxpayer \$800.00 per year where the Volunteer Department cost \$33.00 for the Fire Department, \$8.00 to \$10.00 for the Ambulance Corps, and \$3.00 to \$4.00 for the Rescue Squad. He said less than \$50.00 provides service from taxes. It could never be replicated in any way. He explained that the Ridgefield Park Fire Department is the oldest civic organization in Ridgefield Park. The service we provide is simply unparalleled. There are extensive training requirements. He said the secret of our success is to understand that "as good as we are today, we are not good enough tomorrow. We have to be better." He thanked the Fire Department on behalf of the Village of Ridgefield Park.

Mayor Fosdick announced that the next meeting is the Ambulance Corps installation and the next is the Rescue Squad installation.

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

The Village clerk read a letter from Hose Company No. 4 accepting Karissa DePena as a new probationary member.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the acceptance of Karissa DePena as a new probationary member of Hose Company No. 4. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Mayor Fosdick said fathers and sons served in the Fire Department. Today we have fathers and daughters. Mayor Fosdick congratulated Karissa DePena and explains that members must be approved at a public meeting as State law. He thanked her for volunteering.

Mayor Fosdick at 8:05 PM said there would be a five to ten minute recess.

Meeting resumed at 8:15 PM.

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

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,815,595.95. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

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

No one wished to be heard.

#### 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] Appointing Paul Hansen as the Chief Financial Officer for  
January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

- Resolution No. 2] Municipal Court Appointees January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Resolution No. 3] Appointing Jane Durkin to the Library Board January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2014
- Resolution No. 4] Approving Regular and Executive Meeting dates for 2010
- Resolution No. 5] Appointing Eugene P. McIntrye as Project Administrator for January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Resolution No. 6] Fire Inspector Appointees January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Resolution No. 7] Pool Commission Appointees January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Resolution No. 8] Appointing Thomas Vercelli as Construction Board of Appeals Alternate for January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Resolution No. 9] Approving Parking Meter Moratorium December 9, 2009 through January 4, 2010
- Resolution No. 10] Rent Stabilization Board Appointees January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Resolution No. 11] Local Assistance Board Appointees January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Resolution No. 12] Appointing Mary Hirschman as Representative to the Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Resolution No. 13] Appointing Roslyn Reilly and Debra Scrivani as Registrar/Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics effective immediately until May 2012
- Resolution No. 14] Appointing Mathew M. McArow and/or Ezio I. Altamura of GJEM Insurance Agency as Insurance Consultants January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Resolution No. 15] Appointing Martin T. Durkin of Durkin & Boggia as Village Attorney January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Resolution No. 16] Approving Payment from Trust Account to Polling Places
- Resolution No. 17] Emergency Management Council Appointees January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Resolution No 18] Approving Transfers Between 2009 Budget Appropriations.
- Resolution No 19] Opposing A-3119 Granting Greater Powers to LUARCC.

Resolution No 20] Opposing Adoption of bills A-4151 and S-2850

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

ADJOURNMENT\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 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