

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

RIDGEFIELD PARK

June 23, 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 June 9, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the Special Commissioners Meeting of June 16, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

None.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

None.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Ms. Joan Carlson, 205 Bergen Turnpike.

Ms. Carlson asked if it were possible for a sign to go up in McGowan Park saying "DO NOT FEED THE GEESE".

Mr. O'Grady said they have to establish an ordinance against feeding wild life. He will be sending information to Mr. Durkin regarding the ordinance and will have signs put up.

Mr. Raymond Ziemba – 101 Overpeck Avenue

1. Said he attended a meeting with CEO, Mr. Robertson, a teacher at Rutgers, who talked about the State of New Jersey's Sad State of Affairs. New Jersey is facing unemployment up to 12%, we have to reduce taxes, that we are still in a recession. That State Aid is drying up, services are unaffordable. There are budget problems and New Jersey economy is dead last.
2. He explained that he spoke to Houston. They have a rainy day fund \$450,000 profit. This year no money was spent on gasoline.
3. Health Care Insurance up 12%. Commissioner Poli advised it is going up 20%. We have to do something.

4. The parks are a concern-horseshoe area-fences falling down. Area in back of roller rink became a storage area. Mr. O'Grady explained there was an ordinance being introduced tonight regarding the volleyball and basketball courts. The area of which Mr. Ziemba is concerned will be a new basketball court.
5. Regarding a statement made by the Mayor, Mr. Ziemba interviewed eight people on his block. He asked them to name the Mayor and one Commissioner, and why they did not reject the school budget.. One neighbor could name the Mayor only. One did not attend meetings because he could not walk. Three neighbors could not name the Mayor or Commissioners, but do not attend meeting as they work nights. Asked if they vote at any election Response was they worked nights. Last neighbor knew the Mayor and the Commissioners. He said when you attend these meetings, their minds are made up ahead of time.

Mr. Ziemba suggested the Patriot Newspaper which comes out weekly – perhaps there should be a Commissioners Corner, where the Commissioners could write an article perhaps every other week.

Mayor Fosdick responded concerning spending money. He explained that PEOSHA had been in town today. They followed two crews of the DPW around town. They took pictures and said we should have a truck trailing them. The cost would be about \$5,000 to \$10,000. The Mayor explained PEOSHA is not interested in how much it will cost us. They suggested we have a truck-wash bay at a cost of \$70,000 and advised we could not wash our trucks until you have the truck-wash bay.

Mr. Ziemba responded – If every town got up and complained, something would be done.

Mayor Fosdick said there was a specific fund set up that created four million dollars in the treasury to train volunteers. It is being taken away. We still must train our volunteers. The Mayor said Mr. Ziemba had made another comment – you asked about the School Board; why they do not give money back. In a letter dated June 15th to Senator Weinberg and the Board of Commissioners- the adequacy budget – what our school district should be spending for a thorough and efficient education, the State budget is 1.5 million dollars higher than the 2009-2010 spending plan, which is below what the State says we should be spending.

The Property Tax System – Municipal Aid has dried up. Money the municipalities use to collect directly, the State now collects and we do not get it back. He explained that every Monday he is on TV – The Mayor's Corner. He will ask the Patriot about publishing information from the Commissioners.

Last week the Mayor spoke with the Seniors. They like what is happening in the schools. The Mayor explained that \$100,000 in our budget equates to \$23.14 savings on the average home.

Mr. Ziemba said he is waiting to see what happens on July 4th with the TEA Party. He said the people of the State want their State back.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Poli announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on a “ BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADS IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$340,000 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 Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner Boyd to approve the adoption of “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADS IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$340,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE FO BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS” and that the ordinance be duly published in the Record. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”. .

Resolution No. 1] Approving the Adoption of Bond Ordinance For Various Roads in the amount of \$340,000.

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

NEW BUSINESS*****

Commissioner MacNeill introduced a “ BOND ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$187,500 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL COURTS”. Motion by Commissioner MacNeill seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the first reading of “BOND ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$187,500 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL COURTS” AND THAT IT BE DULY ADVERTISED IN THE Record and come up for Public Hearing on July 14, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

Resolution No 2] Approving the first reading of Bond Ordinance in the Amount of \$187,500 for Improvements to the Volleyball And Basketball Courts.

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

Resolution No. 3] Approving Capital Budget Amendment dated June 23, 2009.

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

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. 4] Appointing Michael Landolfi as Class 3 Representative to the Planning Board.

Resolution No. 5] Authorizing Aerial Spraying For Mosquito Larvae In Ridgefield Park

Resolution No. 6] Authorizing Receipt of Bids on Municipal Complex Parking Lot Expansion.

Resolution No. 7] Authorizing Receipt of Bids on North Avenue, Main Street & Orchard Street

Resolution No. 8] Appointing Representative To Sign As Agent For Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

Resolution No. 9] Authorizing the Execution Of A Deed Of Conservation For The Easement on the Nature Preserve.

Resolution No 10] Approving Refund Of Taxes Due To Overpayment On Block 56, Lot 3, 15 Fifth Street.

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

RECESS*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Boyd to recess the Commissioners Meeting at 8:08 PM to go into Closed Session to discuss legal land insurance 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

Commissioner

Barbara Pettit
Acting Village Clerk

s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor