

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
July 14, 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, and Mayor Fosdick in the chair. Commissioner Poli was absent.

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 Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Mayor Fosdick turned the meeting over to Commissioner Anlian for presentation of the Fourth of July Decorating Awards.

Commissioner Anlian turned the meeting over to Ms. Madeline Cappuccio and Mr. John Tymon.

Ms. Cappuccio said everyone did a terrific job of decorating. She awarded the 1st Runner-up for Most Original to Ian Woods, who was in attendance.

The Most Original Award was presented to Jamie, the granddaughter of Mrs. Roberts Who was unable to attend the meeting.

The Business Award was presented to Dayle Roberts for Dayle's Florist Shop.

All other winners will be contacted by Ms. Capuccio.

Commissioner Anlian thanked Ms. Cappuccio for her efforts. He also thanked the July 4th Committee for their time and efforts in putting forth a great day. Every year is better than the last.

Mayor Fosdick thanked the Committee for a job well done. He said next year the 4th of July falls on a Sunday. As always, the tradition is such that the 4th of July will be celebrated on Monday, July 5th, which is the Federal Holiday, and that is when we will celebrate the holiday.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,599,151.44. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

None.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Dayle Roberts, 326 Teaneck Road

Ms. Roberts asked about the noise ordinance. She said she called the police about people having parties at 3:00– 4:30 am. The police showed up, but the party continued until 6:30 a.m.

Commissioner Anlian asked if it had happened on a regular basis.

Ms. Roberts said this is the third time it has happened.

Mayor Fosdick suggested she speak with Chief Lee.

Ray Ziemba, 101 Overpeck Avenue

Mr. Ziemba stated he finally sat down with Mr. Corzine. He said citizens everywhere are complaining about the taxes. Unemployment is up 11% with 8 million people out of work. No incentive for business to come to New Jersey. The New Jersey Budget is short by \$2 billion dollars and next year it will be over 6 billion short. He suggested the Commissioners send letters to Trenton objecting to the mandates that are chocking the towns. He said we cannot continue to pay salaries and benefits.

Mayor Fosdick said he gave Mr. Ziemba a three page letter documenting some of the things he discussed. Speaking to Mr. Ziemba, he said I think you are beginning to sense that no one disagrees with what you say. That until Trenton and Washington change the laws there is nothing we can do. He spoke about the sewer system at a cost of \$7 million dollars because we have a combined system. He spoke about a meeting this afternoon regarding the development of the Lincoln Paper Cite and Challenger Road. He said recycling collected \$152,000 this year. No one is happy with negotiations. New employees pay into the benefits plan. The Mayor went on to say that Dr. Richardson is the second highest school superintendent in the County. He explained that Chief Lee makes much more than the Village Clerk.

Mr. Ziemba said we cannot keep spending and repeated that the Commissioners should write letters .

Mayor Fosdick went on to say that every \$100,000 saved in the budget reduced the average taxpayer's taxes by \$23.14. He explained the railroad money which use to come directly to us, now goes to the State. The Mayor spoke about the pension deferral, and explained that Ridgefield Park did not take it due the amount of interest which would be charged in coming years. As a result, we did not receive any Extraordinary Aid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

Commissioner MacNeill introduced a "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS AT VETERAN'S PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$187,500 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".

Mr. Ziemba, 101 Overpeck Avenue asked if drainage had been considered.

Commissioner MacNeill responded "yes" it had been engineered out.

Motion by MacNeill seconded by Commissioner Anlian that the "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS AT VETERAN'S PARK, IN BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$187,500 TO APY 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 adopted and duly advertised in the record. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

NEW BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Boyd introduced an " 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.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Anlian that 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” pass it first reading, be duly advertised in the Record and come up for public hearing on August 11, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill 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. 1] Appointing Representative for Open space Trust Municipal Program.
- Resolution No. 2] Endorsing Bergen county Open space Trust Fund Application- Veterans Park Multi –Purpose Grass Field - \$189,500.
- Resolution No. 3] Approving Payment to Various Venders With Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds.
- Resolution No. 4] Approving Cancellation of Current Fund Grants Receivable.
- Resolution No. 5] Approving Cancellation of Other Trust Deposits & Reserves.
- Resolution No. 6] Approving Cancellation of General Capital Fund Grants Receivable.
- Resolution No. 7] Approving Request To Establish Dedicated Trust By Rider For Youth Academy Fees.
- Resolution No. 8] Approving Request To Establish Dedicated Trust By Rider For Elevator Inspection Fees.
- Resolution No. 9] Approving Refund of Overpayment on Block 132, Lot 1.
- Resolution No 10] Approving Payment from Trust Account for Rent of Polling Places-Primary Election – June 2009
- Resolution No 11] Authorizing The Receipt Of Public Bids For Village Property.
- Resolution No 12] Approving Amendment to 2009 Budget to Division of Local Government Services to include Clean Communities Grant

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

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 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

Commissioner

s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

Barbara Pettit
Acting Village Clerk