

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

RIDGEFIELD PARK

January 13, 2009

Mayor Fosdick announces 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 asked for a moment of silence in memory of Danny D'Archangel who recently passed away. Mr. D'Archangel was active in Village organizations, especially the Baseball Organization.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 23, 2008. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Commissioner Poli introduced Frank Zaccherio of the Board of Recreation. Mr. Zaccherio was in charge of the Holiday Decorating Contest. He presented throws and tree ornaments to the winning recipients who were present. A list of the winners is attached to these minutes. Mr. Zaccherio stated 42 homes were registered and judged.

Commissioner Poli thanked Mr. Zaccherio and the winners of the contest.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mayor Fosdick thanked all who participated. He noted that one of the winning homes, 19 Grand Avenue, was built in the 1920's by architect John Borrea who designed Rockefeller Center. He thanked the family for maintaining the historic features of the home.

Commissioner Boyd introduced Chief Henkel of the Rescue Squad. He gave the year end report for the Squad. A copy of the report is available at the Clerk's Office).

Village Clerk, Sarah Warlikowski, swore in the following Rescue Squad Officers and Administrators:

OFFICERS

Chief Darryl Henkel
Capt. David Young
Lt. Linda Taylor

ADMINISTRATIVE

President Robert Carlson
Vice President Howie Hendricks
Treasurer Edward Yotka

Commissioner Boyd congratulates one and all. She stated they have the smallest budget, yet they help all departments.

Mayor Fosdick offered appreciation and thanks on behalf of the Village. He stated the cost for Rescue Squad on an average tax bill is \$3.00. All volunteer squads have the same training as paid squads. He again thanked and commended them.

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, to recess for five minutes at 8:05 PM. On roll call, Commissioner Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Meeting reconvened at 8:10PM.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,823,136.31. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

Letter received from Hose Co. No.4 accepting Karissa DePena as a Junior Member. Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to accept Karissa DePena as a Junior member. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Letter received from Hose Co. No.4 accepting Tyler Olsen as a Probationary member. Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to accept Tyler Olsen as a Probationary member. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Ray Ziemba

1. Mr Ziemba stated property tax relief is the main issue. Mr. Ziemba belongs to Build a Better Budget Group and attends meeting in Trenton. He stated the Governor says municipalities will see a decline in aid. Mr. Ziemba stated we should do away with automatic raises; do away with arbitration and all should contribute to health costs.

Mayor Fosdick stated mandated rules from the State add to local budgets. Also, one of our biggest problems is affordable housing.

2. Mr. Ziemba spoke about complaint made at last meeting regarding litter, etc. on Main Street. He has walked Main Street several times and found this to be true.
3. He feels people who do not remove snow from their property within 12 hours should be held responsible and issued summonses.
4. He again questioned when Ridgefield Park would put in a dog run.

Commissioner MacNeill explained cost for maintenance would be a problem.

5. Mr. Ziembra thanked the Department of Public Works for cleaning up the bike run.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

None.

NEW BUSINESS*****

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 - Authorizing Petty Cash Funds.
- Resolution No. 2 - Authorizing Rate of Interest on Delinquent taxes.
- Resolution No. 3 - Authorizing Newspapers for Legal Notices.
- Resolution No. 4 - Authorizing Depositories for All Monies of the Village of Ridgefield Park.
- Resolution No. 5 - Authorizing Payment of DCA Fees.
- Resolution No. 6 - Authorizing Payment of Vouchers to Imagtech Office Supplies with Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds.
- Resolution No. 7 - Authorizing Payment of Voucher to B & C Communications with Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds.
- Resolution No. 8 - Appointment of Michael J. Alberque to Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- Resolution No. 9 - Appointment of David Bilow to Historic Preservation Commission
- Resolution No 10 - Authorizing Transfers between 2008 Appropriation Reserves.
- Resolution No 11 - Authorizing Purchase of Tractor
- Resolution No 12 - Appointment of Community Development Representative
- Resolution No 13 - Authorizing Extension of Due Diligence Date For Avalon Bay
- Resolution No 14 - Appointment of Various Professional Services.

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill that the Consent Agenda be approved. On roll call Commissioner Anlian, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA" and Commissioner Boyd voted "YEA" on Resolution Nos.1 through 10 and 12 through 14 and voted "NO" on Resolution No.11.

Mayor Fosdick announced Police Department Awards will be presented at the next meeting on January 27, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

s/John H. Anlain_____
Commissioner

s/Margaret R. Boyd_____
Commissioner

s/Adam A. MacNeill_____
Commissioner

s/Hugo R. Poli_____
Commissioner

s/ George D. Fosdick_____
Mayor

s/Sarah Warlikowski_____
Village Clerk