

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

RIDGEFIELD PARK

January 9, 2007

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 21, 2006 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL*****

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

FLAG SALUTE*****

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. Mayor Fosdick requested a moment of silence in memory of our 38th President, Gerald Ford.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting of December 21, 2006. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner Storer abstained.

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Home Decorating Awards-Holiday Decorating award winners were told the meeting was scheduled for 8:15 PM instead of 7:30 PM. Therefore, the awards were presented later in the meeting.

Installation of Rescue Squad Officers-Commissioner Boyd introduced Chief Henkel of the Rescue Squad. His 2006 Annual Report is attached to these minutes.

Life Saving Awards were presented to: Chief Darryl Henkel
Captain David Young
Rescue Technicians: Sonny Yotka
Robert Carlson
Carlos Martinez
Richard Shields

Extrication Award: Chief Darryl Henkel
Captain David Young
Rescue Technicians: Sonny Yotka
Robert Carlson
Carlos Martinez
Robert Velez
Richard Shields

Commissioner Boyd commended the Rescue Squad members for their long hours and dedication.

Captain Hansen of the Ambulance Corps presented a Life Saving Award to the Squad for their assistance throughout the year.

The Village Clerk swore in the following officers:

Chief	Darryl Henkel
Captain	David Young
Lt.	Greg Smith
President	Bob Carlson
Vice President	Howie Hendricks
Treasurer	Edward Yotka
Secretary	Robert Henkel
Coordinator	Mike Gioia
Financial Sec.	Darryl Henkel

The Commissioners thanked the Squad for their dedication, long hours and specialized training.

Mayor Fosdick explained the cost to the taxpayers for having volunteer emergency services:

6 Fire Departments	\$47.00
Ambulance Corps	16.00
Rescue Squad	<u>3.00</u>
	\$66.00

Money is not saved when services are regionalized. Volunteers also serve the Village through Little League, Midget Football, Recreation Basketball, Soccer, etc. They serve neighbors, friends and strangers.

On behalf of the citizens, he thanked and commended all volunteers.

RECESS*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Mayor Fosdick to recess the meeting at 8:00 PM. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

The meeting reconvened at 8:10 PM. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$3,414,713.62. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

None.

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 - Transfers between Appropriations.
- Resolution No. 2. - Authorizing Signing of Contract with County of Bergen for Animal Control Services.
- Resolution No. 3 - Authorizing Petty Cash Funds.
- Resolution No. 4 - Authorizing Rate of Interest on Delinquent Taxes.
- Resolution No. 5 - Authorizing Newspapers for Legal Notices.
- Resolution No 6 - Authorizing Depositories for All Monies of the Village of Ridgefield Park.
- Resolution No. 7 - Authorizing Increase in 2007 Temporary Budget.
- Resolution No. 8 - Authorizing change Order for Barrier Free Access to Civic Center.
- Resolution No. 9 - Authorizing Payment of Vouchers with Community Development Funds.
- Resolution No 10 - Authorizing Refund of Duplicate Payment of Taxes on Block 87, Lot 1, C0003.
- Resolution No 11 - Appointing Various Professional Services.
- Resolution No 12 - Appointing Constructions Official and Building Inspector

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

SPECIAL REPORT *****

Commissioner Poli introduced Frank Zaccherio of the Board of Recreation to present the Holiday Decorating Awards. Mr. Zaccherio explained all homes were judged by out of town people. Ten additional awards were added this year because so many more homes were decorated. Photos of the winning homes were on the website. A list of the winners is attached to these minutes. Mr. Zaccherio presented Christmas ornaments to the winners in attendance.

The Commissioners thanked Frank Zaccherio and the judges. They enjoyed seeing the homes and it brightened up the Village. Mayor Fosdick stated 4th of July is coming up next, and we can share again.

ADJOURNMENT*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

s/John Anlian
Commissioner

s/Margaret Boyd
Commissioner

s/Hugo Poli
Commissioner

s/ Joseph Storer
Commissioner

s/George Fosdick
Mayor

Sarah Warlikowski
Village Clerk

JANUARY 09, 2007

THE YEAR 2006 REPORT:

THE RESCUE SQUAD RESPONDED TO 346 CALLS.

THEY INCLUDED:

9 M.V.A., WITH 3 NEEDING EXTRICATIONS.
TWO OF THESE EXTRICATIONS WERE VERY SERIOUS.
4 ELEVATOR ENTRAPMENTS.
106 AMBULANCE ASSISTS.
209 RUNS WITH THE FIRE DEPT.
10 POLICE ASSIST.
TOTALING 724 ON SCENE MAN HOURS.

THE RESCUE SQUAD HAD 19 DRILLS IN 2006

THEY INCLUDE:

--RADIO OPERATIONS
--USE OF OUR CASCADE SYSTEM
--ELEVATOR RESCUE PROCEDURES
--BOAT RESCUE OPERATIONS
--MOCK BOILER EXPLOSION IN A SCHOOL WITH THE E.B.A.A.
--8 VEHICLE EXTRICATIONS
TOTALING 662 MAN HOURS.

WE ALSO TRAINED IN:

--USE OF TRASH PUMPS
--REHAB WITH THE AMBULANCE CORP.
--TURNOUT GEAR AWARENESS
--TOUR OF POSTAL VEHICLES
--NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) 700
--HURST TOOL TRAINING.
TOTALING 142 MAN HOURS.

WE ALSO HAD 12 DUTY NIGHTS. THIS IS DONE ONCE A MONTH AND SOME TIMES TAKES TWO HOURS OR MORE. ALL 15 MEMBERS GO OVER EVERY COMPARTMENT ON THE TRUCK AND CHECK EVERY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THAT WE HAVE ON BOARD. WE START AND RUN OUR HURST TOOLS, CHAIN SAWS, CHECK RADIOS & FLASH LIGHTS, JUST TO NAME A FEW. TOTALING OVER 300 MAN HOURS. WE DO THIS TO INSURE THAT WHEN WE ARE CALLED UPON OUR EQUIPMENT IS READY TO GO. WE ALSO USE THIS NIGHT TO TRAIN ANY NEW MEMBERS WE MAY HAVE. WHICH BRINGS ME TO OUR NEWEST PROBATIONARY MEMBER, MIKE PIZZORUSSO.

THE RESCUE SQUAD DOES OTHER THINGS, SUCH AS:

--LIGHTING FOR THE 4TH. OF JULY FIRE WORKS.
--SHOWING WHAT WE CAN DO WITH OUT EQUIPMENT AT THE VILLAGE'S ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS NIGHT HELD IN OCT. WITH OUR FIRE DEPT., AMBULANCE CORP. AND POLICE DEPT.
--PROVIDING LIGHTING FOR THE VILLAGE'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

WE ALSO SPONSOR A RIDGEFIELD PARK SOCCER TEAM AND A LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN 2007

IN OCTOBER THE RESCUE SQUAD HAD A VISIT FROM OVER 40 FRENCH FIRE & RESCUE MEMBERS FROM FRANCE. THEY TOO ARE VOLUNTEERS. THEY COULD NOT GET OVER THE SIZE OF OUR TRUCK AND THE CAPABILITIES IT HAS. THEIR CAPT. TOLD ME THAT THE BIGGEST RESCUE TRUCK THEY HAVE IS THE SIZE OF A VAN.

IN 2006 WE ALSO RECEIVED TWO SETS OF TURN OUT GEAR FROM THE RIDGEFIELD PARK/BOGOTA ROTARY CLUB AND A HURST MINI-MATE POWER UNIT FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY 200 CLUB. THESE ITEMS WILL PROTECT US AND MAKE OUR JOB EASIER.

IN 2007 RESCUE PLANS TO REPAINT OUR HARD BOTTOM BOAT AND GET A TRAILER FOR IT. RESCUE IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING THE WHOLE SQUAD A BOATING LICENSE. THIS IS AN 8 HOUR COURSE.

THE RESCUE SQUAD WILL CONTINUE TO DRILL AND TRAIN WITH OUR FIRE DEPT. AND AMBULANCE CORP. ALONG WITH OUR MUTUAL AID DEPT.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FIRE CHIEFS, THE AMBULANCE CORP. OFFICERS, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, D.P.W. AND O.E.M. DOUG HANSEN FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND COOPERATION. I ALSO WANT TO THANK APACHE AUTO FOR PROVIDING THE VEHICLES THAT WE USE FOR OUR EXTRICATION DRILLS. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MAYOR GEORGE FOSDICK AND THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMISSIONER MAGGIE BOYD WHO HAS BEEN TO MANY OF OUR DRILLS, DUTIES AND TRAINING'S.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EVERYONE AGAIN IN 2007.

RIDGEFIELD PARK HEAVY RESCUE SQUAD
CHIEF DARRYL HENKEL

2006 Ridgefield Park Board of Recreation Holiday Display Winners

Grand Prize

19 Grand Avenue
114 Grand Avenue

Business Winners

Luka's Restaurant
Odd Couple's Attic
Hair Central

Homes:

16 Edison Street
68 College Place
72 College Place
47 Edison Street
24 Elm Street
50 Chestnut Street
51 Chestnut Street
55 Chestnut Street
77 Chestnut Street
153 Hobart Street
99 Christie Street
101 Christie Street
70 Christie Street
24 Hudson Avenue
366 Teaneck Road
383 Main Street
377 Main Street
205 Fourth Street
108 Paulison Avenue
23 Austin Street
44 Seventh Street
137 Highland Place
24 Maple Street