

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
October 13, 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. Mayor Fosdick requested a moment of silence for Maryann Criscuolo who has passed away. Mrs. Criscuolo was a very active member of our community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2009. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,306,514.43. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

None.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Joanne Feehan – 80 Hillcrest Avenue – Lodi

Ms. Feehan reported she is trying to get together a "Relay For Life", to raise money for cancer. It is a walk all night backed by the American Cancer Society. She said she needs permission from the town. It would take place June 11, 2010. She would have monthly meetings. Garfield, Rochelle Park and West Orange have done this. It raises money for the American Cancer Society for continued research.

Mayor Fosdick asked if it is being done in conjunction with the Elks.

Ms. Feehan said no. Principal Koenig though we could use the track, but suggested we see if we could get the field. We could then set up a track for Friday, June 11th. It could involve the high school children.

Mayor Fosdick said he did not see any problem.

The Cancer Society would provide insurance. It was approved by the Board of Commissioners and they will pass a resolution recognizing it.

Joan Carlson – 205 Bergen Turnpike

Ms. Carlson asked about a sign in the park “Do not feed the Geese”. Commissioner MacNeill said he had forgotten all about it. He is trying to look to see how to get rid of the geese. Asked if it were a State Ordinance? Ms. Carlson said she believes it is. She said presently you cannot use the park.

Ms. Carlson asked if the Commissioners were aware that the #165 bus operating down Bergen Turnpike was probably going to stop service. Said she called and spoke with a man about the issue and he said she was the only one who called. She said no one was aware.

Mayor Fosdick asked Ms. Carlson for the man’s name.

Ray Ziemba – 101 Overpeck Avenue

Mr. Ziemba spoke about the history of the Hudson River. How our rivers were back in the 40’s and 50’s. Today all rivers are polluted. You can’t eat the fish. The same situation exists today with our State. Spoke about pension liability, financial fees and the fact the State is in a hole financially. He received a letter concerning mandates. Tomorrow he has an appointment with Mr. Dressler about mandates. Asked if any of the Commissioners sent a letter regarding mandates.

Mayor Fosdick said we pass resolutions, send letters and go to meetings, talk to our legislators; we do it all. He said the Riverkeeper will tell you Ridgefield Park is in the lead in trying to retrieve the water around us. The Riverkeeper is happy to come here. Overpeck Park – they have done some testing and some areas of Overpeck Creek are swimmable. Come next Spring you will be able to boat on Overpeck Creek.

Commissioner Anlian said 566 municipalities in New Jersey. We pass resolutions encouraging our legislators to do X,Y, and Z, and we circulate them to the legislators who do not react to what we say. The governor’s election is the time to be heard. Vote in November.

Mayor Fosdick said Commissioner Anlian will attend the League of Municipalities in November at his own expense.

Mr. Ziemba said he still can’t see how we will get out of debt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Boyd announced that this would have been the time and place for the public hearing on an ‘ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2009’, But due to publishing deadlines, the public hearing will be held on October 27, 2009.

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] Authorizing Payment Of Construction Code To The State.
- Resolution No. 2] Authorizing Refund Of Taxes For 2005, 2006, and 2007 Due To Tax Court Judgment On Block 140, Lot 7, 25 Teaneck Road. In The Amount Of \$47,325.20.
- Resolution No. 3] Authorizing Refund Of Duplicate Tax Payment ON Block 123, Lot 34, 14 Voorhees Place In The Amount Of \$1,778.68.
- Resolution No. 4] Authorizing Refund Of 2009 Duplicate Tax Payment On Block 35, Lot 9, 38 Grand Avenue In The Amount Of \$2,343.53.
- Resolution No. 5] Authorizing Refund Of 2008 Duplicate Tax Payment On Block 77, Lot 14, 123 Hudson Avenue In The Amount Of \$2,917.97.
- Resolution No. 6] Authorizing Refund Of 2007 Duplicate Tax Payment On Block 18, Lot 14, 114 Edwin Street In The Amount Of \$1,708.05.
- Resolution No. 7] Approving 100% Tax Exemption For Disable Veteran, Block 128, Lot 7, 19 Orchard Street.
- Resolution No. 8] Appointing Alan O’Grady to the Planning Board.
- Resolution No. 9] Approving Refund of Duplicate Taxes on Block 84, Lot 13, 116 Overpeck Avenue for the fourth quarter of 2006 in the amount of 41,660.36

Mr. Ziemba asked about all the resolutions tonight refunding money for the years 05, 06, 07, etc. Asked if anyone was on top of this.

Commissioner Boyd responded we are working on it and on top of it.

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner MacNeill 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 8:03 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