

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
November 11, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

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, 2007 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 for all who have served and made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2008. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”. Commissioner Poli abstained.

SPECIAL REPORTS*****

Commissioner Anlian introduced Madelaine Cappuccio. Ms. Cappuccio presented the Halloween Decorating Contest Awards:

**Santos Family - First Place
Tafur Family - Runner Up.**

Ms. Cappuccio stated the home decorations were on the Ridgefield Park website.

Commissioner Anlian thanked Madelaine.

Mayor Fosdick thanked all who participated and said now they should continue for Christmas.

Commissioner Boyd thanked all who helped with planting this weekend.

Commissioner Poli stated Saturday, December 13, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Ambulance Corps will have pictures with Santa. Through the courtesy of the Police Department, DNA will be taken and given to parents under “Kid Care”

Mayor Fosdick read Eagle Scout proclamation for Gregory W. Gerken.

PAYMENT OF BILLS*****

Motion by Commissioner Boyd seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,272,569.52. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

CORRESPONDENCE*****

Ambulance Corps - A list of new members, Youth Squad and Resignations for 2008 is attached to these minutes. Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner Boyd to accept members and Youth Squad and with regrets the resignations. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

Letter received from Truck Co. No 1 regarding the acceptance of Ryan Whitmer as a member. Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the acceptance of Ryan Whitmer as a member of the Fire Department. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Mary Ann Cummings, 98 Laurel Street -

Mrs. Cummings asked if the proposed parking lot next to the Municipal Building was for employees or to be used jointly by employees and citizens? Mayor Fosdick stated it was to be jointly used. Mayor Fosdick explained the need for additional parking. Property will be purchased by bonds that will be paid over a period of time.

Mrs. Cummings noted there are 14 empty stores on Main Street. Many of the stores that are open look filthy.

Agnes Gallagher - 265 Main Street -

Mrs. Gallagher asked where is the Department of Health regarding the condition of some of the stores. Mayor Fosdick explained businesses are privately owned, and government interference is met with resentment.

Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. Cummings both felt now was not the time to purchase property when the money could be used for other necessary projects.

Commissioner Anlian, MacNeill and Mayor Fosdick emphasized the need for additional parking to help the businesses.

Mary Ann Cummings:

Since we will probably not receive money from the State, will it mean more taxes? What can be done?

Mayor Fosdick noted the following restrictions have been put into place to cut expenses: Sometimes two police officers ride in one car. The Fire Department is restricted from going out of town. The Fire Chief cannot use car except for fire calls. Energy audits are done.

Mrs. Cummings suggested Crossing Guards are not needed at lunch time near the schools because students are not allowed to leave.

Lt. DiNiro explained it is a safety issue. St. Francis children can leave and children walk home.

Agnes Gallagher asked that Main Street be kept clean.

Mary Hirshman - 99 Teaneck Road

Mrs. Hirshman stated Ridgefield Park Senior Club received funds toward their Christmas Party. For this reason, several years ago Mrs. Hirshman suggested a Dinner/Dance be held for all Ridgefield Park Seniors. This suggestion was approved and a Dinner/Dance has been held each year. Since attendance is going down, Mrs. Hirshman has been told the affair may be cancelled. She said the Senior Club money should be eliminated instead.

Commissioner Anlian explained the Dinner/Dance is open to all Ridgefield Park Seniors. If attendance continues to go down, there is little the Village can do.

Mrs. Hirshman feels the Dinner/Dance is not advertised enough. Bus in town should be used to transport seniors to affair.

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] Authorizing Transfers between 2008 Budget Accounts.

Resolution No. 2] Appointment of Electrical Sub-Code Official.

Resolution No. 3] Authorizing Payment of Bills with Community Development Funds.

Resolution No. 4] Designating BAN as a "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation".

Resolution No. 5] Application for Minor Sub-Division

In reference to Resolution No. 5, Mayor Fosdick explained he is donating his property to the town and will abstain on the vote.

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill seconded by Commissioner Boyd to approve Resolution One through Resolution Five. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, and Poli voted "YEA". Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA" on Resolutions One through Four.

On roll call on Resolution Five, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill and Poli voted "YEA" and Mayor Fosdick abstained.

RECESS***

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Boyd to recess the meeting at 8:40 PM to go into Closed Session to discuss Police Contract. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”

s/John H. Anlian_____
Commissioner

Commissioner

s/ Adam A. MacNeill_____
Commissioner

s/ Hugo R. Poli_____
Commissioner

s/George D. Fosdick_____
Mayor

s/Sarah Warlikowski
Village Clerk