

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK

June 10, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to approve the minutes of the Installation Meeting of May 20, 2008 and the Commissioners Meeting of May 27, 2008. 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 Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,866,356.04. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

CORRESPONDENCE*****

None.

HEARING OF CITIZENS*****

Peter Konopka, 65 Bergen Avenue -

Mr. Konopka thanked the Mayor and Commissioner MacNeill for their help.

Mary Ann Cummings, 98 Laurel Street -

She questioned the security fence on the bank property. It was explained that the property has been bought and is now being resold.

Raymond Ziemba, 101 Overpeck Avenue -

Mr. Ziemba asked what has been done in the last six months to reduce property taxes.

Mayor Fosdick stated everyday they try to save money, i.e., Fire Department sent two pieces of equipment to Bogota's Memorial Day parade; departments have been told to use municipal vehicles only when necessary; in arbitration on police contract to receive contributions to benefit package; and new employees contribute 5% of base pay to benefits. Additional cost savings:

1. No Mayor or Commissioner's office, secretary, aides or expense allowance.
2. Mayor & Commissioners reduced their salaries by 10%.
3. Sharing with the Board of Education of fields, collection of garbage, plowing and snow removal.
4. No severance pay and a 30 day CAP on sick pay.

5. DPW has two-tier pay scale.
6. Energy audits have been done.
7. No hired spokesman.
8. Development of vacant property on Challenger Road.

Gabe Cummings - 98 Laurel Street -

He asked about new assessments since values are now down. Commissioner Anlian explained assessments were based upon values reviewed and audited by last fall. Mr. Cummings stated his neighbor has abandoned cars on the property with plates dated 2003.

Raymond Ziemba - 101 Overpeck Avenue -

Where do we send our garbage? Garbage goes to Waste Management in Fairview.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****

None.

NEW BUSINESS*****

Commissioner Poli introduced a “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS”.

Resolution No. 1] Authorizing Passing of Bond Ordinance on First Reading and Provide for Public Hearing on June 24, 2008.

Resolution No. 2] Authorizing Temporary Capital Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner Boyd that Resolutions No. 1 and No. 2 be approved. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

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. 3] Appointment of Andrew Scheideler to Construction Board of Appeals.

Resolution No. 4] Authorizing Closing of Pine Street for 4th of July Block Party

Resolution No. 5] Opposing Assembly Bill No A-2243 Regarding Mediation and Fact-finding of Police Contract Arbitration.

Resolution No. 6] Appointments to Planning Board

Resolution No. 7] Appointments to Zoning Board of Appeals.

Resolution No 8] Designation of Mayor’s Appointee to Planning Board.

Resolution No 9] Authorizing Issuance of 2008-2009 Liquor Licenses

Resolution No 10] Authorizing Increase in 2008 Temporary Budget

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".

Meeting recessed at 7:50 PM for hearing on suspension of liquor license owned by Lobster Restaurant, Inc.

Hearing was recorded.

Appearing for the Village was Thomas Quirico, Esq. and Det. Sgt. Daniel Hippe.

Appearing for Lobster House, Inc., was Matthew Jeon, Esq.

After evidence was presented, Mr. Jeon pleaded guilty on behalf of his client.

After police clearance, there will be a 45 day suspension. They must comply will all requirements for additional information.

Meeting reconvened at 8:34 PM.

RECESS*****

Motion by Commissioner Anlian seconded by Commissioner Boyd at 8:35 PM to go into Closed Session to discuss development negotiations and personnel matters. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

s/ John 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
Deputy Village Clerk