

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

RIDGEFIELD PARK

JANUARY 11, 2005

8:15 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 January 2, 2005 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL\*\*\*\*\*

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Poli,, Storer and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Commissioner Heck was absent.

FLAG SALUTE\*\*\*\*\*

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the tsunami.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Storer that the minutes of the meeting of December 28, 2004 be approved. On roll call, Commissioners Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA". Commissioner Anlian abstained.

SPECIAL REPORTS\*\*\*\*\*

Commissioner Storer introduced Frank Zaccherio of the Board of Recreation. Mr. Zaccherio presented gifts to the winners of the Holiday Decorating contest. (List of winning homes attached.)

Mayor Fosdick and the Commissioners thanked and congratulated all the winners. They also thanked the judges.

Mr. Zaccherio announced the Woman's Adult Softball league was accepting players aged 18 and older. Games are played from May through August.

Commissioner Poli introduced Chief Henkel of the Rescue Squad.

Chief Henkel read the year end report. In 2004 the Rescue Squad made 203 calls for a total of 2,062 man hours. They participated in numerous drills throughout the year. They continued their training and had duty nights at the building. The Rescue Squad also participated in various community activities.

Chief Henkel recognized Roberto Velez, a member who is serving in Iraq.

Thanks were given to the Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, Police Department, and DPW, for their support and cooperation. Apache Auto was also thanked for providing vehicles for extrication drills. Holy Name Hospital donated a 1992 Chevy Suburban which was greatly appreciated.

The Village Clerk swore in the following officers:

Chief Darryl Henkel

Lieutenant David Young

President Robert Carlson

Treasurer Edward Yotka

Secretary Robert Henkel

Mayor Fosdick stated we depend on the Police Department and DPW, but everything else is provided by volunteers. He thanked them all and said they are an essential and vital part of the community providing for the safety and well being of the people.

Motion by Mayor Fosdick seconded by Commissioner Poli to recess the meeting at

8:42 PM. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

The Meeting reconvened at 8:48 PM. On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Storer, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that bills in the amount of \$2,586,000.18 be paid. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

#### CORRESPONDENCE\*\*\*\*\*

The Village Clerk read a letter from the Ridgefield Park Fire Department accepting Junior Firefighter Brian O'Grady. Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Poli to accept Brian O'Grady as a Junior Firefighter. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli, Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

#### HEARING OF CITIZENS\*\*\*\*\*

Fran Gallagher, 65 Hille Place:

Ms. Gallagher asked if Bergen Avenue and Mount Vernon Street could be designated as a one-way on Sunday mornings between 10:15 AM and 11:20AM. At this time children are going to or coming from religion classes. Mayor Fosdick said that would not be possible. He asked Captain Lee to speak with Traffic Officer McEntee about a solution.

Maggie Boyd, 169 Preston street:

Ms. Boyd stated the same problem exists in the morning and at 3:00 in the afternoon when children are coming and going to school. Some towns have barriers for “kiss and go” areas.

Jerry DiMeglio, 44 Union Place:

Mr. DiMeglio questioned why there were no lights on Main Street for Christmas. Commissioner Anlian said we will be getting new lights. Public Service decided new poles were needed and cut wires that connected to the trees.

Fran Gallagher, 65 Hille Place:

She asked if there was a weight limit on trucks exiting highways. There are no restrictions from interstate highways connecting to truck routes.

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 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 Transfers Between 2004 Appropriation Reserves
- Resolution No. 6] Appointing Zoning Officer and Historic Preservation Enforcement Officer
- Resolution No. 7] Authorizing Payment of State DCA Fees
- Resolution No. 8] Appointing a Fire Inspector
- Resolution No. 9] Authorizing Payment of Voucher with Community Development Funds
- Resolution No 10] Supporting Senate Bill S-1023 and Assembly Bill A-1835 Which Requires the State to Reimburse Municipalities for Disabled Veterans Exempt Taxes

- Resolution No 11] Opposing A-3529 Which Allows Recovery of Workers' Compensation and Disability Pension at the Same Time.
- Resolution No 12] Awarding Professional Contract to Martin T. Durkin, Esq.
- Resolution No 13] Awarding Professional Contract to Boswell McClave Engineering
- Resolution No 14] Awarding Professional Contract to Steven L. Rogut, Esq.
- Resolution No 15] Awarding Professional Contract to Grotta, Glassman & Hoffman, P.A.
- Resolution No 16] Awarding Professional Contract to Beattie Padovano, LLC
- Resolution No 17] Awarding Professional Contract to Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP
- Resolution No 18] Appointing a Member to the Pool Commission

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

Mayor Fosdick announced Police Department awards, promotions and swearing in of new officer will take place at the next Commissioners meeting.

RECESS\*\*\*\*\*

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli that the meeting recess at 9:00 PM to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters. On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Poli Storer and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

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