

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

RIDGEFIELD PARK

June 24, 2025

7:30 PM

Mayor MacNeill 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, 2024 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the Village Website.

This agenda is listed as a courtesy and attempt to inform the public of actions being considered by the Village Board of Commissioners. There may be additions and deletions prior to the Board taking final action. Any action may be taken at any meeting, which includes all Caucus and Regular sessions. The Commissioners reserve the right to conduct and/or attend any meetings presently scheduled for the rest of 2025 by a combination of electronic and/or in-person means. Meetings are open to the public.

**ROLL CALL**

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Gerken, Portorreal and Mayor MacNeill in the chair.  
Absent: Commissioner Mirza

Also, present: Chris Chapman, Village Attorney; and Rich Flynn, DPW Asst. Superintendent.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor MacNeill.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Commissioner Gerken** advised that the July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee had their last meeting before the holiday, and that a lot of work has been done. The committee has activities planned all day between 7 am and 9pm on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Anlian** stated that former Mayor Fosdick would say that we do more on Fourth of July every year than other towns do on the big anniversaries.

**Commissioner Portorreal** advised that the Board of Recreation had a new toddler program for 2-5-year-olds, teaching basics of athletics, called “My First Sports Stars”. The pool will be open on July 4<sup>th</sup> and will be open every day starting on Monday.

**Mayor MacNeill** advised that he has no new reports but does have a matter for closed session.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Bill Pete, resident of 112 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Village resident of 50+ years with extensive town involvement, came to speak about issues he was having with the Building Department related to construction of a patio and replacement of a walkway on his property.

Mayor MacNeill engaged with the resident and agreed to continue speaking with him after the meeting.

Charie Johnson, resident of 23 Brewster Avenue, came to speak about issues he is having with the handicapped parking spot outside of his home, and requesting an ordinance to designate a parking spot as reserved for the specific handicapped placards registered to his family's vehicle. Mayor MacNeill agreed to consider his request and speak with him following the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor MacNeill announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

2025-64      Award Contract to Boswell Engineering, Inc. for the Preparation of Specifications and Plans for the Improvements to the IGA Parking Lot  
2025-65      Authorize Capital Budget Amendment

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, that the consent agenda be approved.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Gerken, Portorreal and Mayor MacNeill voted “YEA”.  
Absent: Commissioner Mirza

## **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

2025-10      BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,200,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Mayor MacNeill moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Mayor MacNeill read the said ordinance by title.

Mayor MacNeill moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published in the Record Newspaper and posted on the Village Bulletin Board by the Village Clerk. The public hearing will be held on August 8, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Anlian.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Gerken, Portorreal and Mayor MacNeill voted “YEA”.  
Absent: Commissioner Mirza

## **CLOSED SESSION**

2025-66      Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, the public portion of the meeting recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (4) Collective Bargaining Agreements.

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On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Gerken, Portorreal, and Mayor MacNeill voted “YEA”.  
Absent: Commissioner Mirza.

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:57 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mayor MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Gerken to adjourn.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Gerken, Portorreal, and Mayor MacNeill voted “YEA”.  
Absent: Commissioner Mirza

Mayor MacNeill adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

/s/ John H. Anlian  
Commissioner

/s/ William G. Gerken  
Commissioner

Abstain  
Commissioner Mirza

/s/ Wanda C. Portorreal  
Commissioner

/s/ Adam MacNeill  
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady  
Village Clerk  
Approved on July 8, 2025