

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
December 12, 2017
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 22, 2016 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Phil Boggia, Village Attorney; Charles Gneiding, Police Captain and Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of November 28, 2017.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,601,443.92.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

SPECIAL REPORTS

Installation of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Officers.

Mayor Fosdick welcomed Bogota Ex-Fire Chief Brophy, Cedar Grove Chief Bannon, Rescue Chief Shields and Ex-Chiefs of the Ridgefield Park Fire Department.

Mayor Fosdick asked Chief VanDerTulip to give his annual report.

Chief VanDerTulip advised the Fire Department responded to approximately 215 Service Calls.

Chief VanDerTulip thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their continued support to the Fire Department. He also thanked Tara O'Grady and her staff, Chief Rose and the RPPD staff, Chief Kotzias and the Ambulance Corps; Chief Shields and the Rescue Squad. He thanked Superintendent Alan O'Grady and the DPW, Fire Marshals Rich Bartlett and Doug Hansen, OEM Coordinator Mike Lauer and Francine Orovitz, Administrative Assistant. He thanked his Assistant Chiefs – John Antola Jr. and Rodney Wagner.

He thanked the department, his family and his girlfriend Cathy for all of their support.

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His recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for next year and the near future are as follows:

1. Plan for replacement of 23 year old engine
2. Plan for replacement of 22 year old ladder truck
3. Cost of living adjustment to LOSAP program

Mayor Fosdick certified the Fire Department Election results:

Chief James VanDerTulip

Assistant Chief John Antola Jr.

Assistant Chief Rodney Wagner

President Michele Lynn

Vice President Connor O'Grady

Secretary James Schmitt

Treasurer Michael Alberque

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Executive Officers; Michele Lynn, Connor O'Grady, James Schmitt, and Michael Alberque

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Executive Officers.

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Lieutenants of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Lieutenants.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Captains of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oaths of Office to the Captains.

Mayor Fosdick announced the newly elected Assistant Fire Chief; Rodney Wagner.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oath of Office to Assistant Chief Wagner.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Assistant Fire Chief John Antola Jr.

Mrs. O'Grady administered the Oath of Office to Assistant Chief Antola Jr.

Mayor Fosdick then announced the newly elected Fire Chief James VanDerTulip.

Mayor Fosdick administered the Oath of Office to Chief VanDerTulip.

Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill and Poli thanked the members of the Fire Department for their dedication, commitment and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Fosdick addressed the officers. The positions require you to lead, set direction and example. Be competent in what you do. Continue to train; your job is to lead by competence and confidence. All of the emergency services groups face all types of incidents and should understand the hazards we face. For example, the use of garbage trucks at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Respect all members and set an example. He thanked and congratulated all.

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RECESS

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to recess for 10 minutes.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

The Board of Commissioners convened recess at 8:00 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Kohles, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:10 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Fosdick reminded all the next Commissioners meeting is Tuesday, December 26th.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Steven Tellian, resident, advised the Commissioners the Little League field is very dangerous. The improvements the contractor did made the field worse than it was before. The pitcher’s mound is too close to home plate, the base paths were moved in 8 inches and the base lines are only 44 feet, not 46 feet. The field is not regulation.

John Cataldi, resident, stated the dimensions are incorrect and nothing is level.

Commissioner Kohles stated she was under the impression everything was going well but will contact Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent and Mike Kelly, Boswell Engineering.

Commissioner MacNeill added the Village hasn’t finished paying the contractor and we hold a performance bond. The issues will be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Fosdick 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:

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| 2017-156 | Authorize Amendment to RT Environmental Services Professional Services Contract |
| 2017-157 | Approve Budget Transfers |
| 2017-158 | Authorize Mayor Fosdick to sign Health Awareness Regional Program Contract |
| 2017-159 | Authorize 2018 Annual Meeting Notice |
| 2017-160 | Designate Ridgefield Park as a Stigma-Free Zone |
| 2017-161 | Authorize Chapter 159 Insertion of Revenue for Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown Grant |

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Kohles that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

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| 2017-07 | AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE VILLAGE CODE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 216 ENTITLED “GARAGE SALES” |
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Commissioner Kohles moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered.

Commissioner Kohles read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner Kohles 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 December 26, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Poli.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli, and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

2017-06 ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 49.01 LOT 1, BLOCK 146.02 LOT 1, BLOCK 47.02 LOT 1, BLOCK 47.06 LOT 1, BLOCK 40.02 LOT 1.02, AND NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE PARCELS R534X-3 (TO BE DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 49.02 LOT 2) AND 635X (TO BE DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 40.02 LOT 2) ON THE TAX MAP OF THE VILLAGE AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.54:4-3.150 ET SEQ.

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner MacNeill moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Kohles. So ordered. Commissioner MacNeill read the ordinance by title on second reading. Commissioner MacNeill then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

Mayor Fosdick advised this ordinance is another piece of Skymark's puzzle. The ordinance will help the development move forward.

After ample opportunity was given, no interested parties commented on the ordinance.

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Kohles and adopted upon a call of the roll.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamation:

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 Year End Holiday Crackdown

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CLOSED SESSION

2017-162 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli, 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 (7, 8) Contract Negotiations, Development of Meadowlands

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:28 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by commissioner Poli, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Theresa A. Kohles
Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner MacNeill

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on December 26, 2017