

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
April 10, 2018
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 28, 2017 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: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney and Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. There was a moment of silent thought for Edward Langshultz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of March 27, 2018.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Kohles to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$5,463,127.49.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Truck Co. No. 1 – Resignation

Motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the resignation of Nicholas McCoy from the Village of Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department was accepted with regret.

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

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mayor Fosdick advised the April 19th Caucus Meeting has been cancelled and re-scheduled for Tuesday, April 24th at 6pm. This Saturday is the Little League Opening Day Parade at 10:30am commencing at Fellowship Park.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Joan Carlson, resident, suggested a "Coffee with a Cop" program. This type of program would help the residents get to know who our police officers are. The senior citizens are uncomfortable now knowing the officers. Friendliness has to come from the top down.

Mayor Fosdick advised, years ago, the Police Department had a trading cards program which helped the children of the Village get to know the officers. He will speak to Chief Rose about Ms. Carlson's suggestion.

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John Cataldi, resident, Little League Representative, brought up issues with the Little League field. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday and the field has not been worked on. The field is not playable and all games have been cancelled. The infield clay has stone in it; there are holes in the outfield where the old fence posts were. The field is simply not safe. Commissioner Kohles stated the DPW has been delayed with working on the field due to weather conditions. Also, the contractor didn't do as good a job as expected with the renovations. The new padding is being delivered on Friday. Commissioner Poli will contact the DPW in the morning to have issues addressed.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

2018-04 CAP BANK ORDINANCE

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

Commissioner MacNeill read the said ordinance by title.

Commissioner 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 April 24, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Anlian.

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

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:

2018-030 Authorize CY2018 Budget to be Read by Title Only

2018-031 Authorize the Reduction of the CY2017 Certified Tax Levy

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

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

BUDGET

RESOLUTION:

2017-032 Introduction of CY2018 Budget

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Kohles that Resolution 2017-032 be approved.

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

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ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

2018-03 AN ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK FOR THE YEAR 2018

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 Poli. 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.

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 Poli and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Theresa A. Kohles
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on April 24, 2018