

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
May 22, 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; Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent; Charles Gneiding, Police Captain and Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick. There was a moment of silent thought for the victims of the Paramus school bus accident and Texas shooting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Poli, seconded by Commissioner Anlian to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of May 8, 2018.

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

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Anlian announced Harry Welte and Mary Puleio will be co-grand marshals of the Fourth of July parade.

Mayor Fosdick reminded all next Monday, May 28th is Memorial Day. The Fire Department Service is at 9:15am at the monument on Cedar Street and Euclid Avenue. The VFW/American Legion Service is at 11am at the monument on Mt. Vernon Street and Euclid Avenue. He encouraged all to attend.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Sally Zeuner, resident advised there is a safety issue with parked over-sized trucks in a residential area of the Village. The trucks are blocking the views of motorists. There is an ordinance in place that states vehicles over 7 feet tall are prohibited. Initially the problem started with 1 truck, now there are 4. The trucks are parked overnight and every weekend. She would like to see Ordinance 195-10 enforced.

Bob Sienicki, resident, added this is a safety and quality of life issue. The streets of the Village cannot accommodate these high trucks. The intersection of Bergen Avenue and Union Place is compromised because of the trucks.

Mayor Fosdick will address this issue with the Police Department.

Joan Carlson, resident, stated something needs to be done with cars not stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks.

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HEARING OF CITIZENS – cont.

Noel Cote, resident, inquired why motorists have to be notified for the “Click It or Ticket” and the “Distracted Driving” programs.

Mayor Fosdick stated the Village would rather have people comply than issue summonses. The Village receives grant money for these programs.

Captain Gneiding added the Village is usually in the top 5 in Bergen County for issuing tickets. In order to receive the grant money, the Village must post signage, a press release, etc.

Mr. Cote inquired if dogs need to be leashed and if they need to be leashed in their own yards if the fence of the property is falling down.

Mayor Fosdick stated dogs must be leashed outside of their property. Police can’t go into a backyard to enforce if a dog is on a leash. If there is a complaint, police can act. Mr. Cote stated then this is a complaint. A neighbor has a pit bull, his fence is falling down and Mr. Cote is concerned.

The Mayor advised this is probably a property maintenance issue and will look into it.

Anthony DiVerita, resident, complained about the DPW trucks are not garaged overnight, curbs not repaired, tall grass, and his vacation pay payout when he retired.

PUBLIC HEARING ON APPROVED 2018 BUDGET

Mayor Fosdick advised the public hearing is on the approved 2018 introduced budget.

Commissioner MacNeill then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the 2018 Municipal Budget.

After ample opportunity was given, no interested parties commented on the 2018 Budget.

Commissioner MacNeill moved the public hearing by closed.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Kohles, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA” to close the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

2018-048 Amendment to 2018 Introduced Budget

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that Resolution 2018-048 be approved.

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

RESOLUTION:

2018-049 Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement – 125 Hudson Avenue

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Anlian that Resolution 2018-049 be approved.

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

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PROCLAMATION

Mayor Fosdick read the following proclamation:
Click It or Ticket

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2018-050 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Kohles, 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 (8) Personnel

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

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 7:56 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Absent
Commissioner Anlian

/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 June 12, 2018