

**COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK**

May 21, 2020

7:30 PM

Village Clerk O’Grady 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 Bergen Record, and the Star Ledger on May 14, 2020 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and Village Website.

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Health Crisis, this meeting was held via Zoom call.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners-Elect Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Anlian.

Also, present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent; Joseph Rella, Chief of Police and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

Mayor Fosdick asked for a moment of silent thought for the COVID-19 victims and those that have passed, and for the concern and safety of the first responders and health care workers.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk, read her report regarding the May 12, 2020 Municipal Election in the Village of Ridgefield Park.

On May 12, 2020, The Municipal Election of the Village of Ridgefield Park was held via mail-in ballot only.

There were 1,926 participating voters. The result of said election is as follows:

John H. Anlian	1206
William G. Gerken	1204
Adam MacNeill	1182
Mark C. Olson	1203
Wanda C. Portorreal	1150
Margaret R. Boyd	732
Luis Correa	581
Janet Malool	651
Jameria Miller	532
Theodore Tabasco	616

The election was certified by the County Clerk and County Election Commissioners on May 21, 2020.

At the Village of Ridgefield Park’s Municipal Election held on May 12, 2020 to fill five Commissioners’ seats, the following were duly elected for four-year terms commencing on May 21, 2020 and terminating on the third Tuesday in May 2024.

John H. Anlian
William G. Gerken
Adam MacNeill
Mark C. Olson
Wanda C. Portorreal

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ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

Mrs. O’Grady administered the Oath of Office to the five duly elected Commissioners: William G. Gerken, Adam MacNeill, Mark C. Olson, Wanda C. Portorreal and John H. Anlian.

CALL TO ORDER NEW BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson Portorreal and Anlian.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Village Attorney; Alan O’Grady, DPW Superintendent; Joseph Rella, Chief of Police and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR Resolution 2020-054

On a motion by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Gerken, Resolution 2020-054 was offered for approval.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Anlian voted “YEA”.

Mayor Anlian resumed the Chair following his mayoral appointment by the Board of Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Anlian 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:

- 2020-055 Designation of Departments
- 2020-056 Designation of Powers and Duties of the Department of Public Affairs
- 2020-057 Appointment of Director of Public Affairs
- 2020-058 Designation of Powers and Duties of the Department of Revenue and Finance
- 2020-059 Appointment of Director of Revenue and Finance
- 2020-060 Designation of Powers and Duties of the Department of Public Safety
- 2020-061 Appointment of Director of Public Safety
- 2020-062 Designation of Powers and Duties of the Department of the Department of Public Works
- 2020-063 Appointment of Director of the Department of Public Works
- 2020-064 Designation of Powers and Duties of the Department of Parks and Public Property
- 2020-065 Appointment of Director of Parks and Public Property
- 2020-066 Designation of Duties of Collector of Taxes and Assessments
- 2020-067 Authorization of Procedure for Payment of Bills
- 2020-068 Approve Cash Management Plan
- 2020-069 Determining the Board of Commissioners as the Ridgefield Park Redevelopment Agency
- 2020-070 Appoint Members of the Meadowlands Advisory Committee
- 2020-071 Appoint Class 3 Member of the Planning Board

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

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner MacNeill stated working with Commissioners Kohles, Poli and Mayor Fosdick has been wonderful. They always put the Village first. Once a Commissioner, always a Commissioner. Three ways to describe Mayor Fosdick – 1. Historian 2. Role Model 3. Mentor Commissioners Gerken, Olson and Portorreal make a great team and will make a difference. Special thank you to the Quinn's, Carol Velez, Paige MacNeill, Village Clerk O'Grady and his family.

Commissioner Gerken appreciated everyone's patience while they all took their oaths. He thanked his wife, 3 sons, the Quinn's, Caroline Velez, Paige MacNeill. He thanked Commissioners Kohles, Poli and Mayor Fosdick and the other members of the C.R.G. team. He thanked the voters of Ridgefield Park for placing their confidence in them.

Commissioner Olson thanked his wife and son for their support. He thanked everyone who took the time to vote. He is honored and excited to be a commissioner and look forward to serve the Village.

Commissioner Portorreal congratulated the winning team and thanked Commissioners Kohles, Poli and Mayor Fosdick. She is excited to serve Ridgefield Park and keeping it a great place to live.

Mayor Anlian thanked his wife Bonnie, even though she is no longer with us. He forgot to thank his wife at an event 25 years ago and has never forgotten to thank her since. He thanked his running mates. He thanked Mayor Fosdick – great mayor, Mr. RP, wish you best in retirement, irreplaceable. He thanked Commissioner Poli – 16 years of service, hands on Commissioner, Ambulance Corps. He thanked Commissioner Kohles – great run, privilege to work with you. The #1 agenda was Ridgefield Park. He thanked Steve Quinn, Caroline Velez, Paige MacNeill and Michele DeLuca. He thanked his family, the endorsements of the former Commissioners. The Village has had great leadership the last 52 years.

Monday there will be a small Memorial Day service at the Monument on Euclid Ave. and Mt. Vernon Street at 11am. To honor Memorial Day – think of how wonderful life is because of the men and woman who sacrificed for our freedom.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Janet Malool, resident, stated even though she may not have won the election, she would still like to work with the Commissioners. She has ideas and have citizens that would like to get involved.

Marie Casazza, sibling of John Anlian, congratulated Mr. Mayor and wishes all the very best.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Portorreal to adjourn.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted "YEA".

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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/s/William G. Gerken
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson
Commissioner

/s/ Wanda C. Portorreal
Commissioner

/s/ Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on June 18, 2020

/s/ John H. Anlian
Mayor