

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Rustin and Council members Anthony Barzelatto, Barry Honig, Nadia LaMastra, Jon Warms, and Mark Zinna

ABSENT: Council member Martha Kerge

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chin
Borough Attorney William R. McClure

At 9:06 p.m. Mayor Rustin read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement: "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, chapter 231, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates for the year are listed in the Annual Agenda; copies are sent to the Record, Suburbanite, and Northern Valley News and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center. Notice of this meeting by Resolution #13-315 has been sent to the Record, the Suburbanite and Northern Valley News and has been posted on the public bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center."

2013 BID Budget

Public Comments on 2013 BID Budget

Johanna Gambrell – Ravine Road – complained of lack of personal interaction with businesses by the BID and the lack of self-evaluation.

C. LaMastra noted that when the BID conducted their presentation months ago, the initial amount of the assessment was \$59,000, which has since been reduced to \$48,000 as they have been able to carry over funds from previous year. The Board hired college students and interns to visit businesses to get contact information for the creation of a data base to communicate with businesses in a more effective manner. There is a business development subcommittee that has been meeting with businesses directly. Self-evaluation constantly happens at the BID meetings. The BID is not coming forward with the proposal for the banners until all questions are answered.

C. Barzelatto advised that he will be abstaining. He stated that since the beginning a lot of money was collected and a lot was spent with nothing to show for it. He wished the BID the best of luck, however noted that the BID needs to come back 6 months from now with visible and concrete results so Council can evaluate if the BID should proceed.

Mr. Porter, BID member, responded that Council has never set goals for the BID and was not sure that such criticism is fair. Mayor Rustin responded that Council was looking for the board to bring forth goals to sign off on and if Council were to make the goals then the community doesn't need the Board. C. Honig concurred with C. Barzelatto and Mayor Rustin and commented that the BID is charged with bringing goals to the Council. It would be productive to provide specific goals and specific time line because the BID will then fully own the process.

#R13-355 /Adoption of 2013 BID Budget and Confirmation of Assessment

Motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Warms that the #R13-355 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on #R13-355 was recorded as follows:

C. Barzelatto:	abstain	C. LaMastra:	aye
C. Honig:	aye	C. Warms:	aye
C. Kerge:	absent	C. Zinna:	aye

With a majority of members present voting in favor, #13-355 was approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Honig, second by C. LaMastra, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk