

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Rustin and Council members Anthony Barzelatto, Maxim Basch, Nadia LaMastra, Daniel Park, Jon Warms, and Mark Zinna

ABSENT: None.

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

At 8:57 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 Press and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center."

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Peter Rustin.

Motion by C. Zinna, second by C. LaMastra, and all other members voting in favor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the February 4, 2014 Work Session, February 8, 2014 Budget Meeting, February 11, 2014 Closed Session (not to be released), and February 11, 2014 Regular Meeting are approved.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

There were no revisions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Tremble – Tenafly- thanked the council for their discussion on 53 Knickerbocker Road. He stated that the act of designation does not affect property value; it sets up a process for review by the HPC. Mr. Tremble questioned if the resolution of 189 Serpentine Road had been approved by the HPC at the last meeting. Mayor Rustin stated that the property owner's attorney spoke with the HPC chairman, who noted there would not be an issue. A minor application was approved.

Mark Feldman – 133 Lylewood Drive– had a concern about the process of 53 Knickerbocker Road. He wants to wait and make sure that there is a definite plan for the property, not just the house. He stated that careful consideration needs to be taken to avoid court fees. A piece of that property could have been acquired with open space funds. What is done to the house affects the surrounding 7 acres. He referenced the master plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

#R14-94/Approve Expenditures as of February 19, 2014

#R14-95/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 70 Country Club Road

#R14-96/Award Contract – Envirocon, LLC – Municipal Building Chiller Replacement

#R14-97/Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department – Various

#R14-98/Authorize Reimbursement – Recreation Department – Fingerprinting Fee

#R14-99/Approve Driveway Area Improvements - 189 Serpentine Road

Motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Zinna that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

C. Barzelatto:	aye	C. Park:	aye
C. Basch:	aye	C. Warms:	aye
C. LaMastra:	aye	C. Zinna:	aye

All members present voting in favor, the Consent Agenda was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilman Park C. Park discussed the Green Team and Earth Day celebration April 26th.
- Councilman Warms C. Warms noted that the Green Team also discussed recertifying the Bronze Sustainable Jersey designation and will work towards Silver.
- Councilman Zinna Tenafly Cub Scouts Pine Derby was sponsored by Tenafly BMW.
The second meeting of drafting Referendum Committee is making progress. The third meeting is next Monday.
- Councilman Barzelatto C. Barzelatto evaluated the Lubavitch and Presbyterian Church as a suitable shelter. He will have the Red Cross inspect them and will provide further details.
- Mayor Rustin Tenafly became the 17th community designated as a healthy town.
- Councilwoman LaMastra The BID meeting met Monday, which was a goal setting meeting.
TVAC met on Monday to discuss a summer session to certify volunteers to be held at the borough, instead of sending people to Paramus. The session would be held on the weekends.
- Councilman Warms C. Warms is working with Julie at the Senior Center to achieve the same WIFI as the Borough Hall. He is working on the issue with the IT department.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Ordinances

C. Warms moved to introduce and pass on first reading Ordinance 14-04 on first reading and setting April 17, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Council Chambers of the Tenafly Municipal Center as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Seconded by C. LaMastra:

The Borough Clerk read the ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 14-04 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 35 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS" AND MORE PARTICULARLY: AMENDING SECTION 35-703 AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF SITE PLAN REVIEW AND APPROVAL

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

C. Barzelatto:	aye	C. Park:	aye
C. Basch:	aye	C. Warms:	aye
C. LaMastra:	aye	C. Zinna:	aye

C. Barzelatto – thanked the DPW for cleaning out the fire hydrants. He noted that not all residents have shoveled out the hydrants. Zone B1 and B2 are under an ordinance that requires them to be free of snow. C. Barzelatto is seeking to expand the ordinance to all zones.

C. LaMastra noted that it is difficult to clean out hydrants within 24 hours due to plowing. She stated the issue remained of having enough manpower.

C. Mayor Rustin added that the boy scouts could help those who are unable to clean out their fire hydrants. He stated sidewalks along with hydrants are listed under the property maintenance code for homeowners to take care of. Mr. McClure confirmed that the requirement is already in the code.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

The mayor of Alpine requested Mayor Rustin sign a letter to the President of LG regarding the Englewood Cliffs construction project. Although Mayor Rustin thought the letter was only going to be to LG, it appeared in The Record.

Council will resume the earlier recessed Closed Session in the Wilson Committee Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Park, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk