

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Rustin and Council members Anthony Barzelatto, Maxim Basch, Nadia LaMastra, Daniel Park (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), Jon Warms, and Mark Zinna

ABSENT: None

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

At 7:05 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 the February 26th Sunshine Notice has been sent to the Record, the Suburbanite and Northern Valley Press and has been posted on the public bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center"

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 14-101.

BE IT RESOLVED in compliance with NJSA 10:4-12, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Tenafly are going into Closed Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

- A. Collective Bargaining
 - 1. Contract Negotiations Update
- B. Personnel
 - 1. Police Department – Employee Status

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After Closed Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in the Council Chambers to resume the Regular Meeting.

On a motion from C. Zinna, seconded by C. LaMastra, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was recessed to the Closed Session in the Committee Room at 7:07 p.m.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:14 p.m.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the February 15, 2014 Budget Meeting, February 18, 2014 Budget Meeting, February 25, 2014 Closed Session (not to be released), February 25, 2014 Work Session, February 25, 2014 Regular Meeting, March 4, 2014 Work Session, and March 4, 2014 Closed Session (not to be released) are approved. - C. LaMastra abstained from the March 4th meeting.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

There were no revisions to the agenda.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

Joanne Gambrill – Ravine Road – inquired about the functions of the Green Team and how their members were selected.

C. Warms stated that the Green Team was originally an offshoot of the Environmental Commission. The Mayor appoints members. C. Warms emphasized that the Green Team’s function is to make the community aware of the effectiveness of conservation.

Mayor Rustin stated he appoints members who seek to be a member or interviews someone who is recommended to become a member of the Green Team.

C. Warms stated that the Green Team is sponsoring Earth Day on April 26th. He also noted that the Green Team is working on obtaining enough credits to achieve the silver level in the Sustainable Jersey.

C. Mayor Rustin added the Green Team acts as a liaison between the Borough, Environmental Commission, community and the school system.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- #R14-102/Approve Expenditures as of March 5, 2014
- #R14-103/Cancel Inactive Trust Accounts
- #R14-104/Confirm Green Team Members
- #R14-105/Authorize Refund 2014 Tax Court Judgment
- #R14-106/Authorize Refund 2013 County Tax Board Judgment
- #R14-107/Authorize 2013 Budget Line Item Transfers
- #R14-108/Authorize New Construction and Soil Moving Escrow Refund – 47 Homestead Road
- #R14-109/Approve Raffle Applications #1069 & #1071
- #R14-110/Endorse Bergen County HOME Investment Partnerships Application for Tenafly Special Needs Housing
- #R14-111/Award Solid Waste Collection Contract – Waste Industries, LLC
- #R14-112/Authorize Receipt of Bids - Tenafly Municipal Complex Security Camera Project
- #R14-113/Authorize Refund – 2013 Taxes – Carmody
- #R14-114/Amend 2014 Temporary Budget
- #R14-115/Approve 2013 Recycling Tonnage Grant Program Reporting Form
- #R14-116/Certify Submission of Expenditure for Taxes Paid in 2013 Pursuant to the Recycling Enhancement Act
- #R14-117/Authorize Refund – Duplicate Dog License – Shin
- #R14-118/Authorize Change Order – D’Arminio & Sons

Motion by C. Warms, second by C. Park 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:	abstain	C. Zinna:	aye

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilman Park The Green Team spoke to county organizations to bring tables for Earth Day. BCUA will be in attendance; however United Water could not make it. They are waiting on PSEG for a response.

- Councilman Zinna The Chamber of Commerce meeting was on March 5th. The first annual Friends of Library Fundraiser is to be held May 4th. The Clinton Inn is holding a networking party April 2nd. Referendum Committee met on March 3rd and their next meeting is March 18th. C. Zinna stated that they hope to have a draft question for the ballot by April 30th.

- Councilman Barzelatto The Tenafly Fire Department was active in funeral services for fallen Wallington Firefighter. He noted the Red Cross will be visiting the Lubavitch and Presbyterian Church next week, for use as a suitable shelter.

Mayor Rustin

Mayor Rustin stated he had the privilege of showing Congressman Pascrell the Nature Center earlier in the day. He noted that Congressman Pascrell is going to be an honoree during an upcoming dinner, hosted by the Nature Center.

Mayor Rustin will be traveling to Trenton tomorrow with a group of mayors for the annual Mayors Legislative Day.

Councilwoman LaMastra

Recreation Department started accepting registrations for the various spring programs on Monday and collected \$10,000 in registration fees so far.

C. LaMastra stated that the Recreation Board was unsure if the RFP's were solicited regarding Geissinger Field. The Borough Administrator noted that the Board of Education solicited bids which are currently under review.

Lacrosse has begun, but it is difficult to get coaches. C. LaMastra reported that the Recreation Director has reached out to the high school, but feels it may have to be kept in clinic type games instead of leagues. Mayor Rustin suggested reaching out to varsity coaches and asking them if they know anyone that could coach.

C. LaMastra also noted that they are fine tuning summer camp. The Safe at Home Tournament was also discussed. There are 20 teams with a waiting list.

C. LaMastra stated that the track at Geissinger Field may not be available due to the upcoming renovations. The hours of use may be scaled back. C. LaMastra stressed the importance of communicating the status of the track during the renovation process.

C. Warms reminded residents that Sunnyside also has a track that they could use instead.

C. LaMastra discussed the dates for the Bike Rodeo on April 5th and the Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th.

Mayor Rustin

Mayor Rustin observed boys shoveling a path to snowboard on the turf. He sought to put signs up to avoid damaging the turf on the Municipal field.

Councilman Warms

C. Warms discussed the Nature Center's dinner dance honoring Congressman Pascrell and noted that tickets are sold out, however sponsorships are still available and there is a waiting list.

C. Warms is working with Julie to provide WiFi in the Senior Center, which should be available within the next few days.

Councilman Basch

C. Basch attended HPC meeting to prepare for an upcoming presentation regarding 53 Knickerbocker Road. However, there has been no communication between the property owners and the HPC to date.

C. Basch stated he attended the Board of Adjustment meeting. The BOA will coordinate to have the zoning officer/construction official present at meetings. The BOA will be asking Council to consider an ordinance regarding handicap associated regulations to be allowed during the ownership of the property owner, but not for the life of the structure.

The Mayor sought a volunteer for the April Board of Adjustment meeting. C. LaMastra agreed to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Rustin referenced a memo from Chief Chamberlain regarding the parking situation on North Summit Street. The Chief recommended a 2 hour limited parking regulation from

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Council authorized an ordinance to be introduced at the next meeting. Temporary no parking signs, will be put up Wednesday due to Thursday's snow forecast. C. Basch recommended that residents be able to use their recycling center stickers as an alternative to park on the street by creating residential parking. Mayor Rustin requested the Administrator get the Police Chief's recommendation for the next Work Session.

C. Basch referenced an email from a resident who has an issue with their neighbor's generator. Mr. McClure advised that noise ordinances do not pertain to emergencies. However, Mr. McClure noted, since generators are only used during emergencies, it should not be an issue.

The Mayor stated if the neighbor feels it is too loud, they should call the police. The Borough does not have the authority to go on private property to test the generator.

C. Barzelatto discussed the Tenakill Brook cleanup process. The Mayor reached out to the DEP regarding the matter, but was advised it must be cleaned out by hand; machines were not suitable for this type of cleanup.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No one came forward.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rustin offered Mr. McClure his condolences on the passing of his mother-in-law. He also noted the passing of former Mayor Moscovitz's companion as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Warms, second by C. LaMastra, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk