

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Anthony Barzelatto

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

At 8:47 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. Warms, second by C. Park, and all other members voting in favor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the April 8, 2014 Work Session and April 17, 2014 Regular Meeting are approved.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:
None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Morrison - 8 Moller Street – grew concerned after reading in the paper about public employee contracts, especially with regards to the police salary increases. Mr. Morrison feels the raises are lacking compared to other town's police departments. He stated he was fearful that Tenafly would lose out on top-quality candidates due to higher wages elsewhere. The Mayor addressed his concern and stated that while the current increases are capped at a 2 percent cap, the police department receives more benefits compared to other towns. Mayor Rustin also stated Tenafly has been able to attain top graduates from the academy on multiple occasions. The Administrator stated that there are also scheduling differences between when borough employees get raises versus when the police department get their raises. She further noted all borough employees received a zero percent raise for two years; however the police received 3.75% increase during that time. Mr. Morrison stated he feels no employee should have wage freezes with increasing health costs. C. Basch noted that the police department salary negotiations were halted when they wanted to go into arbitration. He further stated, upon factoring in seniority, a 2 percent wage increase was the maximum allotted due to the CAP. C. Zinna added there are 70 municipalities in Bergen County and Tenafly's police department's salary is within the top 10%.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2014 Local Municipal Budget

#R14-164/Read Budget by Title Only

C. Warms moved to adopt **#R14-164/** Read Budget by Title Only. Seconded by C. Mark:

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

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

#R14-165/Amend 2014 Local Municipal Budget

C. Warms moved to adopt **#R14-165/Amend 2014 Local Municipal Budget**. Seconded by C. LaMastra:

Public Comments on Amendment of Local Municipal Budget

No one came forward.

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

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

#R14-166/Adopt 2014 Local Municipal Budget

C. Warms moved to adopt **#R14-166/Adopt 2014 Local Municipal Budget**. Seconded by C. Zinna:

Public Comments on Adoption of 2014 Local Municipal Budget

No one came forward.

Mayor Rustin thanked Mr. Gene Vinci, his department and all the department supervisors for their work in helping to maintain the budget. He also thanked the borough auditor, Paul Lerch for his work on the budget.

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

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

B. Ordinance #14-08

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on April 8, 2014, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-08 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,918,122 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED AS A BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,809,391 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Public Comments on Ordinance 14-08

No one came forward.

Motion by C. Warms, second by C. LaMastra that Ordinance 14-08 be passed on second and final reading and are hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (continued)

Mark Feldman – 133 Lylewood Drive – urged the council to pass a resolution as soon as possible now that there has been an agreement of wording between the Referendum Committee and the Council. Mayor Rustin advised Mr. Feldman it will be made public as

soon as it passes. He stated there will be a press release and it will be available on the website as well as in the October newsletter.

Mr. Feldman praised Mr. Morrison for his comments on the police department negotiations. He noted that contract negotiations had not been made public for over a year and a half. He stated although the borough needs to abide by the law from disclosing negotiations, he would like to have a press release on borough employee positions and their contract negotiations.

Mr. Feldman also discussed the DPW building's cost. He stated that while he does not disagree with the need for a new building, he has heard talks about the cost rising from 1 million to 1.8 million and would like the price justified.

Ernest Kollitides – 164 E. Clinton Avenue –would like the preexisting ordinance for noise to include a stricter policy on generator noise levels. He stated that product manufacturers misrepresent the public on their generator's noise level. Mr. Kollitides stated the high noise level could cause health problems. He would like to hold the ordinance noise level for the day at 55 decibels and 50 at night.

Olga Barbera – 25 Chestnut Street – does not believe that temporary parking is an appropriate solution on Chestnut Street. She would like no parking enforced on the street. Ms. Barbera noted that customers and business employees do not use their assigned parking spaces. She submitted photos of the parking situation on the street. Ms. Barbera believes the new soccer field will make the parking matter worse. She stated that 15 people have signed a petition in favor of no street parking on Chestnut Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

#R14-158/Approve Expenditures as of April 23, 2014

#R14-159/Award Professional Services Contract - Lerch, Vinci, & Higgins, LLP – Review of 2013 Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

#R14-160/Authorize Street Opening Refund – Street Opening Bond – Lubavitch on the Palisades

#R14-161/Approve Raffle Application RA1085

#R14-162/Recognize Municipal Clerks Week – May 4-10, 2014

#R14-163/Authorize Additional Engineering Services – Municipal Complex Security Cameras Project

Motion by C. Zinna, 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:	absent	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 Warms

The Earth Day Celebration took place on April 26 at the Tenafly Crescent. The event was an enormous success. Carole Hodges, Dave Cavilla and Bruce Baker were recognized at the celebration. The DPW and Friends of the Library attended the event.

Councilwoman LaMastra

The BID met earlier this month. They discussed their concern of the traffic pattern plan. She stated the BID feels that the new traffic pattern would negatively impact businesses. C. LaMastra advised the BID that the traffic pattern would be temporary in an effort to see if it would be a positive change. The BID is also working with Bob Culvert to plant trees at specific locations.

Recreation held their semiannual bike rodeo and had 75 children participate. Lacrosse had 57 children join, however it is a drop from last year's 90 participants. The decrease in involvement is due to the clinic setting versus game playing of last year. Mayor Rustin suggested having someone speak with the coach of Dwight Englewood to see if he can assist in getting a coach.

Safe @ Home, which is a girls' softball league, will have their tournament May 16th-19th.

The Easter Egg Hunt was well attended.

The Snack Shack met with the Fire Inspector, Alden Blackwell, to figure out cost estimates to have cooking appliances installed.

Bikes in Need helps donate bikes that were found and unclaimed to those in need.

Geissinger Field's terms of usage was raised and will be further discussed.

TVAC will hold their annual volunteer recognition awards dinner on June 21. There will be community events held, however there needs to be enough staff available to run the events. C. LaMastra noted that May 12-18th is safety week. During safety week TVAC will perform demonstrations for children at the Temple Sinai.

Mayor Rustin

The Mayor noted that there will be two upcoming concerts. The Tenafly High School Orchestra & Philharmonic concert will be held on May 9th at the Huyler Park. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the Tenafly High School auditorium. On May 16th the band and chorus concert will be held at Huyler Park.

Councilman Zinna

C. Zinna followed-up to see whether there had been a definite answer regarding the Youth Services date changes. The matter will be discussed with the Youth Services Director at the May 6th Work Session.

Councilman Park

Municipal Alliance Committee will hold their 'What's Up With Youth, Drugs & Alcohol' event May 15th to help educate parents about the different drug patterns and alcohol trends.

The Earth Day celebration was held on April 26th. The celebration helped raise awareness to the benefits of recycling. The event also gave instructions for electronics and prescription drug drop-off.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

The Mayor stated that many residents desire to have a dog park within the town; however he noted that an appropriate location needs to be sought without interference. Mayor Rustin added that he is confident the park can be completed for little or no cost.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Warms, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk