

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Rustin, and Councilmembers 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 8:01 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. "

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 May 27, 2014 Work Session and May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting are approved.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

Mr. McClure advised that #R14-217 is being removed from Consent Agenda and will be added to New Business.

He further noted that a discussion under attorney-client privilege regarding 311 Tenafly Road will be added to the Closed Session.

Mayor Rustin advised that since Freeholders Tedesco and Voss were in the audience, #R14-217 will now be considered.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Warms, that # R14-217/Designate Borough be adopted of Tenafly as a Stigma – Free Zone.

C Park read into the record:

WHEREAS, the disease of mental illness affects one in four people in the United States and the experience can be devastating for individuals and families with little knowledge of, or access to, mental health services; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of the disease of mental illness is an effective way to reduce the stigma of mental health conditions and encourage those who are affected to seek services; and

WHEREAS, with proper treatment of, and services to, people with mental illness can lead productive, fulfilling lives that can enrich our society, and

WHEREAS, the Stigma-Free Zone is designed to spark public interest, raise awareness of mental illness, decrease the stigma and encourage those who need care to seek treatment and feel supported within the Stigma-Free Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Department of Health Services' Division of Mental Health provides services to promote wellness, awareness of mental illness, and decrease stigma.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Borough of Tenafly is hereby designated as a Stigma-Free Zone to create an environment in which residents will feel free to identify themselves as having this disease, to seek treatment

without fear of being stigmatized, and to encourage those in need to reach out to the Bergen County Department of Health Services' Division of Mental Health for assistance.

On a roll call, the vote on #R14-217 was recorded as follows:

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

Jim Tedesco - Bergen County Freeholder - thanked the Mayor and Council for adopting #R14-217. He noted that Paramus was the first in Bergen County and second in New Jersey to establish a stigma-free zone. Mr. Tedesco stated that Stigma Free helps to raise awareness of mental illnesses, as well as helps support those living with an illness. He noted that those with mental illness can live a very productive life within society. Mr. Tedesco also thanked the Mayor and Council for becoming early members of the coalition.

Joan Voss - Bergen County Freeholder - noted that many individuals have mental conditions; however, she stated that the goal of Stigma Free is to understand the condition. She stated that the illness does not always appear physical, but rather a mental disorder that can be treated. Ms. Voss explained that she would like all 70 towns in Bergen County to become Stigma Free. Mayor Rustin suggested that Stigma Free be incorporated into the Mayor's Wellness Campaign.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

Joanne Gambrill - Ravine Road - voiced her concern over the condition of the swim club parking lot. She noted that the BOE uses the lot more than 50% of the time for student and event parking throughout the school year. Ms. Gambrill explained that the swim clubs are primarily in use July and August. She stated the clubs do not have enough funds to fix the parking lot. She inquired if there was an updated lease. Ms. Gambrill further questioned as to who plowed the club lots. She stated large chunks of macadam were left as a result of winter plowing, which she noted, children throw into the lot. Ms. Gambrill noted that she would like those that plowed the lot to repair the lot. She stated that the lot was in disrepair and a hazard for children.

CONSENT AGENDA:

#R14-196/Approve Expenditures as of June 12, 2014

#R14-197/Execute Agreement with County of Bergen - 2014-2016 Snow Plowing Program

#R14-198/Authorize Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption, Plenary Retail Distribution, and Club Liquor Licenses - 2014-2015 Term

#R14-199/Authorize Refunds - Recreation Department - Various

#R14-200/Authorize Refunds - Recreation Department - Fingerprint Fees

#R14-201/Approve Outdoor Seating Applications - Various

#R14-202/Authorize Cancellation of Checks - Tenafly Municipal Court Bail Account

#R14-203/Appoint Representatives to the Community Development Regional Committee

#R14-204/Appoint Representatives to the Open Space Trust Municipal Program Regional Committee

#R14-205/Authorize Renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution License Pursuant to Special Ruling - Amin Vandana J - 0261-44-014-005

#R14-206/Close Inactive Trust Accounts

#R14-207/Authorize Escrow Refund - 22 Somerset Road

#R14-208/Confirm Deposit of Online Payments - Animal Control Trust

#R14-209/Endorse BCCD Home Grant - United Way of Bergen County

#R14-210/Authorize Refund - Davis-Johnson Park Trust - Fetkowitz

#R14-211/Authorize Refund - Garden Room Security Deposit Account - Lichtenstein

#R14-212/Award Contract - Professional Architectural Services - Renovation of the Tenafly Department of Public Works - Arcari & Iovino Architects, P.C

#R14-213/Authorize Additional Engineering Services - Construction of the Tenafly Department of Public Works

#R14-214/Approve Cancellation of 2013 Taxes - 311 Tenafly Road

#R14-215/Authorize Additional Engineering Services - 2014 Micro-Surfacing Road Improvement Program

#R14-216/Authorize Execution of Agreement - APFC PREP Training at the Tenafly Police Department Headquarters

#R14-217/~~Designate Borough of Tenafly as a Stigma Free Zone~~ *moved to New Business*

#R14-218/Accept Bid Specifications - 5 South Summit Street

Motion by C. Park, second by C. Warms, that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

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

C. Barzelatto:	aye	C. Park:	aye
C. Basch:	aye (abstain #R14-196)	C. Warms:	aye
C. LaMastra:	aye	C. Zinna:	aye

C. Basch abstained from the bill list due to a conflict of interest as a Verizon employee.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES 14-13, 14-14, and 14-15

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinances published herewith were first read by title only on May 27, 2014, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-13 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", AND MORE PARTICULARLY AMENDING SUBSECTION B, ENTITLED "PROPERTIES" IN SECTION 7-40.1, ENTITLED "REGULATION FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY".

ORDINANCE NO. 14-14 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE, OR COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVILIAN DISPATCHERS, AND PART TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2014, 2015 & 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-15 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE, OR COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN SUPERVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY REPRESENTED BY OPEIU LOCAL 32, FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2014, 2015 AND 2016.

Public Comments on Ordinances 14-13, 14-14, and 14-15

No one came forward

Motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Warms that Ordinances 14-13, 14-14, and 14-15 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:	aye	C. Park:	aye
C. Basch:	aye (nay on 14-14 and 14-15)	C. Warms:	aye
C. LaMastra:	aye	C. Zinna:	aye

C. Basch stated that he objected to Ord. 14-14 and 14-15 due to the increases being above the 2% cap.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Barzelatto

On Friday a table top was held with the Board of Education. In attendance were the principals and vice principals, superintendents, the Police Department, Administrator, DPW, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Mayor. C. Barzelatto noted that it was a very well received event. He stated the session will be conducted every 6 months. Mayor Rustin thanked C. Barzelatto for the informative session.

Mayor Rustin

Senator Weinberg held a forum last Wednesday to discuss commuter bus issues. He commented that commuters complained about schedule cutbacks and thus causing

traffic increases. Mayor Rustin further explained that complaints also referenced that bus terminals are overcrowded and poorly maintained.

Mayor Rustin noted that he attended a meeting at the county with Julie from the Senior Center to discuss senior and disabled transportation services. He stated that the county is working diligently to upgrade transportation services. The Mayor noted that County Executive Kathy Donovan revealed that the real shortfall is obtaining funds to get the vehicles. Mayor Rustin advised that he has reached out to mayors of surrounding towns in an effort to share transportation services and cut costs, however he has not received a response back. Mayor Rustin reported that the county is in the process of establishing a call center.

Councilwoman LaMastra

Senior Services Committee expressed that they do not want the facility to move from the center of town. She further noted that the individuals do not want to rely on friends or neighbors, but rather public transportation.

Councilman Basch

He stated that the HPC was contacted by the owner of a historic home who would like to paint the garage doors and trim, however it is currently under review for color application.

C. Basch advised that David Wall has done research on the Malcolm Mackay, who he proclaims lived in the adjacent house until the construction on the main house at 53 Knickerbocker Road was completed. He advised that HPC Chairman, David Wall, also gives tours of the historic homes in the Borough.

C. Basch stated that a home located in the historic district on Huyler Avenue, is in foreclosure. He noted the property is in disrepair. C. Basch inquired whether tax abatement would be feasible for the new home owner to repair the property.

C. Basch would like to discuss the COAH regulations in an effort to see if the historic properties meet the current regulations.

OLD BUSINESS:

C. Barzelatto requested an update on shelters and generators at the next Work Session.

C. Barzelatto recommended renaming the Crescent as Nicolas Oresko Way. Mr. McClure noted that it is not a road. He stated it would have to be segregated off of the municipal lot to be designated as a roadway. Mayor Rustin recommended naming the park, Nicholas Oresko Park. He stated that it is a good idea and Mr. Oresko deserves it. Mayor Rustin suggested HPC work on the design of the sign.

The Administrator noted that Froggy Park will be reopening. Mayor Rustin stated as a result of the uprooting of dead trees, it has left a large bare spot. He noted that the DPW Director, Mr. Culvert, has stated that there are 14 dead trees in Roosevelt Commons and Griffin Park which need to be taken down, however it will not create bare spots. The Mayor stated that 7 residents will work with Mr. Culvert on a tree planting campaign. He noted that the trees will be planted by professionals. C. Park suggested checking to see if there is state funding for the project.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No one came forward.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rustin stated that there was a miscommunication that was transcribed on the May 13th minutes. He noted that the statement, out of town residents pay fees to the Nature Center, is incorrect. The Mayor further added that there are a significant number of non-residents who are members. The Nature Center is free to all visitors, however only members pay dues.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 14-219.

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. Salary & Wage Forecast
 - 2. Shift Schedule

- B. Attorney-Client Privilege
 - 1. 53 Knickerbocker Road
 - 2. Swim Club Leases - Parking Lot Maintenance
 - 3. 311 Tenafly Road – Agreement with HMFA & BC UW/Madeline Corp.

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 Richard D. Wilson Committee Room to adjourn this public meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from C. Warms, seconded by C. LaMastra, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Committee Room at 8:44p.m.

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 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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