

# Borough of Tenafly

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### MINUTES

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 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 8:21p.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.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA: None

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the September 23, 2014 Regular Meeting are approved.

PROCLAMATION - Raoul Wallenberg Day

Mayor Rustin presented the following proclamation to representatives of the Raoul Wallenberg Foundation:

*Whereas, in January 1944, at the request of the United States War Refugee Board, the government of Sweden sent Raoul Wallenberg as its representative to Hungary to organize rescue operations for the Hungarian Jewish Community; and*

*Whereas, between July and December 1944, with extraordinary courage and skill, Raoul Wallenberg managed to save the lives of some 100,000 men, women, and children; and*

*Whereas, Raoul Wallenberg risked his own life countless times during this extraordinary humanitarian effort, literally dragging Jews from trains bound for gas chambers, bringing food, and blankets to those on death marches, creating Swedish Safe Houses, and unflinchingly challenging Nazi authorities; and*

*Whereas, Raoul Wallenberg was taken into Soviet "protective custody" on January 13, 1945, in violation of his diplomatic immunity and international law; and*

*Whereas, Soviet officials originally denied having custody of Wallenberg, but subsequently stated that a prisoner named "Wallenberg" died in a Soviet prison on July 17, 1947; and  
Whereas, on October 5, 1981, Raoul Wallenberg became the 2nd person in history to be awarded Honorary US Citizenship (the 1st being Winston Churchill); and*

*Whereas, this year marks the 64th anniversary of Raoul Wallenberg's capture and disappearance; and*

*Whereas, Raoul Wallenberg is recognized as the pre-eminent example and inspiration for all who fight for justice.*

*Now, Therefore, I, Peter S. Rustin, Mayor of the Borough of Tenafly, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2014 as RAOUL WALLENBERG DAY in Tenafly in honor of this exceptional man, whose life is an inspiration for understanding of our common humanity and exemplifies the best of the human spirit.*

C. Basch stated that he made it his mission to find the family that took his mother in. He noted that he was able to meet the third generation in New York. He emphasized that it would not have been possible without Mr. Wallenberg.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Robbins – Sunset Lane – voiced his concern regarding the noise level at Geissinger Field. He noted that on September 22<sup>nd</sup> he observed levels at 94dbs. He added the following day the levels were also above 90dbs. He added that he would like to have a professional engineer take readings of the noise level. He also suggested a barrier to abate the noise and reflect glare from the field. Mayor Rustin questioned Mr. Robbins on how he took the measurements. Mr. Robbins stated that he took the measurements from a digital reader; however he added that it was not a calibrated meter.

Mel Lubins – 33 Stonybrook Road – does not believe there is a need for another roll-off container. He questioned whether the Borough has researched the cost of plastic that is recycled. C. Basch stated that the best quotes for the town had been selected. Mr. Lubins added that one machine would be able to shred tons of waste. Mayor Rustin stated that if he has a suggestion to discuss it with the professionals, who will consider if it is a good idea or not.

Mr. Lubins questioned how the council could make a judgment in the Borough Engineer's August 8<sup>th</sup> letter when they were not present. He further added that he would like to have a master appointed. He noted that the Planning Board has approved projects that are over constructed and have insufficient parking.

Sam Bruno – 69 Ivy Lane – stated that he is speaking as a private citizen. He noted that a member of the council asked him if the music level was ok. Mr. Bruno stated that he was very respectful, but did not answer the question. He added that he believed the music level was ok then and now. He stated that prior to his arrival at Geissinger Field, he stated that he was told by the athletic supervisor that the volume was acceptable and had no issues. He stated that he does not hold any degree of authority there and would like for that to not happen again. He added that it's about the kids and the town of Tenafly.

Mark Feldman – 133 Lylewood Drive – voiced his concern with the cost of \$175,000 for the soccer cage lighting. He stated that this project illustrates the situation with the Nature Center. He added what starts as a freebee, turns into something that costs taxpayers money. He also questioned why recreational enhancements fall into the Bergen County Open Space Fund. He added that it is odd that money was diverted from Open Space to fund Geissinger Field. He further added that there is a growing frustration that the funds are not being used for Open Space. Mr. Feldman also stated that he would hate to find out that trees were taken down on donated land. Mr. Feldman also noted that there are signs from the Tenafly Youth Basketball Association on public and private property. He added that he hopes the Code Enforcer recognizes that the signs are there.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**#R14-317/Award Contract – Installation of Sports Field Lighting – Tenafly Road Soccer Cage Project**

**#R14-318/Authorize Professional Engineering Services – Emergency Repairs to Culverts**

**#R14-319/Approve Refund – Youth Services Teen Summer Camp – Castaldo**

**#R14-320/Authorize Execution of Grant Agreement - 2014 Community Development Block Grant Funds – Senior Center Improvements**

**#R14-321/Award Contract - Roll Off Container Truck for the Tenafly Department of Public Works**

**#R14-322/Authorize Refunds – Overpayment of Taxes – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2014**

**#R14-323/Authorize Refunds – Overpayment of Taxes – Corelogic**

**#R14-324/Approve Outdoor Seating Permit – Cactus Sushi**

**#R14-325/Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Zhang & Tang**

**#R14-326/Approve Raffle Application – RA 1092**

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 (nay #R14-317)	C. Warms:	aye
C. LaMastra:	aye	C. Zinna:	aye

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Rustin

Mayor Rustin stated that Martha Kerge, who is his representative on the Library Board, noted that there has been an excellent turn out for summer events including arts, concerts, reading groups and poetry circle. The Mayor stated that upgrades have been planned for the library circulation desk. Friends of the Library, he added, are busy planning activities. He noted that there are five musical concerts Sunday afternoons that are being extended to December.

C. Warms also added that there had been an addendum to the report on Friends of the Library. He stated that there is a performance this Sunday at 2:00p.m., which will include works from Beethoven and other classical masters.

Councilwoman LaMastra

A seminar will be held featuring Rex Wolf, a psychologist from Long Island and Harvard University, at the Tenaflly Middle School on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. She stated the seminar will focus on coaching and how youth sports are progressing.

C. LaMastra noted that the PE teacher from the high school will be running the fall and winter clinics for Recreation's Lacrosse Program. She added that the lacrosse program will merge with the Junior Norsemen Program from Demarest. Practice will be held in Tenaflly, however, registration will be held in Demarest.

Councilman Warms

C. Warms reported that the state has issued an information bulletin on the Enterovirus D68. He added that it primarily affects younger children. Flu vaccines will not help with this virus. He stated that frequent hand washing will help avoid the spread of the virus.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

The Mayor stated that the Council as a whole share in the frustration of not spending more money on open space, however Mayor Rustin noted that there are no properties available for Open Space land acquisition. He added that there are opportunities to fund items for recreation purposes.

Mayor Rustin noted that the soccer cage was never presented as a cost free project. He stated that one of the terms for the soccer cage was that the Borough pays for the lighting.

The Mayor noted that if land on Esmond Place is turned over to the resident, it could cost approximately \$10,000.00 a day to rent a crane sufficient enough to maintain the property.

Mayor Rustin addressed Mr. Bruno and added that he was the individual Mr. Bruno was referring to. He noted that he only had intentions of asking that the paver sidewalk be announced. He noted that in his opinion, the music was excessively loud. He stated he did not realize Mr. Bruno controlled the music. He added that he did not ask to have the music turned off.

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 9:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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