

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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 7:07 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 January 31st 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 14-76.

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. Attorney-Client Privilege
 - 1. Potential Redevelopment – 20 South Summit Street

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. LaMastra, seconded by C. Zinna, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was recessed to the Closed Session in the Committee Room at 7:08 p.m.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the January 28, 2014 Work Session, January 28, 2014 Regular Meeting, and the February 4, 2014 Closed Session (not to be released) are approved.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

There were no revisions to the agenda.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

No one came forward.

CONSENT AGENDA:

#R14-77/Approve Expenditures as of February 5, 2014

#R14-78/Amend 2014 Meeting and Holiday Schedule

#R14-79/Authorize Refund – Escrow Account PB#1-13-15

#R14-80/Authorize Refund – Escrow Account PB#1-13-14

#R14-81/Authorize Refunds – 2013 County Tax Board Judgment – Various

#R14-82/Authorize 2013 Appropriation Reserve Line Item Transfers

#R14-83/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 47 Homestead Road

#R14-84/Authorize New Construction and Soil Moving Escrow Refund – 36 Oak Street

#R14-85/Approve LOSAP Certification List – Tenafly Fire Department

#R14-86/Authorize Refunds – 2013 Tax Court Judgment – Various

#R14-87/Urge the State Legislature to Permanently Extend the Interest Arbitration Law

#R14-88/Award Contract - Arcari & Iovino Architects, P.C. - Professional Architectural Services for the Renovation of the Tenaflly Department of Public Works

#R14-89/Authorize Additional Engineering Services – Tenaflly Road Section 3 Roadway Improvement Project

#R14-90/Support No Passing Zone on Route 9W

#R14-91/Amend 2014 Meeting Schedule – February 25, 2014

#R14-92/Approve Contract with International Fireworks Mfg. Co. – 7/3/14 Fireworks Display

Motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Warms 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 Basch

C. Basch reported that the Historic Preservation Commission is very dedicated to the historic designation of 53 Knickerbocker Road. The HPC plans on a campaign to prove that it is worth designating the property as historic. The Committee knows the designation would be costly because the property owners are against the designation. The reasoning for the designation is due to the historical significance of the property and to fight overdevelopment.

Mayor Rustin commented that the governing body has never had to approve a historic designation that the property owner did not want to have. Every property that has been declared as historic has been initiated by the property owner.

Councilwoman LaMastra

C. LaMastra reported that the Welcome Committee is conducting its maple sugaring event on March 23rd with the Nature Center. A free first year membership to the Nature Center is in the Welcome Book. In January 2014, there were 26 new families in Tenaflly. Of those 26, 11 came to pick up Welcome Books.

The Recreation Department is sending out literature for summer camp. The Safe at Home tournament will be held from May 16th to the 18th. The Key Club will run concession stand during the tournament and donate the proceeds to charity. The Department donated numerous bicycles to the community and the balance will be delivered to Good Goes Around, which fixes and donates bicycles. Sam Bruno is the new liaison from Board of Education to the Recreation Board. A concussion seminar will be held on February 26th. The Recreation Board is trying to get Rick Wolf to speak at an event in April regarding parenting children who play sports. There were 180 attendees at the father-daughter dance. The next cookoff will be held on June 8th as a BBQ event. The Recreation Department is the scope of events for the community. C. LaMastra advised she will speak with DPW

Director Culvert and Chief Chamberlain regarding skating on the pond. The Recreation Department is reviewing with Fire Official Blackwell the required ventilation equipment in order to have cooking apparatus at the snack shack.

Mayor Rustin noted that it was time for the hearing on the ordinance and that Committee Reports portion of the meeting will continue at after the conclusion of the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE 14-03:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on January 28, 2014, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-03 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, SECTION 2-45.5 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY

Public Comments on Ordinance 14-03

Johanne Gambrell – Ravine Road – commented that she could not find the ordinance and what it meant.

The Borough Administrator explained that the purpose of the ordinance is to insert the corresponding state statute into the existing code.

Motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Zinna that Ordinance 14-03 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	C. Warms:	aye
C. LaMastra:	aye	C. Zinna:	aye

Committee Reports Continued

Mayor Rustin

The Library Director will attend the Saturday budget meeting and will meet with other library directors to discuss their Friends of the Library organizations. The Library Board is reviewing its mission statement. The first music event will be held on March 9th.

Councilman Zinna

C. Zinna advised that last night the first meeting regarding drafting language for the referendum was held. The group will meet every Monday night and he hopes to that the committee will be able provide a draft to Council by April 30th. The meeting was very productive and after much discussion it was determined that there will be no voting. Only a unanimous statement would be delivered to the governing body.

OLD BUSINESS:

C. Barzelatto noted that the Tenakill Brook is in need of massive cleaning. He expressed concern that the water level may encroach into the high school when all the snow melts. Mayor Rustin recommended that cleaning the brook may be a project from the Green Team as well as the Boy Scouts, Key Club, and environmental school clubs. C. Park noted that he will bring the issue to the Bergen County Environmental Commission for review.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No one came forward

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rustin commented that fact DPW has gone well beyond call of duty with snow storms and have done a remarkable job with the streets. He noted that there are a lot of issues with the amount of snow we have had. The concept about moving snow into the street in the business districts will not move forward, but DPW Director Culvert will speak at the rescheduled Chamber of Commerce meeting in the Clinton Inn and one of the topics will include snow removal. Mayor Rustin advised that the DPW works with the Code Enforcement Official who reminds property owners about shoveling. He encouraged residents to contact Borough Hall if they witness such a violation. He thanked the Boy Scouts who have helped seniors by shoveling their sidewalks. C. LaMastra highlighted that other municipalities would list numbers of students with parental consent who would volunteer to shovel. Mayor Rustin requested that information about signing up for such a program be included in the October newsletter. C. Barzelatto requested that information also be included in newsletter that fire hydrants need to be cleared after a snowstorm.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Basch , and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk