

# Borough of Tenafly

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### MINUTES

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015**

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Rustin, and Councilmembers Anthony Barzelatto, Maxim Basch, Nadia LaMastra, Daniel Park, Paul Stefanowicz, and Mark Zinna

ABSENT: None.

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

At 7:52 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. LaMastra, second by C. Park, and all other members voting in favor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 2014 Recess Meeting and 2015 Reorganization Meeting are approved.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:  
None.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:  
No one came forward.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

**#R15-44**/Approve Expenditures as of January 7, 2015

**#R15-45**/Approve Contract – WorkPlace Connection of Valley Health Medical

**#R15-46**/Authorize Refund – Zoning Board Escrow – Saga Electronics

**#R15-47**/Authorize Refund – Tree Mitigation Escrow – 15 Stonybrook Road – Proline Builders

**#R15-48**/Amend 2015 Meeting Schedule - Add Municipal Budget Hearing Meetings

**#R15-49**/Authorize Refund – Tree Mitigation Escrow – 8 Park Street

**#15-50**/Authorize Refund – Tree Mitigation Escrow – 15 Stonybrook Road – Yilmaz

**#15-51**/Approve Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of Tenafly

Motion by C. Park, second by C. LaMastra, 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	C. Stefanowicz:	aye
C. LaMastra:	aye	C. Zinna:	aye

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Stefanowicz

Board of Adjustment reappointed Jeff Grossman as Chair. Paul Brenselber was appointed as Vice Chair as well as Mitchell Lieberman. The HPC appointed Dave Hall as Chair. C. Stefanowicz stated that HPC member, Don Merino has decided to retire after 20 years of service on the committee. He added that there is a vacancy on the committee that should be filled with someone that has an architectural or design background. He noted that they are moving forward with the sign for Sgt. Oresko. A presentation on the sign will be made on February 3rd.

Councilwoman LaMastra

The Recreation Board had their Reorganization meeting. They appointed Rob Silber as Chair. She added that the Tenafly Youth Basketball will donate new back boards. The Wrestling Program has started and currently has 33 children register. The boys high school basketball team has 50 students signed up. C. LaMastra noted that 123 children registered for Summer Camp on Monday. Summer Camp registration for non-residents will begin on February 9th. Safe At Home will take place on May 15-17th. The Self-Defense class was well attended and well received. She noted that the football helmets are out for reconditioning. The Father/Daughter dance will take place February 5th. The egg hunt is scheduled for April 4th.

Mayor Rustin

He attended a Mayor's meeting held by Senator Weinberg and Senator Sweeney in the 37th District. The meeting focused on key issues including northern communities seeking light rail, Hackensack seeking transit village designation, the Englewood Cliffs LG issue, the Port Authority and companies leaving New Jersey. COAH was also discussed at the meeting.

He added that the Library Board met and Pat Rouse was appointed President, Kathy Cook as Vice President and Soon Juhng as Secretary/Treasurer. The Library's front lobby renovation is almost complete. E-books were discussed at the meeting.

The Mayor read into the record a proclamation recognizing Cooktique for their years of service to the community.

A meeting was held at the Old Tappan Fire House to discuss emergency preparation measures regarding Bakken Oil tankers. Emergency personnel and elected officials were present for the meeting. Mayor Rustin added that regulations of trains are not a local issue. He noted that a lot of pressure will be placed on Washington DC.

Councilman Barzelatto

He stated that he has vested interest on the oil tanker issue. He added that if anything should happen the western portion of Tenafly would need to be evacuated.

The Tenafly Fire Department sang Christmas carols to the Franciscan Nuns, which is a 60 year old holiday tradition.

Councilman Park

The Chemical Awareness Program had their meeting. The County Prosecutor brought two detectives to discuss the heroin epidemic.

He stated that Bergenfield may apply for a senior bus grant to allow for a shared senior bus service.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

##### Tenafly High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team Proclamation

Mayor Rustin stated that soccer is the most popular sport. He added that Tenafly has always been recognized for their strong soccer program. Mayor Rustin read a proclamation into the record recognizing the 2014 Tenafly High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team. The proclamation acknowledged their championship and recognized their status as the 8th best public high school team. He commend team members George Avrassoglou, team captain and a member of the All-Bergen 1st team, Guy Zeplovitch, 1st team All-Bergen, Jacob Cicero, 2nd team All-Bergen, Natan Vidra 3rd team All-Bergen, Jeffrey Choonoo, Honorable Mention All-Bergen, Noah Rosenberg, Matt Nestler, Dylan Greenberg, Brian Guevara, Kiren Kapadia, Brandon Osian, Elan Wilkenfeld, Nik Kostaras, Zack Glass, Matt Weiss, Jae Soon Jung, Ofek Nahar, Andrew Hwang, Sammy Pan, George Avrassoglou, Jordan Yurica, Seth

Shachar, Spencer Breindel, and Tim Nehila. The Mayor also commended the team's managers, Greg Nestler, Tyler Reich and Kevin Nguyen as well as the coaching staff's Head Coach Peter Curko, Varsity Assistant Coach Steve Rezo, Junior Varsity Coach, Matt Mirabito, and Freshman Coach, Matt Kougasian. He praised the team and the coaches for playing the game the correct way and showing sportsmanship. The Mayor hopes the seniors cherished the season and will further their soccer career. He also thanked the parents for their continued support.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

C. Basch stated that the swim clubs should be discussed before the Joint Use Committee meets.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

C. LaMastra would like the new officers for TVAC and The Fire Department to be recognized during an upcoming public meeting in February.

C. Basch stated that he would like to see the petty cash policy after reviewing the bill list. The Administrator noted that petty cash is regulated by the state and audited. The Mayor advised C. Basch to contact the Administrator who would be able to answer his questions.

C. Basch also recommended that COAH be discussed at the next Closed Session regarding risk and liabilities. The Borough Attorney stated that there is no pending litigation. The Mayor added that the COAH attorney does not have any answers because the court and COAH have not made a decision.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Christine Evron – 39 Leroy Street – requested that the Mayor and Council consider implementing a dog park in the 2015 budget, which would be located behind the court room and fire house. She read her proposal into the record. She added that she obtained 60 signatures. She noted that 20 out of the 60 individuals offered to buy memorial brick and another 26 residents stated that they would pay for other components of the park. The Mayor stated that while people support the concept, the question of where it will be placed and the cost is an issue. He added that it will be placed on the Work Session on February 24th.

Joanne Gambrill – Ravine Road – stated that the BID money comes from stakeholders and Council should not assign money for the downtown assessment. She added too much is changing and starting over on the BID. She added there is confusion over the purpose of the BID. She further noted that business owners on Washington Street have their own network. Ms. Gambrill stated that the BID needs to speak with business owners and not landlords. Mayor Rustin advised Ms. Gambrill that the Council is not spending BID money; however he stated that the Council will make recommendations. He added that the method of electing people to the board, who want to shut down the BID, does not bode well. The Mayor stated that the Chamber consists of business owners, who unfortunately have absentee landlords; however they are the individuals being taxed and thus need to be represented.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 15-52.

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
  - 2. Outside Employment Ordinance Grievance
- B. Personnel
  - 1. Terminated Employee Status
- C. Attorney – Client Privilege
  - 1. Latz V. Borough of Tenafly

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. Zinna, seconded by C. Park, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Committee Room at 8:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela,  
MPA, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk