

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Anthony Barzelatto

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

At 7:54 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.

PRESENTATIONS:

Downtown NJ

Mayor Rustin advised that Downtown NJ is unable to attend tonight. He noted that he received a confirmation email that they are attending earlier today; however an email sent at 7:22 p.m. indicated that they would not be able to make it.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

None

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

No one came forward.

CONSENT AGENDA:

#R15-72/Approve Expenditures as of February 4, 2015

#R15-73/Approve LOSAP Certification List – Tenafly Volunteer Ambulance Corps

#R15-74/Authorize 2014 Appropriation Reserve Line Item transfers

#R15-75/Authorize Raffle Applications RA 1099 & 1100

#R15-76/Authorize the Cancellation of Inactive Accounts

#R15-77/Support Route 9W Bike/Pedestrian Safety Improvements

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:

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| C. Barzelatto: | absent | C. Park: | aye |
| C. Basch: | aye | C. Stefanowicz: | aye |
| C. LaMastra: | aye | C. Zinna: | aye |

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Stefanowicz

The HPC spoke with the candidate for the Class A member. He noted that the HPC would like to submit the member for appointment. The Mayor advised that the position is a Mayor's appointment, which does not require confirmation.

Councilmember Basch

The Board of Health contracts for public nursing and health services were approved. He stated that he would like to start a policy which charges institutions for reinspection once they have failed. He added that requests would need to be brought to the Mayor and Council for reinspection fees.

The Youth Services are starting their camp program, which will offer pool activities as well as out of town trips to Boston, DC and Florida. Mayor Rustin advised that the Youth Services Committee oversees the Teen Center, which does not use funds from the Borough. Mayor Rustin suggested that the camp and the swim club work out a schedule, so the camp can use the pool.

Mayor Rustin

The Mayor attended the New Jersey League of Municipalities' Annual Legislative Day. He advised that it is crisis time down in Trenton. The meeting focused on the budget and the Transportation Trust Fund. He added that he has not gotten any answers about COAH. He urged residents to put pressure on state representatives. He noted that the Transportation Trust Fund will run out on July 1st.

The Bergen County Health Department discussed Stigma Free Zones and the Bergen County DPW discussed lack of salt for snowstorms at the Mayor's Breakfast. The Bergen Regional Hospital as well as consolidating the county police were topics also discussed at the breakfast.

Councilmember Zinna

The Chamber of Commerce reviewed their financials. A high school internship program was discussed to help out local businesses. He noted that instead of the Chamber of Commerce holding an Oktoberfest this year, a Beaujolais Nouveau will be held. He also noted that the treasure sale has been moved to April this year. On March 4th Loretta Weinberg is going to speak about changes in credit card rules.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. LaMastra stated that she believes the Council should adopt an ordinance to dissolve the BID. She added that the board cannot function as a cohesive board. C. LaMastra noted that there is not any momentum to move forward with the BID. She suggested that the Council explore reinstating the Business Development Committee instead. She stated that she would still like Downtown NJ to make their presentation for educational purposes.

C. Basch would like to review the parking ordinances for the March 3rd Work Session.

OLD BUSINESS:

C. Basch would like to discuss the petty cash spending as well as the purchasing policy at the March 3rd Work Session. He discussed the \$53,000 budget resolutions for COAH that were adopted at the last meeting. C. Basch inquired as to where the Borough is with regards to COAH compliance. C. LaMastra questioned if a presentation could be made pertaining to COAH. The Mayor noted that there is a Planning Board meeting tomorrow night and he will discuss Council's concerns with the members.

The Joint Use meeting was cancelled due to the snow. The paving of the Swim Club parking lots will be discussed at the Closed Session during the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Ordinance

C. LaMastra moved that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and set February 24, 2015 at 8:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Council Chambers of the Tenafly Municipal Center as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Seconded by C. Zinna:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-02 - BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY
APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 3(f) OF BOND ORDINANCE
NO. 14-08 FINALLY ADOPTED ON APRIL 29, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF \$952,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART
OF THE APPROPRIATION.

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

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| C. Barzelatto: | absent | C. Park: | aye |
| C. Basch: | aye | C. Stefanowicz: | aye |
| C. LaMastra: | aye | C. Zinna: | aye |

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mel Lubins – 33 Stonybrook Road – stated that he does not believe the building codes are being followed. He discussed an illegal pool and walls his neighbor has setup. Mr. Lubins requested a report of construction expenses as well as legal expenses.

David Simpson – 12 Woodland Park Drive – did not understand the \$50,000.00 expenditure for COAH issues. He spoke about the letter in the Suburbanite regarding the Borough's involvement in gun control. Mr. Simpson stated that the Borough should not be involved in gun related issues. Mr. Simpson suggested that if the Borough wants to discuss matters that expand the scope of Tenafly, he advised the Council to focus on State related issues.

Joanne Gambrill – Ravine Road – spoke about restrictions on using the clubs in the summer. She stated that camp kids do not follow the rules of the swim clubs. Ms. Gambrill noted that she would like counselors to be there and handle lifeguarding duties for the campers.

Stefanie Pasternak – 71 Berkley Drive – stated that she is a member of the BID. She thanked C. LaMastra for her time on the Board. Ms. Pasternak noted that she was excited to give back to the community under the circumstances; however she added that the Board is not working. She advised that there is a lot of negativity within the Board. Ms. Pasternak indicated that she would like to be involved in the Business Development Committee if the BID is dissolved. She also stated that if the BID is dissolved, she would like to complete the banner project. Mayor Rustin advised that the BID is going to be discussed at the February 24th meeting.

Khalid Mansoor – 162 Elm Street – believes the BID has potential to do well, however conflicting interests prevent the downtown from progressing.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rustin read a letter into the record from the Chamber of Commerce thanking the DPW for clearing the snow from business areas.

The Mayor noted that it is the League of Municipalities 100th anniversary. He requested to pass a resolution regarding Bill Dressel, former Executive Director.

He stated that at the request of a resident, Beijing students toured the Borough Hall and Police Department. He added that they donated \$250.00 each to TVAC and to the Police Department.

The Mayor added that he has a hard time sitting through public comment when he is misquoted. He advised that at no time did he say that there were not any people at the swim clubs in the morning. Mayor Rustin stated that if there is not adequate supervision, there needs to be a change.

The Mayor responded to Mr. Lubins' comments. He stated that the site was visited with the former engineer as well as the current engineer. He noted that Mr. Lubins does not agree with their assessment.

Mayor Rustin addressed Mr. Simpson's comments. The Mayor advised that the article was not for gun control, but rather to encourage manufacturing of smart weapons.

He also focused on Mr. Simpson's comments about COAH. The Mayor advised that in the early 2000's the Borough was not in compliance. He added that the current spending is to keep COAH in compliance. Mayor Rustin informed that there is no quick fix regarding COAH. He stated that the rules for COAH are in the courts.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Park, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela,
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk