

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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 8:35 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 confirmed at the Annual Meeting, are posted on the public bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center, published in the Record within the first 10 days of the New Year, and copies are sent to the Suburbanite and Northern Valley News."

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

Mayor Rustin held a moment of silence for former Library President Ms. Ellen Rochford who passed away on February 12th. The Mayor noted that the Record described her as a tireless force.

Mayor Rustin invited Library President Pat Rouse to say a few words about Ms. Rochford. Mr. Rouse introduced Kathy Cooke, Library Vice President and the Secretary/Treasurer Soon Juhng. Mr. Rouse discussed Ms. Rochford's many accomplishments. He stated that upon looking at a newspaper article from 1958 she was recognized along with Walter Stillman, for who the Stillman School was named after. She worked for the State Department in during WWII. Mr. Rouse stated that she was one of the first UN employees. He noted that she took over Kraft packaging in Closter. She had taken classes at Columbia University in her 70's. He added that she was a great gourmet chef and was known for her holiday buffet. Mr. Rouse advised that Ms. Rochford served on the library board for 24 years.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

The Borough Attorney advised that **#R15-83**/Appoint Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator is being pulled off the Consent Agenda and added under New Business.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the February 3, 2015 Work Session, February 3, 2015 Regular Meeting, February 3, 2015 Closed Session (not to be released), and February 10, 2015 Regular Meeting are approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mel Lubins – 33 Stonybrook Road- thanked the Mayor and Council for doing a great job planning for the new DPW building. Mr. Lubins urged the Council not to proceed with the new DPW building at this time. He encouraged the Council to instead spend the money on the recycling center. He noted that he would like to see automatic equipment, such as shredders and grinders implemented into the recycling center. He suggested that a new DPW facility be consolidated into the recycling center. He also added that the downtown area needs better parking and more modernization.

Carol Geisenheimer – Park Avenue- discussed an article regarding the BID in the Suburbanite. She stated that it is time to dissolve the BID. She added that she believes that the Borough needs a business committee. She added that she checked with the BID accountant and the accountant confirmed that all money goes back to the stakeholders.

Hercules Invictus – 3 Columbus Drive- would like to get involved in the dog park. He also stated that he could also suggest Tenafly for hosting an art show component. Mr. Invictus

added that he would like to volunteer regarding efforts of environmental awareness. Mayor Rustin noted that the dog park will be discussed at the March 24th meeting.

Robin Brown – 32 Marcott Lane, Bergenfield – stated that the BID is fractured in its purpose. She noted that half of the BID members feel that the infrastructure should be improved, while the other half wanted to work on marketing aspects. Ms. Brown stated that she believes Downtown NJ will only focus on the concept of marketing. She added that the BID discussed parking signage as well as worked on the banner project. Ms. Brown noted that she believes that the BID should be dissolved. She advised that she did not push the planning board to make use changes, just site plan modifications.

Joanne Gambrill – Ravine Road – stated that she was surprised that Cresskill swim clubs are taken care of by the municipality. Mayor Rustin advised her that Cresskill owns the club and Tenafly leases the swim clubs.

Tom Nigro – 5 Stonybrook Road – Thanked Mr. Barzelatto for implementing an emergency alert system, which advised him of the hazardous conditions on January 18th. He read into the record an excerpt from an editorial by James Hall regarding the Palisades Interstate Park land. Mr. Nigro urged the Mayor and Council to apply for National landmark status for the Blankman tract. He noted that it has been 39 years since Tenafly has secured the land. Mr. Nigro thanked the Mayor and Council for following through with the referendum. He added that the National Park Service concurred with the change of use designation.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #R15-78/Approve Expenditures as of February 18, 2015
- #R15-79/Approve Raffle Applications – RA 1101 – 1107
- #R15-80/Approve 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant Program Reporting Form
- #R15-81/Certify Submission of Expenditure for Taxes Paid in 2014 Pursuant to the Recycling Enhancement Act
- #R15-82/Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider – Payment for Off-Duty Police Vehicles
- ~~#R15-83/Appoint Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator moved to New Business~~
- #R15-84/Authorize Refund – New Construction and Soil Moving Escrow – 70 Norman Place
- #R15-85/Authorize Refund – New Construction and Soil Moving Escrow – 106 Creston Avenue
- #R15-86/Authorize Refund – Recreation Programs – Various
- #R15-87/Authorize Refunds – 2014 County Tax Board Judgment
- #R15-88/Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes
- #R15-89/Amend Temporary Budget
- #R15-90/Authorize Property Maintenance Lien – Various
- #R15-91/Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment
- #R15-92/Confirm Execution of Grant Agreement – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- #R15-93/Authorize Execution of Collective Bargaining Agreement – Local 342

Motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Zinna 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 (nay #R15-93)	C. Stefanowicz:	aye
C. LaMastra:	aye	C. Zinna:	aye

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **ORDINANCES 15-01 and 15-03**

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinances published herewith were first read by title only on February 3, 2015, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-01 – AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$665,572.69 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY

ORDINANCE 15-03 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-45.8 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY ENTITLED “OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT

Public Comments on Ordinances 15-01 and 15-03
No one came forward.

Motion by C. Stefanowicz, second by C. Zinna that Ordinances 15-01 and 15-03 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 for Ordinances 15-01 and 15-03 was recorded as follows:

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

• **ORDINANCE 15-02**

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on February 10, 2015, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

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.

Public Comments on Ordinance 15-02
No one came forward.

Motion by C. Zinna, second by C. LaMastra that Ordinance 15-02 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 for Ordinance 15-02 was recorded as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS:
None.

NEW BUSINESS:
C. Barzelatto stated that it has been a privilege and an honor working with the Borough Clerk as an OEM deputy. He thanked her for her service and added that she is a real asset to the Borough. C. Barzelatto announced Captain DeMoncada as the new Deputy OEM coordinator.

#R15-83/Appoint Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

Motion by C.Barzelatto, second by C. Park that #R15-83 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on #R15-83 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 Park

The Environmental Committee is working with the DPW Director, Mr. Culvert to revamp community gardens, including the Senior Center gardens.

Councilman Zinna

Senator Loretta Weinberg will speak on March 4th at 6:30 at the Clinton Inn.

Councilwoman LaMastra

There are 290 children registered for summer camp. She added that 250 participated in the father/daughter dance on February 5th at the Stillman School. The event reached capacity and individuals had to be turned away. The Mayor suggested getting a bigger venue. C. LaMastra noted that Recreation is making arrangements for Safe at Home. On April 4, 2015 the Easter Egg Hunt will be held. TVAC is holding a blood drive March 21st. C. LaMastra stated that she heard rave reviews of the wrestling program lead by Danny Barzelatto.

Mayor Rustin

NJ Hall of Fame portable trailer will be present for Community Night.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

The Mayor appointed Richard Bennett as the Class A member to the Historic Preservation Commission.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 15-94.

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. FMLA Request – Police Department
- C. Attorney-Client Privilege
 - 1. Swim Club Leases

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 9:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Basch, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisette Aportela,
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk