

# Borough of Tenafly

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### MINUTES

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 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 8:29 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 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.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the April 7, 2015 Work Session, April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting, and April 14, 2015 Closed Session (not to be released) are approved.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA: none

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gerry Nigro – 5 Stonybrook Road - commended C. Zinna, C. LaMastra, C. Basch and C. Stefanowicz for their support on Resolution #15-145. He added that it brings closure to an issue that commanded the full attention of the Borough for the last three years. Mr. Nigro stated that it is appropriate to thank the Council for their dedication to the Green Acres Program.

Sylvia Myerson – 133 Kent Road – commended the Council for the Green Acres resolution. She inquired as to the wording used on the resolution. She stated that she did not understand why the word 'recreation' was written on the first whereas clause. The Borough Attorney stated that he believes the word 'recreation' was in the first resolution. He added that it does not change the rules. Ms. Meyerson stated that she was also confused over the use of the Green Acres Program and Lost Brook Preserve. The Borough Attorney stated that it is referring to two different things. The Lost Brooke Preserve refers to the property. Mayor Rustin confirmed that the resolution from 2013 has been rescinded.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**#R15-147/Approve Expenditures as of April 22, 2015**

**#R15-148/Confirm Appointment of Deputy Treasurer**

**#R15-149/Approve Raffle Applications RA 1112 & 1113**

**#R15-150/Approve Outdoor Seating Application – Zestt Restaurant**

**#R15-151/Authorize Cancellation of Checks – Municipal Court**

**#R15-152/Authorize Tree Mitigation Refund – 353 E. Clinton Avenue**

**#R15-153/Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment**

**#R15-154/Authorize Refund – Recreation Department – Fingerprint Reimbursement**

**#R15-155/Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department - Various**

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

• **2015 Local Municipal Budget**

**#R15-156/**Read Budget by Title Only

C. Zinna moved to adopt **#R15-156/** Read Budget by Title Only. Seconded by C. LaMastra:

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

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

**#R15-157/**Amend 2015 Local Municipal Budget

C. Stefanowicz moved to adopt **#R15-157/**Amend 2015 Local Municipal Budget. Seconded by C. Zinna:

Public Comments on Amendment of the 2015 Local Municipal Budget  
No one came forward.

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

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

**#R15-158/**Adopt 2015 Local Municipal Budget

C. Basch moved to adopt **#R15-158/**Adopt 2015 Local Municipal Budget. Seconded by C. Zinna :

Public Comments on Adoption of the 2015 Local Municipal Budget  
No one came forward.

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

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

• **Ordinances #15-06, 15-07, & 15-08**

Ms. Schryver read into the record:

The following ordinances published herewith were first read by title only on April 14, 2015, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-06 - ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A \$139,246.86 GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY OF BERGEN TO PROVIDE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY PURSUANT TO THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE CURB RAMP PROGRAM

ORDINANCE NO. 15-07 - ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$56,836 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PURPOSES IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY

ORDINANCE NO. 15-08 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,601,113 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,380,300 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Public Comments on Ordinances 15-06, 15-07, and 15-08

David Simpson – 12 Woodland Park Drive – questioned whether Ordinance 15-08 is expenditure by the Borough related to transportation. Mayor Rustin stated that it was for roadwork. The Mayor Stated that it is for the final section of Tenafly Road from Westervelt Avenue to the end of the road by the Board of Education’s Central Office.

Motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Zinna that Ordinances 15-06, 15-07, and 15-08 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. Stefanowicz:	aye
C. LaMastra:	aye	C. Zinna:	aye

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Park

The Environmental Commission met. C. Park noted that the Nature Center received a grant for \$1500. He noted that the grant will open them up for larger grants to improve the trails and property.

Councilman Zinna

On April 20th, the BID subcommittee met to discuss the future of the BID. He noted that the subcommittee members who are on the BID are going to bring concepts discussed to the full BID. C. Zinna stated that they will have another subcommittee meeting to see how to move forward. He added that the subcommittee consists of C. LaMastra, C. Zinna, Stefanie Pasternack, Robin Brown, Kahlid Mansoor and C. Park. C. Zinna stated that the subcommittee also discussed reducing the size of the BID Board from 11 to 7. Having an employee of the Borough do part time administrative work for the BID was also discussed. He noted that they examined ideas of economic development, zoning, and structure type for the downtown area.

Councilman Barzelatto

C. Barzelatto noted that the Fire Department participated in a community event at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel two weeks ago for a young man, who is very ill. C. Barzelatto stated that all the young man wanted to do was to ride on a fire truck. The Fire Department granted his wish. He stated that the Fire Department had 5 fire trucks accompany him to Mt. Carmel. He added that the support is what being a community is about. C. Barzelatto commended all of the volunteers who were there. Mayor Rustin stated that it was a wonderful event. He noted that several hundred people attended the event for the young man, who turned 4 years old that day. The Mayor added that the volunteer Fire Department did an unbelievable job. He added that the community came out to show their support as a whole. The Mayor further noted that the family had issues with lack of insurance and bills piling up; however, the Mt. Carmel Community raised a significant sum of money.

Mayor Rustin

The Mayor advised that there was a book signing on Saturday featuring Author Peter Balakian, who grew up in Tenafly and attended Tenafly schools. He noted that while he is a famous author, he is most famous for his work with the Armenian Genocide. He added that the book signing was very well attended. He also stated that Saturday night was the Korean Community Center grand opening. The Mayor stated that there was a huge crowd at the event. He stated that police helped out at the event, which went off without any problems.

Councilwoman LaMastra

C. LaMastra noted that the BID met. C. LaMastra stated that C. Zinna attended that meeting and presented the

subcommittee's recommendations. The BID is having their annual Stakeholder Meeting on May 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Clinton Inn. The BID has also invited Downtown NJ to participate in the Stakeholder Meeting.

C. LaMastra noted that the Chief attended a meeting at the Senior Center to discuss pedestrian safety. She added that Chief Chamberlain also discussed scams that seniors should be aware of as well as prescription drug disposal. C. LaMastra stated that it was a very good question and answer session. She noted that the seniors also wanted an update on getting a van. C. LaMastra was informed that Oradell was looking to partner up with a town for a van. The Mayor stated that he would discuss it with the mayor of Oradell. C. Park added that he will reach out to the mayor of Northvale.

TVAC had their meeting. She noted that the TVAC awards dinner will be held on June 12th. She added that TVAC will be present at the Rubin Run, Memorial Day and the 5-K run. She read into the record a letter of thanks to the Tenafly Police Department and TVAC for their service.

C. LaMastra stated that 380 individuals are registered for summer camp. She noted that 330 are residents and 50 are from out of town.

Councilman Basch

Youth Services will have their meeting next week; however C. Basch stated he will not be able to attend. C. Zinna stated he could fill in for him.

Councilman Stefanowicz

The HPC had a special meeting regarding the subdivision of 195 Jefferson Avenue. The HPC granted a certificate of appropriateness with a condition that no one objects for the remainder of the 45 day period, which started last week.

Councilwoman LaMastra

The Bike Rodeo was held this past weekend. She stated that it was the best attended rodeo. C. LaMastra stated that the Police and Recreation Department coordinated the event, which had over 50 children learning to ride a bike. She added that AAA donated goody bags, as well as rulers and lights.

Mayor Rustin

The Mayor noted that this past weekend was also the Opening Day for Little League. He stated that the Little League had their annual parade, which is overseen by the Police Department, Fire Department and TVAC. He noted that everything went well. He commended the Little League volunteers for the great looking field.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Barzelatto noted that along Piermont Road the property is a disaster. The Mayor stated that he could ask the DPW Director to look at it. The Mayor added that the parking area is not Borough property. The Administrator stated that there is a need to hire for a seasonal force for the spring. C. Barzelatto questioned what is happening at the crossing on Central Avenue. Mayor Rustin stated that the DOT and CSX are looking to start the work this summer.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

None.

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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisette Aportela,  
MPA, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk