

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 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 8:08 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 May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting and May 12, 2015 Closed Session (not to be released) are approved. (*C. LaMastra abstained from voting since she was not in attendance for the May 12th meetings.*)

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

The Borough Attorney advised that the purposed resolution, which was scheduled to be discussed in the work session regarding the appreciation of law enforcement officers, was tabled to a future work session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joanne Gambrell- Ravine Road – stated that Councilman Barzelatto wanted a resolution for law enforcement appreciation; however she noted that she felt it was an insensitive time due to the issues in Baltimore and Ferguson. She added that the issues in Baltimore did not develop overnight. Ms. Gambrell stated that police were in charge of enforcing slavery, segregation and the Jim Crow laws. She noted that although she would be the first one to champion the police, she stated that she believes that this is not the right time for the resolution.

Lorraine Kapakjian – 54 Foster Road- advised that she opposes the purposed dog park location. She noted that the area already has several facilities. She stated that she feels new community projects should be placed elsewhere. She noted that her neighbors also oppose the location of the dog park. Ms. Kapakjian added that she feels additional expenses and studies should be postponed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #R15-168/Approve Expenditures as of May 20, 2015
- #R15-169/Authorize Receipt of Bids – TVAC Ambulance
- #R15-170/Support *Click It or Ticket* Seat Belt Mobilization
- #R15-171/Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment
- #R15-172/Authorize Refund – Engineering Escrow – 11 Birchwood Place
- #R15-173/Authorize Refund – Tree Mitigation Escrow – 18 North Browning Avenue
- #R15-174/Authorize Refund – Tree Mitigation Escrow – 124 Westervelt Avenue
- #R15-175/Authorize Refund – Tree Mitigation Escrow – 293 Hudson Avenue
- #R15-176/Authorize Refund – Tree Mitigation Escrow – 149 Oak Street
- #R15-177/Approve Raffle Application – RA 1115
- #R15-178/Approve Outdoor Seating Applications
- #R15-179/Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes
- #R15-180/Authorize Refund – Recreation Department – Fingerprint Reimbursement
- #R15-181/Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department – Various
- #R15-182/Confirm Appointment – Access for All Committee

Motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Park that the Consent Agenda be approved.

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

C. Barzelatto:	absent	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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Park

The Environmental Commission met. He noted that DPW Director, Bob Culvert will start looking at the Community Garden. He added that he reached out to Fort Lee for their rules and regulations. C. Park stated that Mr. Culvert will also email him when he is going to be ready to set up the Library's garden.

He noted that the two representatives on the Open Space Trust Fund Subcommittee have provided updates to the Environmental Commission. The subcommittee meeting is Thursday.

C. Park advised that CAP will not be meeting during the summer. C. Park added that they should be providing updates on Project Graduation and the prom.

Councilman Zinna

The Open Space Trust Fund Subcommittee meeting this Thursday will discuss the possibility of a community center. He noted that the Borough Engineer, Andy Hipolit will attend the meeting to provide professional insight. He added that Mr. Hipolit will then prepare 'a statement of work' document to provide the cost estimation to the Council for an engineering study if the project is feasible.

The BID subcommittee meeting will be held Thursday, June 4th to finalize their recommendations.

Mayor Rustin

The Memorial Day parade was held yesterday, which was primarily held run by the Elks Club. He stated that he thought the parade went well. He thanked the High School for their participation.

Councilwoman LaMastra

The Recreation Board met two weeks ago. She noted Recreation has reached full capacity regarding summer camp enrollment. She added that there are approximately 360 residents and 40 out of town children registered. The bike rodeo was held and approximately 50 children were in attendance, which she added was very successful. She added that a girls' softball tournament called The Montville Tournament was held. C. LaMastra stated that this is the first year that they had a team place in the tournament. She stated that she would like the Borough to recognize the team. Mayor Rustin asked C. LaMastra to find out where they placed in the tournament.

The Open Space Trust Fund Subcommittee is meeting on Thursday. She stated that three issues will be discussed. She noted that they will discuss prioritizing funds, a community center and the HPC to see if there is anyway the use of funds can help them identify properties that need to be preserved and protected.

Councilman Stefanowicz

C. Stefanowicz did not have any reports, but noted that the sound system improved the Memorial Day event. Mayor Rustin added that the sound system was donated by the Rotary Club.

Councilman Zinna

Chamber of Commerce will hold a dumpling throwdown on May 29th and 30th. The tickets are available at

Cooktique and Wormraths. He noted that dumplings will be available at 7 different restaurants over the two days.

Councilwoman LaMastra

The Tenafly Ambulance awards dinner will be held on June 12th. She requested that those on council who have not RSVP'ed, to do so.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

The Mayor noted that he received a hectic phone call from a representative of the Tenakill Swim Club. He stated that they had issues getting approved by the electrical inspector. He added that they had a health inspection the following morning, which was contingent on whether it passed the electrical inspection. The Mayor advised that with the help of Bob Byrnes, the inspections were done and the pool was able to open for Memorial Day weekend. He also added that the Tenafly Swim Club did not open due to issues with their pool. Mayor Rustin stated that the Tenakill Swim Club allowed Tenafly Swim Club members access to use their pool.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 15-183.

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. Personnel
 - 1. CFO Recruitment Update
- B. Attorney-Client Privilege
 - 1. Retention of Municipal COAH Expert

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. LaMastra, seconded by C. Zinna, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Committee Room at 8:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Park, second by C. Zinna, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela,
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk