

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 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 7:45 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.

REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the May 26, 2015 Work Session, May 26, 2015 Regular Meeting, May 26, 2015 Closed Session (not to be released), June 2, 2015 Special Meeting, June 2, 2015 Closed Session (not to be released), June 9, 2015 Closed Session (not to be released), and June 9, 2015 Closed Session (not to be released) are approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rustin stated that it is a pleasure and honor to recognize the crossing guards for all that they do.

C. Park presented from the County Executive's Office, certificates of commendation to the following crossing guards:

Frank Crimeni, Sigrid Erickson, Stephen Farrell, Judith Forcier, George Gorman, Annette Guerra, Colleen Hille, John Jasinske, Patrick Kruimer, Margaret Lawler, Paul Lefkowitz, Joseph Longo, Marie McManus, William Odalen, Raymond Pace, Cynthia Pampaloni, Marjorie Riley, Harold Smith, Fe Sumague, Romeo Sumague, Denise Timmons, Richard Vereb, Alfonso Vetrone, Daniel Wakefield, Robert Kyritz, Kenneth Savage, and Russell Vereb

C. Stefanowicz noted that Pat has been in his post for 13 years. He added that he walked his son to school and considers him part of the community and neighborhood.

Mayor Rustin read into the record a proclamation honoring the crossing guards as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign:

WHEREAS, Crossing Guards by the nature of their job encourage our school children to walk to school and in doing so promote a healthy life-style, and

WHEREAS, Crossing Guards keep our children safe, regardless of the weather; snow, rain, cold, wind and heat are some of the hardships they face on a daily basis, never mind careless drivers, and

WHEREAS, Crossing Guards by their professional, yet warm and friendly demeanor cultivate a welcoming and warm atmosphere for our children as they approach our schools, and

WHEREAS, Walking to school fosters a healthy life-style which is the central theme of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, and

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Wellness Campaign wishes to recognize individuals and group that help a community become physically active, and

THEREFORE, Today June 16th, 2015 The Mayor's Wellness Campaign has selected each and every Tenafly Crossing Guard to be inducted into the Tenafly Mayor's Wellness Campaign Hall of Fame. We thank you for your service and recognize all that you do for our children and our community.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

No one came forward.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- #R15-187/**Approve Expenditures as of June 10, 2015
- #R15-188/**Authorize Refund – Use of Davis-Johnson Park
- #R15-189/**Appoint Municipal Representatives to the Community Development Regional Committee
- #R15-190/**Appoint Municipal Representatives to the Open Space Trust Municipal Program Regional Committee
- #R15-191/**Amend #R15-180 – Fingerprint Reimbursement Refund
- #R15-192/** Approve Outdoor Seating Application - Emanu-El Delicatessen
- #R15-193/** Oppose User-Friendly Budget
- #R15-194/** Authorize Street Opening Bond Refunds – Various
- #R15-195/** Cancel Street Opening Bond Refund – Permit #1100
- #R15-196/** Authorize Refund – Use of Garden Room
- #R15-197/** Authorize Receipt of Bids – Tenafly DPW Administration Building
- #R15-198/** Authorize Refund – Engineering Escrow – 149 Oak Street
- #R15-199/** Authorize Refund – Engineering Escrow – 118 Newcomb Road
- #R15-200/** Authorize Refund – Tree Mitigation Escrow – 55 Hudson Avenue
- #R15-201/** Authorize Refund – Engineering Escrow – 93 Prospect Terrace
- #R15-202/**Authorize Renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution License and Club License
- #R15-203/**Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement – Tenafly Public Works Supervisory Bargaining Unit
- #R15-204/**Authorize Refund – Tree Mitigation Escrow – 84 Woodmere Lane
- #R15-205/**Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Guth
- #R15-206/**Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Todd
- #R15-207/**Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Endick
- #R15-208/**Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Harish
- #R15-209/**Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Abitante
- #R15-210/**Confirm Rate Structure – Recreation Department
- #R15-211/**Confirm Rate Structure – Department of Youth Services
- #R15-212/**Approve Additional Professional Engineering Services – Bergen County Cooperative Curb Ramp Program
- #R15-213/**Approve Additional Professional Engineering Services – FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Generator Project
- #R15-214/**Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes - Corelogic – Various
- #R15-215/**Approve Additional Professional Engineering Services – 2015 Micro-Surfacing Road Improvement Program
- #R15-216/**Approve Additional Professional Engineering Services – Riveredge Road Mid-Block Pedestrian Crosswalk Study
- #R15-217/**Approve Additional Professional Engineering Services – Senior Center ADA Ramp and Doors Project
- #R15-218/**Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes - Corelogic
- #R15-219/**Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes - Gardner
- #R15-220/**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Tenafly Road – Section 4
- #R15-221/**Authorize Refund – Recreation Department – Fingerprint Reimbursement
- #R15-222/**Authorize Refund – Recreation Department – Various
- #R15-223/**Authorize Execution of Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement

Motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Stefanowicz, 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 (nay #15-203) | C. Stefanowicz: | aye |
| C. LaMastra: | aye (nay #15-193) | C. Zinna: | aye |

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Stefanowicz

Board of Adjustment met on June 1st. He stated that they discussed two matters, one of which involved a fence.

He noted that the HPC met and discussed 87 County Road and open space funding regarding 53 Knickerbocker Road. Dave Wall, the HPC Chair, received a Historic Leadership award from the County. C. Stefanowicz noted that the HPC suggested submitting a report to the Mayor and Council to recommend that the Mayor and Council take over some responsibility for the upkeep of the railroad station.

Councilman Basch

Youth Services met on June 3rd. He noted that the camp is well utilized. He also noted that summer camp has 94 applicants, 5 refunds and 0 cancellations. C. Basch added that the camp is expected to have another 15 to 20 applicants by the time camp starts. C. Basch stated that so far the number of applicants is higher than last year. C. Zinna questioned whether there is an issue with the size of the space, however C. Basch advised him that it was not an issue at this time. Mayor Rustin suggested the Snack Shack for tools to be stored.

Councilwoman LaMastra

The new resident event will take place September 1st from 6:00 to 8:00p.m. She noted that the Welcome Committee put together pamphlets specifically for Brightview residents. She also added that they are going to prepare specialized packets for Tenafly Road residents as well. There were 36 new resident families, 21 of which were renters and 15 homeowners, who moved into Tenafly last month.

C. LaMastra advised that Recreation met. She noted that the girls' softball team placed 1st place in the Montville Tournament for their age group. She would like for the team to be recognized at the next meeting.

C. LaMastra noted that 20 adults came to the Recreation meeting to inquire as to why they cannot get time on Geissinger Field, as their permits were denied. She asked for the Administrator or Joint Use to speak with the Board of Education to review the policy. C. Zinna stated that there is a priority list on who gets to use the field, but it was never to exclude adults from using the field.

The Borough Engineer attended the Open Space meeting where they discussed matters regarding the swim club feasibility options. C. LaMastra stated that she would like to discuss 53 Knickerbocker at the next Work Session. The Mayor noted that there are questions regarding how to obtain the property and what to do with the property. Mayor Rustin stated that 91 West Clinton was purchased by the Borough. He added that he is not sure the purchase did the tax payers justice.

Councilman Zinna

The BID would like to reconstitute the board from 11 to 7 members. They would also like to add 2 to 3 hours of administrative support every week. C. Zinna stated that the funding should come out of the operating budget because it benefits the community as a whole. He added that the BID will focus on economic development. C. Zinna stated that one of the first projects to reconstitute the BID is to save the theater.

Mayor Rustin

The Mayor stated that he is creating a committee to save the theater. He added that he first needs to find out the status of the building and where the owners stand. He also added that he does not want it to compete with Bergen PAC, but rather wants to compliment Bergen PAC.

Councilman Park

C. Park stated that a resident of Tenafly with an autistic child, who loves special needs programs, discovered a movie theater in Connecticut, which is 100% staffed by special needs employees. He stated that the individual would like to explore the options and C. Park added that he believes that it would be a great fit to go along with the housing of Tenafly.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

James Erwin- 40 Jefferson Street, Hackensack – asked the governing body to raise the age of purchasing tobacco to 21 years old. He noted that Englewood has raised the age to buy tobacco. He further added that several municipalities in Bergen County are raising the age. Mayor Rustin advised to list the matter for consideration on the next Work Session.

Jeffrey Miller – 187 Leroy Street – urged the governing body to reconsider 53 Knickerbocker as historic. Mayor Rustin stated that there is going to be an in-depth conversation regarding 53 Knickerbocker at the next Work Session.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 15-224.

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 Appointment Status
- B. Litigation/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. LaMastra, seconded by C. Zinna, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Committee Room at 8:32 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 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela,
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk