

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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 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. Park, second by C. Zinna, and all other members voting in favor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the September 29, 2015 Work Session, September 29, 2015 Regular Meeting, September 29, 2015 Closed Session (not to be released), October 6, 2015 Work Session, and October 6, 2015 Closed Session (not to be released) are approved.

PRESENTATIONS

- o Recognition of Police Officers for Meritorious Service

The Mayor noted that the Bergen County Pipes and Drums will be representing Bergen County at Pearl Harbor for the 75th anniversary.

Chief Chamberlain recognized Detective Alex Cardillo for his investigation and seizure of drugs and cash in a December 2014 incident. He also discussed a January 2015 incident where a motor-vehicle stop lead to the seizure of drugs and apprehension of a well-known drug dealer. Detective Alex Cardillo received the Honorable Service Award. The Chief also recognized Detective Alex Cardillo for a May 28, 2015 incident, which involved a heroin arrest as well as obtained information regarding a missing 18 year old, where the boyfriend disposed of the body. The Chief recognized Detective Alex Cardillo with the Exceptional Service Award.

Chief Chamberlain noted that on Thanksgiving 2014 the police received a call regarding a choking victim. The Chief read into the record a letter from the choking victim. The Chief noted that Lt. Ralph Lawrence successfully used the Heimlich maneuver. He added that Lt. Lawrence also went to the hospital to see how the individual was doing. Lt. Lawrence accepted the Lifesaving Award.

- o Oath of Office to Lt. Adam Kopesky, Sgt. Wayne Hall, and Officer Maxwell Werner

Mr. McClure issued the Oath of Office to Lt. Adam Kopesky, Sgt. Wayne Hall and Officer Maxwell Werner.

The Mayor thanked the officers and the families of the officers on the force. He stated that the officers perform at the highest of their ability. He thanked the men for their service to the town.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

No one came forward.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- #R15-344/Approve Expenditures as of October 7, 2015
- #R15-345/Authorize Refunds – Overpayment of Taxes
- #R15-346/Authorize Refunds – Overpayment of Taxes – Corelogic
- #R15-347/Support S. 2025 – Establish a “Preservation Zone” for the Palisades
- #R15-348/Authorize Execution of CDBG Grant Agreement – Handicapped Accessible Ramps at Davis-Johnson Park
- #R15-349/Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department – Fingerprint Reimbursement
- #R15-350/Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department – Various
- #R15-351/Approve Raffle Applications – RA1121 & RA1122
- #R15-352/Approve Outdoor Seating Application – Clinton Hotel, Inc.
- #R15-353/Memorialize the Redemption of Tax Title Lien 2015-4
- #R15-354/Authorize Deposit to Current Fund
- #R15-355/Authorize Refund – Tax Sale - Block 412, Lot 19
- #R15-356/Authorize Refund – Tax Sale - Block 410, Lot 2
- #R15-357/Authorize Refund – Tax Sale - Block 1208, Lot 4
- #R15-358/Authorize Redemption of Tax Title Lien TTL-2015-2
- #R15-359/Authorize Execution of TWA Consent Form WQM-003 – Sewer Main Connection
- #R15-360/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 111 Newcomb Road
- #R15-361/Authorize Engineering Escrow Refund – 240 Hickory Avenue

Motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Zinna, 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

• **ORDINANCE 15-14**

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on September 17, 2015, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-14 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SALARY, WAGE OR COMPENSATION OF THE POSITION OF PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITHIN THE TENAFLY ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES BARGAINING UNIT FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2015 AND 2016

Public Comments on Ordinance 15-14
No one came forward.

Motion by C. Zinna, second by C. LaMastra that Ordinance 15-14 be passed on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

On a roll call, the vote for Ordinance 15-14 was recorded as follows:

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

• **ORDINANCE 15-15**

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on September 29, 2015, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-15 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SALARY, WAGE OR COMPENSATION OF THE RANK OF POLICE OFFICERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2013, 2014 AND 2015.

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

Motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Park that Ordinance 15-15 be passed on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

On a roll call, the vote for Ordinance 15-15 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 CAP's new chair is Todd Uresi, which C. Park added is off to a good start. He noted that two speakers are scheduled to come to the next CAP meeting.
Councilman Zinna	C. Zinna invited Christine Evron to discuss the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Evron noted that there had been 4 grand openings, which she stated seem to be doing well. She added that 30 people attended the networking party.
Councilman Barzelatto	C. Barzelatto advised that he delivered the emergency preparedness guide to the municipal buildings.
Mayor Rustin	The Mayor attended a Mayor's Breakfast. He noted that an individual from the NJ Manufacturing Insurance Company spoke. He stated that he will share the information with Carol Byrne to share with JIF. He added that the Bergen County Shared Services spoke highly of Bob Culvert. The Mayor informed that the third speaker was the new director of the Parks Department. He stated that the new director is interested in expanding Van Saun and Overpeck Park as well as what the parks offer.
Councilwoman LaMastra	The Recreation Board has not met since the summer; however she stated that they will have their meeting soon.
Councilman Stefanowicz	The Board of Adjustment met and C. Stefanowicz noted that one matter was resolved. He informed that the HPC discussed the urgency on 53 Knickerbocker and designation of future properties.

OLD BUSINESS:

C. Zinna noted that the meeting regarding Pfisters Pond will take place this Friday at the Nature Center. He also stated that he spoke with David Watkins regarding 53 Knickerbocker to see if his client has any interest in selling to the Borough.

C. LaMastra inquired as to whether the DPW Director looked at the swim club parking lot. The Administrator stated that Mr. Culvert did visit the lot as well as spoke with the Board of Education's building and grounds supervisor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Ordinance

C. Park moved that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and set October 27, 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 Tenaflly Municipal Center as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Seconded by C. Zinna:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-16 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE IN THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

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

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

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Rita Heller – Marcotte Lane – stated that the next time the Borough would be eligible to apply for the Bergen County Green Acres Grant application is September 2016. She added that in the interest of Bergen County to acquire this treasure, the Borough needs to hold on to Green Acres funding.

C. LaMastra questioned if grant money can be used if the Borough is financing. The Administrator stated that it would not be able to be used because it is not retroactive. The Administrator noted that the Open Space is done through the county, not Green Acres. She added that state funding is restricted if a municipality already received previous funding.

Rita Heller – Marcotte Lane – urged the Council to confer with consultants. She advised to hire people to help navigate and have access to their experience.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

The Mayor stated that everyone would love to save 53 Knickerbocker Road; however, he added that the cost and benefits must be considered. He added that the Borough needs to act conservatively for the tax payers. The Mayor stated that it's important to get a sense of where the Borough stands with the property owners. He advised that he does not want to rush into something without knowing the consequences. Mayor Rustin also stated that the Borough needs to know what to do with the property.

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 8:42p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela,
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk