

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Rustin, and Councilmembers Anthony Barzelatto, Maxim Basch, Daniel Park, Paul Stefanowicz, and Mark Zinna

ABSENT: Councilmember Shama Haider

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chin
Borough Attorney William R. McClure

At 7:01p.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. Notice of this meeting by the March 29, 2016 Sunshine Notice has been sent to the Record, the Suburbanite and Northern Valley Press and has been posted on the public bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center and Borough website."

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 16-139.

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. PBA Grievance - Status

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 Council Chambers to resume the Regular Meeting.

On a motion from C. Park, seconded by C. Zinna, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was recessed to the Closed Session in the Committee Room at 7:03 p.m.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:56 p.m.

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 March 22, 2016 Work Session, March 22, 2016 Closed Session (not to be released), and March 22, 2016 Regular Meeting are approved.

REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no revisions to the agenda.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

Todd Uresse - Chairman of the Tenafly CAP – requested that a Proclamation be read regarding Alcohol Awareness Month. He advised that over the next 12 month the CAP will be more visible.

CONSENT AGENDA:

#R16-140/Authorize Refund – Engineering Escrow – 12 Illingworth Avenue

#R16-141/Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Block 501, Lot 15.01

#R16-142/Authorize Sale of Surplus Property

#R16-143/Authorize Refund – Street Opening Permits – Various

#R16-144/Oppose the Findings of the Roadmap to Resolution Report dated February 24, 2015

#R16-145/Authorize Return of Performance Bond and Reduction of Engineering Escrow – PB#1-13-16

- #R16-146/Approve Raffle Application – RA 1135
- #R16-147/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 88 Norman Place
- #R16-148/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 69 Leonard Avenue
- #R16-149/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 12 Illingworth Avenue
- #R16-150/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 12 Illingworth Avenue
- #R16-151/Approve Hosting of Northern Valley Chief’s Parade
- #R16-152/Authorize Refund – Recreation Department – Various
- #R16-153/Authorize Refund – Recreation Department – Trip Cancellation
- #R16-154/Authorize Refund – Recreation Department – Fingerprint Reimbursement
- #R16-155/Authorize Refund – Youth Services Teen Summer Camp – Giampaglia
- #R16-156/Authorize Refund – Youth Services Teen Summer Camp – Gillon
- #R16-157/Authorize Refund – Youth Services Teen Summer Camp – Yi
- #R16-158/Support Denial of Parole – Christopher Righetti
- #R16-159/Authorize Legal Representation for the Code Enforcement Officer

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:

C. Barzelatto:	aye	C. Park:	aye
C. Basch:	aye (nay #R16-158)	C. Stefanowicz:	aye
C. Haider:	absent	C. Zinna:	aye

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- **ORDINANCES 16-06 & 16-07**

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinances published herewith were first read by title only on March 22, 2016, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-06 – AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

ORDINANCE NO. 16-07 – BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, APPROPRIATING \$2,808,624 THEREFOR AND BY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,407,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Public Comments on Ordinance 16-06 and 16-07
 No one came forward.

C. Basch explained that the ordinance to exceed the cap is for a reserve.

Motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Park that Ordinances 16-06 and 16-07 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 Ordinances 16-06 and 16-07 were recorded as follows:

C. Barzelatto:	aye	C. Park:	aye
C. Basch:	aye	C. Stefanowicz:	aye
C. Haider:	absent	C. Zinna:	aye

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Zinna

C. Zinna advised that the Welcome Committee is questioning the rationale of taking away 2 parking spots on Hillside Avenue. He added that businesses are not in favor of taking away the 2 spots. C. Zinna stated that the street fair is this weekend and following weekend is the town-wide garage sales.

Councilman Basch

The Senior Citizens Service Committee met yesterday. He informed that the main issues that were discussed were the utilization of the bus service, which he added that scheduling will be

discussed at the next meeting and creating an inclusive senior community. C. Basch noted that they spoke with a company, which provides a bus to Norwood. He stated that they would like to bring the bus to view at a community meeting.

C. Basch stated that Cheryl from TVAC discussed two issues of concern. He stated that she was concerned over the Borough trying to bill for EMT calls. He advised her that no discussion had taken place. He added that she was also concerned about the increase number of calls for ambulances from Brightview for non-emergency calls.

Councilman Stefanowicz

The HPC met and noted that they are strategizing on public outreach.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Johanna Gambrell – Ravine Road – spoke concerning Hillside Avenue. She stated that parking is being abused on both sides of the street. She added that there should not be parking on the north side, as it blocks the view of individuals exiting the BP station and the car dealership. Ms. Gambrell questioned how the parking spaces connect to the business community. The Mayor advised her that they are waiting for recommendations from the Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Barzelatto informed that there had been a horrific accident on Riveredge Road. He praised two good samaritans, who he added, did an outstanding job. He also commended 2 police officers, who saved her life. The Mayor informed that the officers will be recognized at a future meeting.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rustin read the following proclamation designating April 2016 as Alcohol Awareness Month:

WHEREAS, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young persons ages 10-21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turn 18; and

WHEREAS, adolescents who drink are more likely to be victims of violent crime, to be involved in alcohol-related traffic crashes and to have serious school-related problems; and

WHEREAS, a supportive family environment is associated with lowered rates of alcohol use for adolescents; and

WHEREAS, consistent and sustained parental attitudes can influence a child's decision about whether or not to use alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS, adolescents who have conversations with their parents and learn a lot about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50% less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don't have such conversations; and

WHEREAS, adolescents who use alcohol often exhibit a significantly greater likelihood of impaired judgment which can lead to using both licit and illicit drugs; alcohol use should receive primary attention in prevention programming as the use of other substances could be impacted by delaying or preventing alcohol use.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Peter S. Rustin, do hereby declare April 2016 as Alcohol Awareness Month ~ Talk Early, Talk Often: Parents Can Make a Difference in Teen Alcohol Use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, I also call upon the residents of Tenafly and all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and colleges in Bergen County, NJ to support efforts that will decrease stigma and increase community awareness and support for individuals and families coping with the disease of alcoholism in our community.

“Talk Early, Talk Often: Parents Can Make a Difference in Teen Alcohol Use”

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 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela,
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk