

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Rustin, and Councilmembers Anthony Barzelatto, Maxim Basch, Shama Haider, 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.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the May 24, 2016 Closed Session (not to be released), May 24, 2016 Work Session, and May 24, 2016 Regular Meeting are approved.

REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. McClure advised that an update involving the COAH litigation is being added to Closed Session.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

No one came forward.

CONSENT AGENDA:

#R16-209/Approve Expenditures as of June 15, 2016

#R16-210/Authorize Additional Engineering Services – 2016 Road Repair Program

#R16-211/Authorize Additional Engineering Services – Jefferson Road Improvements (Section 2)

#R16-212/Authorize Additional Engineering Services – Tennis Court Lighting

#R16-213/Award Contract – 2016 Microsurfacing – Asphalt Paving Systems

#R16-214/Authorize Renewal of Liquor Licenses – 2016-2017 Term

#R16-215/Execute Contract – Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Upper Griffin Park

#R16-216/Approve Outdoor Seating Applications – Various

#R16-217/Approve Encroachment – 219 Engle Street

#R16-218/Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Block 903, Lot 25.101

#R16-219/Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Block 903, Lot 25.102

#R16-220/Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Block 903, Lot 26.101

#R16-221/Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Block 903, Lot 26.102

#R16-222/Authorize Renewal of Liquor License Pursuant to Special Ruling – 115 Sanz County Road, LLC

#R16-223/Award Contract – Repair and Maintenance of Police Vehicles – 2016-2018

#R16-224/Amend 2016 Meeting Schedule

#R16-225/Authorize Refund – Engineering Escrow – 32 Glenwood Road

#R16-226/Authorize Refund – Engineering Escrow – 45 Greentree Terrace

#R16-227/Authorize Refunds – Overpayment of Taxes – Corelogic

#R16-228/Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Block 713, Lot 4

#R16-229/Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Block 808, Lot 28

#R16-230/Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Block 1503, Lot 19

#R16-231/Appoint Borough Representatives – Open Space Trust Municipal Park Improvement Program Regional Committee

#R16-232/Appoint Borough Representatives – Community Development Regional Committee

#R16-233/Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department – Various

#R16-234/Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department – Fingerprint Reimbursements

#R16-235/Appoint Deputy Registrar

#R16-236/Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Block 1604, Lot 33

#R16-237/Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Block 1710, Lot 44

#R16-238/Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Block 715, Lot 2

#R16-239/Authorize Execution of Agreement – Receipt, Release and Refunding Agreement for Acceptance of Donation

Motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Barzelatto, 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: | aye | C. Park: | aye |
| C. Basch: | aye | C. Stefanowicz: | aye |
| C. Haider: | aye | C. Zinna: | aye |

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Basch

The Senior Services Committee finalized the job description for the senior services coordinator as well as the letter of response for the bus use description.

C. Basch stated that the Senior Center Trustees meeting was held and he noted that the trustees have an understanding that the center is a priority.

Mayor Rustin

Mayor Rustin attended the Board of Health meeting. He stated that they discussed the Zika virus; however, he noted that they did not believe it would be factor in New Jersey this year. He advised that mosquito control is an issue in general in this area. Mayor Rustin added that they are looking into acquiring shingles vaccines for residents.

Councilman Zinna

The ad hoc community center committee will visit the community center in Leonia. He noted that a member is preparing a draft report, which they will present to Council to determine if an engineer can review the report.

TVAC held their annual awards dinner on June 11th.

Councilman Park

CAP held their meeting and C. Park noted that they will be working on projects with other groups for the upcoming school year.

He advised that the Green Team Community Garden is up and running.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Bruce Tang – 5 Norman Place – voiced his concern regarding overnight cars parked on the street. Mr. Tang advised that he spoke with the police. He stated that the police informed him that the property at 2 Norman Place has an agreement with the Borough to park 4 vehicles on the street. Mayor Rustin advised him that in the event that a resident has an issue, they can make a temporary arrangement with the police to park on the street. He further added that he will look into the matter.

Yuliya Sandler – 7 Norman Place – also stated her concern over her neighbor parking on the street and she added that it limits the traffic flow on the street. Ms. Sandler informed that she was involved in a traffic accident as a result of her neighbor’s parking on the street.

Bruce Tang – 5 Norman Place – commented that the property owners at 289 Tenafly Road have 2 junk cars and a trailer in their backyard. Mayor Rustin advised that he will have Code Enforcement look at it.

Joanne Gambrill – Ravine Road – stated that she is puzzled as to why the Borough is not taking a needs basis approach regarding the community center idea. She questioned why

the Tenakill Swim Club does not have a say. Ms. Gambrell added that the community center idea is coming from 1 person.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rustin noted that the community center ad hoc committee was charged with looking at other centers to determine what other centers have to offer and what may benefit the Borough. He emphasized that there has been no decision, however, if Council decides to move forward with the concept, the public will have a say in the matter.

Mayor Rustin recognized Bob Kutik, the owner of Wormrath's Bookstore for 14 years. Mayor Rustin stated that stores are lost due to them not being supported by the population that lives in the town, as people shop at malls or online. He thanked Mr. Kutik for his service to the community. The Mayor read the proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, Womrath's Bookstore has been a very important part of the fabric of Tenaflly, a true centerpiece of Tenaflly's downtown; and

WHEREAS, Womrath's Bookstore has for many years been a destination store that has brought thousands of consumers into Tenaflly's business district; and

WHEREAS, for sixteen years Bob Kutik has worked diligently with great creativity to market not only Womrath's Bookstore, but the entire downtown business district of Tenaflly; and

WHEREAS, Bob Kutik has served Tenaflly as President of the Tenaflly Chamber of Commerce and as the President of the Tenaflly Business Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, Bob Kutik has decided to retire and start another phase of his life.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the Borough of Tenaflly, I wish to recognize Bob's service to our town and to thank him for all that he has done to improve the quality of life for all of the residents of Tenaflly. We wish Bob and his family good luck and good health in the future and may he often return and visit his friends and associates in Tenaflly as often as possible.

Mr. Kutik stated that he grew up in Tenaflly and worked in the Hackensack bookstore until 2001. He informed that he came back to Tenaflly in 2002. He advised that he will still be around to provide assistance.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 16-240.

BE IT RESOLVED in compliance with NJSA 10:4-12, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Tenaflly are going into Closed Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

- A. Attorney-Client Privilege
 - 1. Pending Real Estate Transactions
 - 2. Update on COAH Litigation
- B. Personnel
 - 1. Senior Center Personnel Update

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. Haider, seconded by C. Park, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Haider, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lissette Aportela,
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk