

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers Shama Haider and Mark Zinna

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Financial Officer Susan Corrado
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. Park, second by C. Basch, and all other members voting in favor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the September 6, 2016 Work Session, September 6, 2016 Closed Session (not to be released), September 13, 2016 Regular Meeting, September 27, 2016 Work Session and September 27, 2016 Closed Session (not to be released) are approved.

REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA:

C. Barzelatto requested that #R16-349 be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

Johanne Gambrell – Ravine Road – discussed the public safety article from the newsletter which mentioned watching for bicycles on the sidewalks. She commented that on Washington Street, pedestrians walk on the sidewalks with bicycles and skateboards passing by. She recommended that green signage be placed up near the post office with white lettering to prohibit the use of skateboards and bicycles on the sidewalk. She referenced a similar sign that Cliffside Park had in place.

Paul Hummel – Northern Valley Press – inquired if there were any changes to 5 South Summit. Mayor Rustin responded that no changes had been made.

CONSENT AGENDA:

#R16-333/Approve Expenditures as of October 5, 2016

#R16-334/Approve Outdoor Seating Application – Good Taste Restaurant

#R16-335/Approve Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County – County Road Resurfacing

#R16-336/Authorize Refund – Planning Board Escrow – PB#1-14-08

#R16-337/Authorize Refund – Garden Room Security Deposit

#R16-338/Authorize Cancellation of Taxes – Block 901, Lot 44

#R16-339/Authorize Receipt of Bids – Vehicle Purchase – Senior Van

#R16-340/Authorize Contract Extension with the Middlesex Regional Education Services Commission

#R16-341/Authorize Engineering Escrow Refund – 14 Birchwood Place

#R16-342/Authorize Engineering Escrow Refund – 15 Wight Place

#R16-343/Authorize COAH Fee Refund – 7 N. Brae Court

#R16-344/Authorize Refund – Recreation Department – Fingerprint Reimbursement

#R16-345/Authorize Refund – Recreation Department – Various

#R16-346/Authorize Receipt of Bids – Davis Johnson Park ADA Ramp Project

#R16-347/Issue Purchase Order – Playground Equipment for Upper Griffin Park

#R16-348/Award Contract – Roosevelt Common Tennis Court Lighting Project

~~#R16-349/Award Contract – 2016 Road Paving Program Removed from Consent Agenda~~

#R16-350/Award Contract – Demolition and Restoration of the Building Located at 5 South Summit Street

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

C. Basch commented on the drafting on the specs for the senior van were thoroughly reviewed

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. Haider:	absent	C. Zinna:	absent

Motion by C. Park, second by C. Stefanowicz that **#R16-349**/Award Contract – 2016 Road Paving Program be approved.

C. Barzelatto stated that he will vote no on road repaving. He stated that all of the road paving should be done next year. He advised that he has spoken with a contractor, who informed him that when asphalt is put down in colder weather, the asphalt will separate and will not last. If the award is approved, C. Barzelatto recommended that the Borough obtain a guarantee on the durability of the road repair. The Mayor stated that the intent is to get as much paving done as possible prior to winter. He added that residents are anxious to get their roads completed. C. Basch questioned if there is any type of warranty in the Borough’s contract. The Mayor advised that he will follow up on the questions regarding the asphalt and weather as well as the warranty.

On a roll call, the vote on #R16-349 was recorded as follows:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Barzelatto

C. Barzelatto spoke on behalf of Tenafly Fire Department to thank the Council for their financial assistance and participation in the Northern Valley Fire Chiefs Parade. He stated that the parade was a success.

Councilmember Stefanowicz

The HPC is sponsoring an event on October 25th at Tenafly High School Media Center at 7pm. He informed that Dr. Ann Gordon from Rutgers will be the guest speaker.

Mayor Rustin

Mayor Rustin advised the Council that at the League of Municipalities Convention, there will be a Business Meeting on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. He stated that if anyone wishes to attend, let him know so he can designate a delegate.

Mayor Rustin stated that the Council has received dinner invitations from the Borough’s auditors. He asked the Borough Clerk to obtain a headcount and RSVP for the event.

The Mayor attended a Port Authority meeting in Jersey City regarding bus terminals.

He advised that he discussed the use of Code Red with the Chief. Mayor Rustin stated that he did not feel that the use of Code Red was necessary for street closures. C. Park recommended using electronic street signs and to coordinate with Bergen County OEM and neighboring towns.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Ordinance

C. Stefanowicz moved that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and set November 21, 2016 at 8:00 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 ordinances. Seconded by C. Park:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-18 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 9, 2016 AND TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE BOROUGH "HISTORIC" AS SET FORTH IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN OF THE MASTER PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY AND AMENDING CHAPTER XXXV OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS"

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

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

B. Review of Best Practices Inventory

Mrs. Corrado advised that the Best Practices Inventory worksheet must be certified annually by the CFO, Borough Administrator, and the Borough Clerk. She stated that last year the worksheet had 50 questions and this year it has 30. Mrs. Corrado noted that prospective is not an option as an answer this year. The Borough has to have 22 affirmative answers to receive its state aid. Mrs. Corrado added that the worksheet is due by October 21st. She further pointed out that the Borough has 29 affirmative answers out of 30. She noted that she is working on the audit finding regarding current purchase orders. Mrs. Corrado explained that a resolution must be adopted to implement 2 new policies required as part of the best practices inventory. She commented that the website will be updated to include the audit and annual financial statement before October 21st.

#R16-351/Establish Tax Appeal Notification Policy and Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs) Policy – 2016 Best Practices

Motion by C. Park, second by C. Stefanowicz that **#R16-351/Establish Tax Appeal Notification Policy and Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs) Policy – 2016 Best Practices** be approved.

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

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

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No one came forward.

MAYORS REMARKS:

Mayor Rustin discussed an article in the newspaper regarding a fire in Englewood Cliffs. He stated that 11 towns responded to the call, including Tenaflly. He mentioned how well the volunteer fire departments work together. He added that he was impressed to see members of the junior firefighter program, who participated in the parade.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 16-352.

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. Sale/Lease of Borough Property

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. Park, seconded by C. Basch, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 8:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Basch, second by C. Stefanowicz, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela,
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk