

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

Thursday, April 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act statement by Mayor Rustin, "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 confirmed at the Annual Meeting, are posted on the public bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center, published in the Record within the first 10 days of the New Year, and copies are sent to the Suburbanite and Northern Valley Press. Notice of this meeting via the March 18, 2013, Sunshine Notice was forwarded to the Record, the Suburbanite, and the Northern Valley Press and posted on the bulletin board and Borough website."

Present: Mayor Peter S. Rustin
Council members: Anthony Barzelatto, Barry Honig (arrived at 7:44 p.m.), Martha Kerge, Nadia LaMastra, Jon Warms, and Mark Zinna

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin
Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: None

TO BE CONSIDERED

Amended Fee Ordinance for Use of Police Vehicles

Chief Chamberlain advised that the current daily fee is \$40 which netted the Borough approximately \$18,000 last year. He recommended that the increase be a flat daily fee of \$50. Council authorized that an ordinance increasing the daily fee be listed for introduction at the next regular meeting.

Municipal Complex Security

Mrs. Thompson-Chin noted that the issue of security in the municipal complex was discussed during the budget hearing with the Police Department. Chief Chamberlain explained that there were a handful of black and white cameras in the municipal complex; however that technology is incompatible with the new systems in the Police Department. He recommended procuring need about 8 to 10 to cover entire municipal complex, both indoors and outdoors. C. LaMastra inquired if the remaining funds from Police Department renovation can cover this expenditure. Mrs. Thompson-Chin confirmed that this project can be funded from the Police station bond. Mayor Rustin requested that Chief Chamberlain prepare a site plan to get sense of what areas will be covered. Chief Chamberlain noted that he will provide a site plan, which is the next step in the process. C. Honig recommended that Chief Chamberlain look into smart camera technology, which automatically issues an alert if something happens.

Lightning Detection System Update

Mrs. Thompson-Chin explained that in December, council awarded a contract for the purchase of the equipment and that the next step would've been installation, but the company, QPS, went out of business. In the meantime, the Borough entered into a joint arrangement with the Board of Education to expand the properties where the lightning detectors would be installed. The Borough Engineer has identified a prospective vendor, but because of the anticipated cost, the process would need to go out to bid. Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that she met with Superintendent Trager and the Board of Education still wishes to move forward. The cost of the project will be equally split between both entities. Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Vinci recommended using open space funds to pay for the project because the price is so much higher than originally anticipated from what was allocated in the capital budget last year. C. Honig requested that the Board of Education pass a resolution confirming that they will reimburse the Borough for their portion of the cost of the project. Mrs. Thompson-Chin confirmed that she will relay the request to Ms. Trager.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that the Borough has been notified by the Bergen County Trust Fund Advisory Committee that we will receive a grant for \$47,000. The Borough originally requested \$65,000. The Borough had been advised early in the process that would we not get full amount. This grant allows for renovation improvements to Froggy Park and brings it into ADA compliance for this amount. The Borough Engineer will solicit input from Access for All Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

E. Yakar RE: Leaf blower operation
Council reviewed Mr. Yakar’s letter and determined to have the landscaping subcommittee review this matter and provide recommendations to the governing body.

Tenafly Lions Little League RE: Annual Little League Parade
Council approved the request for the annual parade. The Borough Clerk will notify the organization.

M. Reid RE: Deer in Tenafly
Council discussed the increasing deer population and authorized Chief Chamberlain to obtain deer crossing signage for Knickerbocker Road, East Clinton Avenue, and Riveredge Road. The Borough Clerk will advise Ms. Reid.

D. Hollenbeck RE: Resolution supporting PSE&G’s Energy Strong Program
Council directed the Borough Clerk to prepare a resolution for the April 1th consent agenda.

A. Kim RE: Request for permission to film after sundown
Council granted permission for filming, including wrapping up the production to end no later than 10pm instead of midnight as noted in the request, unless the students provide the Borough with written permission from all property owners on Newcomb Road. The Borough Clerk will advise Ms. Kim of the conditional approval from the Council and will notify her that the Police Department will be monitoring the area during the evenings of filming.

S. Levinson RE: Property Maintenance at 285 Woodland Street
Council discussed the issue of the property maintenance of this property, which is a foreclosed home undergoing a short sale. Council also discussed the property maintenance issues involving 80 Woodland Street. That property owner pays the summonses as they are issued. Mayor Rustin advised that he spoke with the Construction Official to determine if there were any ordinances that can regulate or streamline the process of property maintenance violations, but was informed that municipalities can only assess fines.

A. Dutaj RE: Encroachment Request
Council discussed letter and requested that Mr. Dutaj attend the April 9th work session to provide details on the encroachment that is being sought. The Borough Clerk advised that she will contact Mr. Dutaj so that it can be listed on the agenda accordingly.

RESOLUTIONS for meeting of April 4, 2013:

- A. Approve Expenditures as of March 20, 2013
- B. Support Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force
- C. Authorize Refund – Engineering Escrow – 33 Stonehurst Drive
- D. Authorize Refund – Tree Mitigation Escrow – 121 Sussex Road
- E. Authorize Refund – Various Bonds & Escrows – 213 Engle Street
- F. Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes
- G. Authorize Redemption of Tax Title Lien – TTL12-1
- H. Amend 2013 Meeting Schedule – Change Start Time of April 9, 2013 Work Session
- I. Amend 2013 Temporary Budget
- J. Amend Issuance of Purchase Order – Parent Door Hardware
- K. Approve Raffle Applications – RA 1037 – RA 1044
- L. Approve Outdoor Seating Application – Brasserie
- M. Authorize Receipt of Bids - Lightning Detection System – Borough and Board of Education Properties Project
- N. Authorize Issuance of 2013 Ice Cream Vendor License – Corbo

- O. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order – Carl Passera, Mason Contractor – Fire Department and 9/11 Memorial
- P. Authorize Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License – The Sidebar Bar

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinance: ORDINANCE NO. 13-09 – AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Minutes to be approved: March 5, 2013 Work Session
March 12, 2013 Regular Meeting

There were no comments regarding the resolutions, ordinance, or minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Outdoor Fitness Equipment

Council determined to have the Recreation Director attend a future work session to describe the project in greater detail and provide photographs. C. LaMastra advised that she will notify the Recreation Board on the status of this issue at their upcoming meeting on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by C. Honig, seconded by C. Kerge, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk