

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 by the September 11, 2013 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."

Present: Mayor Peter S. Rustin
Council members: Barry Honig, Martha Kerge, Nadia LaMastra,
Jon Warms, and Mark Zinna

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

Absent: Council member Anthony Barzelatto

TO BE CONSIDERED

Reverse Energy Auction – Results Presented by M. Stoller, EMEX

Mr. Stoller of EMEX reported that two separate auctions were held this morning. With regards to the general service meters for municipal facilities, Energy.me won the auction at an all-inclusive fixed rate, which is estimated to provide an annual savings 9.38%. Over course of 24 months, this contract is expected to yield \$27,023.14 in savings. In reference to the street lighting meters, Hudson Energy won the auction which will garner a savings of 8.62%. For this 24 month term, the Borough will save \$5,787.48. He assured Council that if any of the suppliers were to go out of business, PSEG would revert back as the supplier.

Council authorized that a resolution be listed for the public meeting later this evening that authorizes the execution of contracts based on the auction. EMEX will transmit the documents to the DCA.

Youth Services – Refunds

Mr. Slawon, Youth Services Director, explained to Council the situation involving two campers who did not show up for a prepaid trip since they were going to be disciplined for misbehavior. Even though the participants did not attend, the parents are requesting a refund. Council determined not to authorize the refunds as it sets a bad precedent for condoning bad behavior. The Borough Clerk will advise the parents of Council's decision.

Banners in the Business Improvement District

This item will be listed for discussion at the next work session at the request of the BID.

Subcommittees

Mayor Rustin recommended the creation of subcommittees for the search of a DPW Director, to meet with the new COAH attorney and the Planning Board's COAH subcommittee, and to discuss matters involving open space. He noted that these topics require research and recommendations.

C. LaMastra noted that subcommittees have a goal and time frame to report back to the full governing body and inquired what issues the open space subcommittee will specifically review. She stated that there is the need for the full Council to brainstorm on this topic. Council determined to list the matter of open space for a full discussion for the October 8th work session.

Mayor Rustin advised that based on input received from Council, C. Barzelatto and C. Kerge will service on the DPW Director Search subcommittee, C. Warms and C. Zinna will be members of the COAH subcommittee, and C. Zinna and C. Honig will serve on the open space subcommittee. C. Warms and C. Honig agreed to switch subcommittees. Mayor Rustin will be the third member of all the subcommittees.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that at the next work session, Council will be presented with draft ordinances regarding lightning detection and a no smoking policy. Council requested that Mr. McClure provide guidance for the incorporation of Board of Education properties in these ordinances.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin noted that in the event Council adopts the ordinance to appropriate open space funds for the turf and lighting of Geissing Field, the next step will be for the Joint Use Committee to meet for a shared services agreement with the attorneys for the Borough and Board of Education.

As an update to the shade tree trust fund status, there are 11 requests for shade tree planting that are currently pending. Of the \$64,266.34 in the fund, in addition to the purchase of the trees, the fund also supplements the equipment, supplies, and operational costs for the program.

C. Honig inquired about the micro resurfacing of streets. Mrs. Thompson-Chin responded that the Borough Engineer is seeking to conduct a demonstration on the morning of October 3rd if the weather permits.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that 8 bid packages have been picked up for the solid waste bid opening, which is Thursday, September 26th. With regards to the DPW Director's position, 8 resumes have been received. The screening of resumes will begin next week with the anticipation of conducting rounds of interviews through the month of October and an appointment at the November 12th meeting to allow sufficient time for transition.

RESOLUTIONS for meeting of September 24, 2013:

- A. Approve Expenditures as of September 18, 2013
- B. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order – Parent Door Hardware – ADA Accessible Doors – Tenafly Community Center
- C. Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 144 Oxford Drive
- D. Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 31 Dogwood Lane
- E. Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 16 Woodmere Lane
- F. Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 32 Lylewood Drive
- G. Authorize Construction and Soil Moving Escrow Refund – 35 Oak Avenue
- H. Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 48 Depeyster Avenue
- I. Authorize Execution of 2013 CDBG Grant Agreement – Rehabilitation of Senior Center Project.
- J. Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Corelogic
- K. Authorize Refunds – Recreation Programs – Various
- L. Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Goldstein
- M. Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Ryan
- N. Authorize Refund – County Tax Board Judgments
- O. Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgments
- P. Authorize Refunds – Recreation – Fingerprints
- Q. Authorize Additional Engineering Services - Design of the 2013 Bergen County Curb Ramp Program
- R. Authorize Refund – Post Judgment Interest – Steinberger
- S. Approve Shared Service Agreement with Paramus – Maintenance and Repair of Fire Department Vehicles
- T. Authorize Sale of Surplus Property – GovDeals.com
- U. Approve Outdoor Seating Permit – Cactus Sushi
- V. Approve Raffle Applications – 1061-1063
- W. Authorize Community Action Services to Prepare Affordable Housing Sales and Affordable Housing Rental Manuals for Submission to NJ DCA

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ORDINANCE NO. 13-17 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, SECTION 2-45.1 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY

ORDINANCE NO. 13-18 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC"

ORDINANCE NO. 13-19 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XIX, SECTION 19-2 ENTITLED "MANDATORY RECYCLING".

ORDINANCE NO. 13-22 - A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$85,550 FOR BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY AND TO APPROPRIATE \$85,550 FROM A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT

ORDINANCE NO. 13-23 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$885,000 FROM THE MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY

ORDINANCE NO. 13-24 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND GRANTING OF A LEASE TO THE TENAFLY NATURE CENTER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Training for Outlook Email – C. LaMastra

C. LaMastra noted that the web version of the Outlook e-mail is not user friendly with regards to inputting e-mail addresses or searching for older messages. The Borough Administrator will review the concerns with the Board of Education and report back to Council.

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 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk