

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014

At 7:04 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 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 News."

Present: Mayor Peter S. Rustin

Council members: Anthony Barzelatto, Maxim Basch, Nadia LaMastra, Daniel Park, Jon Warms, and Mark Zinna

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin

Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: None

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 14-93.

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. Contract Negotiations Update
- B. Personnel
 - 1. Police Department – Employee 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 Richard D. Wilson Committee Room to resume the Committee of the Whole meeting.

On a motion from C. LaMastra, seconded by C. Zinna, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was recessed to the Closed Session in the Committee Room at 7:05 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.

TO BE CONSIDERED

Recommendation of Landmark Status for 53 Knickerbocker Road

Mayor Rustin explained the process involved if Council decided to move forward with designation. He referenced the report provided by the Historic Preservation Commission for the historic designation of 53 Knickerbocker Road. Although the Council has not heard directly from property owner, the Borough has been noticed by attorney that is representing the property owner that will take to the HPC and Borough to court. HPC members David Wall, Michael Barone, Rita Heller, and Karen Neus were in attendance.

C. Zinna inquired how the historic designation affects land surrounding the house. HPC Chair, David Wall, responded that the designation is based on the block and lot of the property and the HPC may recommend certain things on the lot not be contributory towards designation. Mayor Rustin noted that in the report, the HPC recommended that the entire property be declared as historic and the HPC should have negotiated the extent of designation with the property owner before submitting a report to Council. Mr. McClure advised that he attended the hearing and confirmed that the testimony and recommendation is based on the entire site.

Mark Greenberg, Esq. of the Law Firm of David Watkins, Esq. commented that his client is the property owner and is opposed to historic designation. Mr. Greenberg explained that the

- C. Award Contract – Envirocon, LLC – Municipal Building Chiller Replacement
- D. Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department – Various
- E. Authorize Reimbursement – Recreation Department – Fingerprinting Fee
- F. Approve Driveway Area Improvements - 189 Serpentine Road

Minutes to be approved: February 4, 2014 Work Session
 February 8, 2014 Budget Meeting
 February 11, 2014 Closed Session
 February 11, 2014 Regular Meeting

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Employee Evaluations

C. Barzelatto requested that for the March 25th work session, he would like to see the employee evaluation form. Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that department heads are required to complete their employee evaluations by March 18th and that evaluations were not conducted last year, pending labor counsel review as part of the revision to the personnel manual. She noted that she would provide a status of the evaluations.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Warms, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk