

# **Borough of Tenafly**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014

At 7.35 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: Nadia LaMastra, Daniel Park, Jon Warms, and Mark Zinna

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin

Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: Councilmembers Anthony Barzelatto and Maxim Basch

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 14-119.

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. Attorney/Client Privilege
  - 1. Tenafly Swim Club SBA Loan Application
- 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. Warms, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was recessed to the Closed Session in the Committee Room at 7.36 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting resumed at 7.57 p.m.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Administrator does not have a set date for the rebid regarding the Geissinger Field Project, but estimates the base bid to be \$400,000.

The chiller replacement project is expected to be completed by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor noted that there needs to be better systems implemented to be able to properly regulate temperature controls. C. LaMastra would like to have an alternative option, in case the chiller is not ready during the warmer weather. C. LaMastra desires to have to chiller replaced in the month of May or sooner. The Mayor agreed that a key concern is the timing of the replacement, noting productivity depends on room temperature.

The opening bid for the Municipal Complex Security Cameras is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

A constructive meeting took place with the architect to set forth floor plans, site plans and advise of any updates regarding the DPW Building Replacement Project. The parking lot will shift to where the building currently stands. A presentation of the DPW Building Replacement Project will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Open Space Trust Fund Public Hearing regarding the 2013 park improvement grant award took place on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Freeholders will meet on May 7, 2014 to consider the resolution of granting final approval to the 2013 Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program project. Bob Culvert has renewed his Recycling Coordinator Certification and is currently taking classes for an Arborist Certification.

The 5K Race was added to the Administrator's Report. The Mayor noted that appropriate street closures need to be applied.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Jenna's Rainbow Foundation RE: 2014 Spring Fair May 18<sup>th</sup>

Council acknowledged that Jenna's Rainbow Foundation is having their Spring Fair May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Borough of Closter RE: Resolution Encouraging Protection of NJ Palisades Viewshed

US Department of the Interior RE: LG Electronics USA Project

With regards to both items of correspondence, the Mayor noted that he had signed a letter with five other mayors' supporting the opposition against the LG Electronics USA Project. However, the Mayor stated, he was reluctant to criticize what is going on in a supporting town. He realized that most of the Tenafly residents were pleased to see Mayor Rustin is supporting the opposition.

C. Zinna stated that he is hesitant to get involved in the resolution against LG Electronics USA Project. C. LaMastra is also cautious about getting involved; however, Mayor Rustin feels comfortable proceeding with the resolution. C. Warms believes that Tenafly should be able to voice their opinion on the opposition. C. Park is cautious about getting involved in another town's affairs. C. Zinna stated it would be hypocritical to do a resolution on another town's decision. The Mayor responded that allowing the LG Electronics USA Project to pass, may allow for larger buildings to be built in the future. He made clear, that he would support the project if it were done in a different manner and did not affect the Palisades.

The Mayor suggested holding off on majority opinion, until the rest of the Council members are present.

The Barbera Family RE: No Parking Request for Chestnut Street  
The Barbera Family lost the ability to have public parking. C. LaMastra stated the striped spacing does not restrict public parking. The Mayor stated that employees and customers should park in their lot. He wants to have a letter sent to request a buffer be installed around driveways, which he feels is appropriate action.

### **RESOLUTIONS** for meeting of March 25, 2014:

- A. Approve Expenditures as of March 19, 2014
- B. Approve LOSAP Certification List – Tenafly Volunteer Ambulance Corps
- C. Approve Raffle Applications #1070 & #1072 - #1074
- D. Authorize Refund – Davis Johnson Garden Room – Tarra
- E. Authorize Refunds – 2014 Tax Court Judgment
- F. Authorize Auction of Surplus Property – GovDeals.com
- G. Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 35 Sunderland Road
- H. Amend #R14-105 - Tax Court Judgment
- I. Approve Outdoor Seating Permit Application - Brasserie
- J. Approve Additional Engineering Services – Oversight of the Municipal Building Chiller Replacement Project

**Minutes** to be approved: March 11, 2014 Closed Session  
March 11, 2014 Regular Meeting

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Councilmembers were in agreement to curtail plans to change the downtown traffic and circulation situation due to insufficient funds for the project. The Mayor addressed the situation with the Police Chief and decided a temporary rerouting would be beneficial. Temporary improvements include traffic restrictions by Café Angélique, the stop sign at Jay Street and Highwood would be changed and prohibit left hand turns at the corner of Jay Street and County Road.

The Mayor asked the Council whether to have the firework show again this year. He noted that last year's event with the Dixie Land Band was very successful and was not very costly. All present councilmembers were in favor of doing the event again.

C. LaMastra questioned why the policy of resident correspondence has changed for being heard during public meetings. The Mayor stated if Council feels a resident's correspondence is noteworthy, they need to discuss it with the Clerk to make sure it ends up on the agenda for discussion at the public meeting.

The CFO, Mr. Vinci discussed reducing the police and fire pension by \$132,000, which would be a fifty-nine dollar savings versus a fourteen dollar saving if the deductions were taken out of the PERS. A surplus would be cancelled out and rollover to aid in next year's budget. Amending the budget is set for April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Zinna, second by C. LaMastra, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8.32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk