

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

At 7:39 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, Mark Zinna

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin

Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: None

TO BE CONSIDERED

20 Esmond Place – Adjacent Vacant Piece of Land

Mayor Rustin noted that there is a piece of property that was deserted in the 1940's. He stated that there is a line of trees that need to be maintained, which he added is expensive to upkeep. The Mayor added that one resident on the side of the property would like to purchase the land. He noted that the legal work to the Borough would cost approximately \$2,500 for title search, survey, tax foreclosure, filing fees for deed. He noted that since the resident is not interesting in spending money for legal work, he stated that there is a choice for the Borough to either spend the money and the resident would be responsible for the upkeep of the trees. However he stated that if the Borough does not incur the legal costs, he questioned who would be responsible for covering the cost of the tree maintenance. Mayor Rustin recommended that the Borough go ahead and incur the expenses of the legal work. C. LaMastra questioned whether the adjacent resident would have to sign papers stating that they did not want the piece of land. The Borough Attorney stated the adjacent neighbor would be notified. C. Basch noted that the owner had discussed cutting down trees previously. He added that he would like the potential owner to understand that they cannot cut down the trees. Mayor Rustin stated that the trees fall under the tree ordinance and the owner would have to get permission from the other neighbor as well. C. Warms inquired as to whether it will affect the value of the individual's house. Mayor Rustin replied that it would cause a slight increase in value. The Borough Attorney noted that a resolution may have to be done to reactivate tax liens.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thompson Chin reported that there are two upcoming grant applications. One will be for Tennis Court Lighting at Roosevelt Common through the Bergen County Open Space fund since the lighting is insufficient and the existing fixtures are severely deteriorated. The other application will be for the Roosevelt Monument Lighting to the Historic Preservation Trust and the Intent to Apply letter has been submitted. Matching funds would be included in the 2015 Capital Budget. Resolutions to authorize submission of the grant applications are anticipated for October 14th Council Meeting

The Administrator addressed concerns on whether the \$20.00 for those who are not eligible for Medicare is a valid cost for the flu shot. C. Basch stated that due to the Affordable Care Act, a great number of individuals are insured. He questioned why the Borough would enter into a contract with a group that does not participate in the insurance. C. LaMastra noted that the nurses that come to the Borough from Hackensack Medical Center, do not have the equipment to run through an individual's health insurance. The Administrator stated that vaccines at CVS are not free to those that do not have insurance. She added that the Affordable Care Act allows an individual plans, which they can purchase. Mayor Rustin stated that the Borough is not in competition with anyone. He added that offering the flu vaccine is a service in which residents can take advantage of. The Administrator noted that HARP is a full year-round medical service.

The Administrator stated that the generator grant was submitted. She noted that the Borough received documentation that the information had been accepted. She added that the state is looking to give the application priority and send it to FEMA on Friday. The Administrator noted that the grant allocation had been reduced by 50%. She questioned whether to include the Senior Center, however she added that with the grant fund, the money the Borough has in the Capital Program and the money coming from FEMA, she added that there is a good chance the Borough would be able to include the Senior Center. She stated the grant was for \$100,000.00

CORRESPONDENCE

R. Halvorsen RE: Temporary Storage Container
Mayor Rustin stated that he does not believe Mr. Halvorsen is ready to start the project yet. He added that he would give 3 months permission to use the dumpster. He added that Mr. Halvorsen must contact the Borough to discuss the date in which he plans to get the dumpster. The Mayor stated that if he needs more than three months, he will have to come back to the Borough.

R. & C. Roux RE: Events at Bicycle Workshop
Mayor Rustin suggested that during events at the Bicycle Workshop, police post no parking signs on the south side of the street.

Tenaflly Traditional Holiday Committee RE: Crèche Display
Council approved the Holiday Committee Crèche Display.

The Community Chest RE: Message Board Display
Council Approved The Community Chest message board display for one month.

KPA of Mackay School HSA RE: Yard Sale
The Administrator stated that the KPA would have to fill out an application and then follow up with the school to get their permission for use.

RESOLUTIONS for meeting of September 30, 2014:

- A. Award Contract – Installation of Sports Field Lighting – Tenaflly Road Soccer Cage Project
- B. Authorize Professional Engineering Services – Emergency Repairs to Culverts
- C. Approve Refund – Youth Services Teen Summer Camp – Castaldo
- D. Authorize Execution of Grant Agreement - 2014 Community Development Block Grant Funds – Senior Center Improvements
- E. Award Contract - Roll Off Container Truck for the Tenaflly Department of Public Works
- F. Authorize Refunds – Overpayment of Taxes – 3rd Quarter of 2014
- G. Authorize Refunds – Overpayment of Taxes – Corelogic
- H. Approve Outdoor Seating Permit – Cactus Sushi
- I. Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Zhang & Tang
- J. Approve Raffle Application – RA 1092

C. Basch stated that while the lighting for the soccer cage has been awarded, he questioned the whereabouts of the bus that he stated, was promised for the senior citizens. Mayor Rustin stated that the Borough did not promise anyone a bus. He added that the soccer cage was gifted from the Tenaflly United Soccer Club on the premise that the Borough would supply the lights.

C. Barzalatto stated that there needs to be a fishnet cover over the soccer cage. He added that soccer balls have been coming out of the cage and landing on Riveredge Road. Mayor Rustin stated that he will have Mr. Hipolit look at it as well as notify the donator of the cage.

Minutes to be approved: September 23, 2014 Regular Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Geissinger Field and Track

C. Basch stated that Fred Robbins measured noise from the field at 75dbs. C. Basch noted that he told him to send a letter to the Board of Education. He stated that the BOE's response noted that the noise level was within the law. C. Basch inquired whether there is anyone from the town who can go and measure the noise level. Mayor Rustin noted that there is a chart in the state as well as the local regulation that states that if sound emanating from public spaces, such as a school and reaches a residence over 65dbs, it's against the law.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Warms , and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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