

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014

At 7:32 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: Maxim Basch, Nadia LaMastra, Daniel Park, Jon Warms, and Mark Zinna

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin

Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: Council member Anthony Barzelatto

TO BE CONSIDERED

Downtown Sidewalk Snow Removal

Mayor Rustin advised that he spoke with DPW Director, Mr. Culvert regarding snow removal in the downtown business district. Currently, property and business owners in the downtown are required to clear at a minimum a 4' path. They are not required to clean the entire sidewalk. Due to the recent and larger snowstorms, there is a wall of snow along the curb line. Mr. Culver proposed that on a trial basis, that the property and business owners be allowed to shovel snow into the street and DPW can pick it up, since the purpose is to get rid of the wall of snow and allow for pedestrian accessibility. Mr. Culvert will speak with Chamber of Commerce next week and will present this idea as an experiment for this year. Mayor Rustin noted that he plans on attending this meeting. The trial will be for all the businesses in the B1 and B2 zones.

189 Serpentine Road – Request for Improvement

Mr. Silber, attorney for the property owner, explained that in November, a request to improve the vacated portion of Serpentine Road was presented to the Mayor and Council. At that time, Mr. Silber was directed to submit the plans to the Borough Engineer and to obtain consent from the other property owners. The plans were submitted the Borough Engineer who accepted the plans and suggested that a soil moving permit be obtained should the driveway be improved. The land had been vacated to 4 property owners who provided written consent on the plan as well. At this time, Mr. Silber is seeking for consent from the Mayor and Council that authorizes the current or future homeowner to apply at the Building Department for a permit to improve the driveway for 189 Serpentine Road. Council authorized the Borough Attorney to prepare resolution issuing this consent.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that Ordinance 14-03 inserts the citation of the state statute concerning the appropriate authority in the Police Department. She clarified that the Borough Administrator is the Police Chief's supervisor for Borough business, but not on how to run the department.

With regards to residential energy aggregation, there is a timing issue. The Riverside Cooperative is requiring member municipalities to decide by February 19th if they want to join in the energy aggregation program. Council directed Mrs. Thompson-Chin to contact the representative from Gabel Associates to determine if the program can be presented at the February 4th work session.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin noted that on February 4th, a formal recommendation regarding the Department of Public Works building project RFP will be listed as an item to be considered. Also, budget books will be distributed to Council that evening.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that on the purchase of generators, Maser is working on an extensive application regarding the hazard mitigation plan. All documents must be transmitted electronically

to the state, which will then be forwarded to FEMA. The Borough is on track with this submission of the documentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

NJDOT RE: No Passing Zone – Resolution of Concurrence
The resolution of concurrence will be listed for the February 11th consent agenda.

Maugham HSA RE: Curb Your Dog Signs
The Borough Administrator noted that DPW will install the signs and information on curbing dogs will be in the newsletter.

RESOLUTIONS for meeting of January 28, 2014:

- A. Approve Expenditures as of January 24, 2014
- B. Authorize Agreement – Cooper Pest Solutions
- C. Authorize Refunds – 2013 Tax Court Judgments - Various
- D. Approve Amendment to the Riverside Cooperative Agreement
- E. Authorize Agreement – Bergen County Department of Health Services – Employee Assistance Program
- F. Authorize Agreement – Bergen County Department of Health Services – Animal Control Services
- G. Authorize Agreement – Hackensack University Medical Center – Health Awareness Regional Program
- H. Authorize Agreement – Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission – Public Health & Environmental Health Services
- I. Authorize Agreement – Valley Health Medical Group – Drug & Alcohol Testing
- J. Authorize Agreement – Interboro Mutual Aid Group
- K. Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department – Various
- L. Authorize Reimbursement – Recreation Department – Fingerprinting Fee
- M. Authorize Refund – Construction & Soil Moving Escrow – 108 Buckingham Road
- N. Authorize Refund – Construction & Soil Moving Escrow – 199 Highwood Avenue
- O. Authorize Auction of Surplus Property – GovDeals.com
- P. Approve Raffle Application – RA1068

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinances: ORDINANCE NO. 14-01 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-47 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER'S AUXILIARY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95, ET SEQ.

 ORDINANCE NO. 14-02 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, SECTION 2-57.2 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY SETTING FORTH THE MEMBERS AND CLASS QUALIFICATIONS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes to be approved: January 7, 2014 Work Session
 January 14, 2014 Regular Meeting
 January 14, 2014 Closed Session

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

C. LaMastra requested that Council re-examine the tenafly.net e-mail for more versatility and ease of use. Mayor Rustin recommended that the technology subcommittee should meet with the Board of Education Technology Department to address the issues. Mrs. Thompson-Chin noted that the Board of Education has migrated from XP to Windows 7 and the Borough will soon undergo that migration. C. Warms and Mr. McClure will meet with the Technology Department.

C. Basch requested that Council adopt a resolution committing to the referendum on the Nature Center project. Mayor Rustin responded that he is waiting for the groups to submit 2 names for the subcommittee. Mr. McClure highlighted that the Borough Charter provides for non-binding referendum. Mayor Rustin explained that two steps must occur before a resolution authorizing the referendum to be listed on the November ballot, the committee must be formed and an interpretive statement must be drafted. He noted that C. Zinna will chair the committee and that he has appointed Paul Stefanowicz from the Historic Preservation Commission and Nina Seiden from the Environmental Commission to the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

No Parking Request – Chestnut Street

The Borough Administrator advised that the Police Department has not recommended the elimination of parking on Chestnut Street. However, the Police Chief has recommended that yellow

lines be painted by the driveway of the homeowner to delineate the area and provide clearance for vehicles exiting and entering the driveway. Council concurred with the recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Park, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk