

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

At 7:31 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 (7:55 p.m.), Daniel Park (arrived at 7:33 p.m.), Paul Stefanowicz, Mark Zinna

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin

Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: None

TO BE CONSIDERED

Filming Fee Waiver Request

Wally Marzano-Lesnivich thanked the Mayor and Council for considering the filming fee waiver request. He explained that there will only be one truck with lighting equipment, shooting will be done using one digital camera and he does not anticipate shutting down any streets. The project will consist of a small crew with mostly 2 actors in one scene. He anticipates the project will take 2 to 2½ weeks, from Monday through Saturday and 6 days of filming will be done within 1 house. He estimated that based on fee structure, he believes the permit will cost between \$5000 and \$7500. After discussion, Council determined that charge one flat permit fee of \$100 for the project under the caveat that the Borough Clerk be provided with as much notice of the shooting as possible to relay the information to the Police Department and that the project must be completed no later than the end of June.

Stanton and Anthony Monuments – Presented by the HPC

HPC Chairperson, Dave Wall explained that the HPC is seeking to install a monument in honor of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. One possible design would involve a Victorian style bench with a sitting statue of Ms. Stanton and Ms. Anthony on the sides and a space for people to sit in between them. The bench can be placed in Huyler Park or in the Rose Garden at Davis Johnson Park. Mr. Wall noted that while it is too early to affix a cost, he did receive an estimate for such a structure at \$68,800, plus 10% for delivery. He stated that the HPC will try to raise the funds themselves, but the commission is seeking a commitment from the Mayor and Council for the location to accommodate a 6-7 foot long monument as well as seed money. Mayor Rustin recommended that the HPC speak with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the funds that they had collected for a pavilion at Huyler Park.

Ms. Stanton's great-great-granddaughter, Coline Jenkins was present and recommended that a lectern with the 2 life size statues of the women approaching the lectern be considered and that a design committee should be formed. Ms. Jenkins commented that a lectern design would be perfect for speeches and speaking competitions. Penny Colman, author of Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony: A Friendship that Changed the World was also present. Ms. Jenkins donated 4 copies of Ms. Colman's book to the Borough.

C. Park advised that he will check with Assemblywoman Huttles' office to determine if there are any historical grants at the state level and he will research for grants through the County. The HPC was directed to provide more specific details on concept design and cost for further review. Council agreed with concept of a monument at Huyler Park.

Tax Credit for Volunteer First Responders

C. Barzelatto explained that a majority of towns in New York State have elected to have local EMS and Fire Department volunteers to a reduction in their municipal taxes at about 5-10%. Council will review this matter further once it is determined if municipalities do so or if a state statute is required.

Resolution Regarding Proposed State Transition Plan

Mayor Rustin referenced a request he had received from the Bergen County United Way for the Council to adopt a resolution opposing a proposed rule change by the State, which would effectively limit housing choices for people with developmental disabilities. Council directed the Borough Clerk to list the resolution for the April 14th consent agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that Chief Chamber seeking permission to prepare for a test for a new officer and internal promotional announcement due to Lt. Klein’s retirement. Council granted permission to proceed for one new hire and one promotion to maintain the current table of organization.

She noted that the Borough received the outstanding \$106,000 from FEMA for Borough expenses related to Superstorm Sandy, which have been deposited in the Storm Trust Account.

A follow-up meeting regarding the CSX railroad crossing at Central Avenue and Grove Street will be held on March 26th.

With regards to the Safe Routes to School grant award of \$146,000 for the Stillman School Sidewalk and Parking Improvements Projects, the Borough Engineer will be submitting a proposal for construction management and bidding for safe route to school grant.

In reference to the letter submitted to the Borough of Cresskill regarding a potential shared service arrangement for use of their swim clubs, there has not been any response to date.

RESOLUTIONS for meeting of March 24, 2015:

- A. Approve Expenditures as of March 18, 2015
- B. Approve Raffle Applications – RA 1108 & 1109
- C. Authorize Refund - Tenafly Youth Services Teen Summer Camp
- D. Amend Temporary Budget
- E. Authorize 2014 Appropriation Reserve Line Item Transfers
- F. Authorize Refund of Taxes – Carmody
- G. Authorize Refund – Recreation Department – Fingerprint Reimbursement
- H. Authorize Refund – Recreation Department – Summer Camp
- I. Authorize Redemption of Tax Title Lien – TTL12-7
- J. Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Silverman
- K. Authorize Refunds – Tax Court Judgment – Various
- L. Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Baumgarten

Minutes to be approved:

- February 7, 2015 Budget Meeting
- February 17, 2015 Budget Meeting
- February 21, 2015 Budget Meeting
- March 9, 2015 Closed Session
- March 10, 2015 Closed Session

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-04 - REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF OUTSTANDING GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS BY THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, APPROPRIATING \$6,800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,800,000 REFUNDING BONDS OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

OLD BUSINESS

Dog Park

C. Park recommended that the area facing Foster Road be considered as a potential site for the dog park instead of behind the municipal complex. C. LaMastra inquired if the site would be too busy of an area. Council directed the Borough Administrator to have the Borough Engineer prepare a site plan for the Forest Road area which is to include gates, benches, and a waterline.

Geissinger Field

C. Basch referenced an e-mail he had received from a resident that referenced with measurements of noise readings taken by the Bergen County Health Services on October 24, 2014. Mayor Rustin commented that the next potential for noise activity won't be until September when football begins. C. Basch advised that the Borough needs to make sure an officer who is specifically trained in taking noise measurements is working during the events to take the measurements.

The Borough Administrator will reach out to the County to obtain a copy of the report and will review the matter with the Board of Education at a Joint Use meeting once the football schedule has been finalized.

C. Basch inquired if the Borough is obtaining a financial advisor to try to get a better deal on the refunding bond ordinance. CFO Vinci confirmed that there will be a savings from the refunding bond ordinance. He will solicit proposals from a financial advisor for the soft costs associated with this matter.

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 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk