

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

At 7:33 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 Press."

Present: Mayor Peter S. Rustin

Council members: Anthony Barzelatto (arrived at 8:25 p.m.), Nadia LaMastra, Daniel Park (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Paul Stefanowicz, Mark Zinna

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin

Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: Councilmember Maxim Basch

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Rustin read the following statement:

Public Comments: A total of 15 minutes has been allocated for this purpose. Citizens are welcome to address the Mayor and Council on any governmental item of concern to them, whether or not it is scheduled on the agenda below. Citizens must give their names and addresses when recognized to speak. Large groups are urged to select someone to represent them. The public is advised that these meetings are recorded and are subject to the Open Public Records Act.

No one came forward.

TO BE CONSIDERED

Asbestos & Lead Paint Evaluation

Mrs. Thompson-Chin noted that the proposal is for lead paint and asbestos evaluation for 5 South Summit, as well as the asbestos evaluation for the current DPW site at 107 Grove Street. The Borough is obligated to abate this issue as the DPW is an active work site. If any remediation work is required, funds would be obtain through older capital balances.

Community Garden

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that she asked the Green Team for a more detailed proposal to include how the garden will be maintained and harvested. They are still formulating ideas, but have to submit more concrete plans. The Green Team is planning on conducting a public outreach to attract volunteers who would be responsible for specific plots to plant, cultivate and maintain.

C. Park advised that the first stage is to have the Borough plant perennials. He stated that he is seeking grants to help with the costs and will coordinate with the Center for Food Action to donate food that will be grown. C. LaMastra recommended that the soil be tested before planting since there was construction in the municipal complex.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that the hiring process for an officer is on the Police Department's page on the Borough website. Once that process has been completed, the next step is promotion to the rank of lieutenant.

With regards to the new DPW Building, the current focus is on the UST close-out. Between May and June, work will be done with regards to going out to bid for construction and soliciting for a Clerk of the Works.

not granted until the following spring. Council determined to wait until there is a complete plan in order to have the proper funding in place. In the interim, Council directed the Borough Administrator to prepare an RFP for passive low-maintenance landscaping for the oval.

- C. Zinna advised at the open space subcommittee meeting, there was a discussion of how to use the current funds and whether to accumulate them for a big project. They are seeking to form a smaller subcommittee within the group to discuss a community center with the 2 presidents of the swim clubs. He also requested to have the Director of the Senior Center and the Borough engineer attend the brainstorming meeting to determine if such a project is feasible. Mayor Rustin recommended that the group should visit community centers throughout the region. C. Zinna will coordinate with the Borough Administrator to have the Borough Engineer attend the session.
- Mayor Rustin advised Council that the area facing Forest Road for the dog park was staked out. He invited Council to look at the site. If Council agrees on the location, then funding should be solicited through donations.
- Mayor Rustin confirmed that the Crossing Guards will be honored at the June 16th meeting. There will be a small reception at 7pm and they will be formally recognized at Regular Meeting at 7:45pm.
- Mrs. Thompson-Chin inquired if there was any interest to bring in Vantage Housing for a presentation on affordable housing for the developmentally disabled. There was no consensus to proceed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- With regards to the presentation from ITN North Jersey, C. LaMastra will discuss the proposal with the Director of the Senior Center and advise Council. The Borough Administrator will speak to Eifert French about the proposal from an insurance liability point of view.
- C. Barzelatto requested that Council consider adopting a resolution supporting the police in light of current events throughout the nation. He will provide a draft for consideration.
- Council discussed the presentation by Domus Corporation and potential locations throughout the Borough to determine the feasibility for a 30 unit complex. Council will discuss this issue further at a future work session.
- A resident from Forest Road requested if he can address the Mayor and Council since he just arrived and missed the public comment portion of the meeting. Council permitted him to speak. Mr. Asaf expressed his concern about the dog park. There is already a lot of noise and traffic in the area due to the activities in the municipal complex. The neighbors are very concerned and would not like any added disturbances in the area. Mayor Rustin responded that the dog park would only be open during daylight hours. He noted that if the project were to move forward, there will be an opportunity for public discussion for the neighbors to voice their concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Zinna, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela,
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Borough Clerk