

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

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: Maxim Basch, Shama Haider, Daniel Park, Paul Stefanowicz, Mark Zinna

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin

Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: Councilmember Anthony Barzelatto

TO BE CONSIDERED

Demolition of 5 South Summit Street – Review with Borough Engineer

Borough Engineer, Mr. Hipolit described that the building located at 5 South Summit has an odd foundation and had been tested for asbestos and lead. Since the results were positive for asbestos, to abate the contamination, it would cost \$9,000. The demolition cost is estimated at \$20,000 because the building must be taken down piece by piece. The remaining \$20,000 portion of the estimate involves site restoration, which includes cutting the foundation below the surface and repaving the parking lot, which would yield 10 parking spaces as opposed to the 6 existing spaces. Mr. Hipolit stressed that the regulations associated with removal are the driving factor of the cost.

C. Basch inquired if the project would be put out to bid. Mr. Hipolit confirmed that the project would be put out to bid and that due to the cost involved, it does not qualify for the solicitation of quotes. C. Basch asked if the DPW can be involved with the demolition of the building once it has been abated to reduce the cost. Mr. Hipolit responded that since asbestos is involved, the DPW cannot take down the building and advised that due to the wiring and mold, all the parts of the building are considered as contaminated projects, which require specialized demolition services. Mrs. Thompson-Chin added that the DPW is not trained in building demolition. The demolition of the building will remain in the capital budget.

HPC Recommendation – Designation of 19 Peter Lynas Court

C. Stefanowicz explained that after evaluation of the property, the HPC believed that there was enough merit to for the governing body consider it for historic designation. The decision of the Council was to forward the designation report to the Planning Board for their recommendation.

Northern Valley Fire Chief's Parade

Mayor Rustin noted that this parade is conducted annually and rotates among municipalities. This year, the parade will coincide with the Fire Department's 125th year anniversary. Council approved the route and will follow-up with C. Barzelatto on the breakdown of the budget for the event.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mrs. Thompson-Chin provided an overview of the Harvey Dunn paintings which were on an alarmed display in the Library. After the recent renovations at the Library, there is no suitable location to securely hang the paintings. No decision is required to be made tonight; however, Mrs. Thompson-Chin sought to convey the information to the governing body and will provide updates on this topic.
- Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that the Borough received a safety award from the JIF of \$1,500, which is used to purchase safety equipment and an annual employee social gathering.

- With regards to the telephone system update, the Board of Education disqualified one vendor and is reviewing the bid of a potential vendor. The prices are well within the estimates. Updates will be provided upon receipt of additional information.
- The Bergen County Open Space public hearing will be held on March 28th, which includes the Borough's application for the playground for the upper portion of Griffin Park.
- Mrs. Thompson-Chin confirmed that the Bergen County Clerk will have their on-site mobile office in Borough Hall. Ms. Aportela explained that the services will be held from May 10th through the 12th from 10am to 2pm in the Wilson Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

L. Auerbach RE: POD Extension Request
 Council granted the extension for 90 days. The Borough Clerk will advise the resident and Building Department.

ANJEC RE: Open Space Stewardship Grant
 Mayor Rustin recognized the Environmental Commission for obtaining the grant with the Nature Center. C. Park advised that there will be a new grant application submitted to expand the trails.

Borough of New Milford RE: Resolution Opposing the Pension & Health Benefit Study Commission Report
 Council authorized that a similar resolution be listed for adoption at the April 12th meeting. Mrs. Thompson-Chin noted that at the League conference, there was a representative from the commission who was defending the report despite its flaws, misconceptions, and bad policy.

Borough of Franklin Lakes RE: Drug Amnesty Policy
 Council reviewed the resolution from Franklin Lakes. C. Park inquired if Chief Chamberlain can speak with the chief of Franklin Lakes and provide Council with his recommendations about the policy. Mr. McClure noted that local law enforcement cannot change state criminal code and municipalities can only have a policy on those offenses that come to the local magistrate.

Keep NJ Safe RE: Resolution Opposing Parole of C. Righetti
 The majority of Council authorized that a supporting resolution be listed for the April 12th consent agenda.

RESOLUTIONS for meeting of March 22, 2016:

- A. Approve Expenditures as of March 16, 2016
- B. Approve Raffle Application – RA 1133
- C. Approve Ice Cream Vendor License – License No. I-1-2016
- D. Award Contract – DPW Mack Dump Truck
- E. Approve LOSAP Certification List – Tenaflly Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
- F. Approved Shared Services Agreement with County of Bergen – Fire Truck Loaner Program
- G. Approve Outdoor Seating Applications – Brasserie & Tavlin Restaurant
- H. Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Block 2401, Lot 3
- I. Authorize Change Order #2 – 2015 Riverside Co-Op Road Improvement
- J. Authorize Change Order #1 – Tenaflly Road Section 4 Project
- K. Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes – Corelogic
- L. Authorize Refund – Recreation Department – Preschool Camp
- M. Adopt Temporary Capital Budget
- N. Authorize 2015 Appropriation Reserve Line Item Transfers
- O. Amend Temporary Budget

Minutes to be approved: March 8, 2016 Work Session
 March 8, 2016 Regular Meeting

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCE NO. 16-05 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII, §7-42.2 OF THE REVISED GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY REGARDING ISSUANCE OF PARKING PERMITS FOR THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Class of 2016 Project Graduation (C. Haider)
 C. Haider disclosed that she received a request if Council would support project graduation. She commented that while as a body, the Borough does not donate to nonprofits, she recommend that her colleague support project graduation as individuals.

- C. Basch stated that Magnolia Avenue was resurfaced and that after a year the surface is already damaged. The Borough Administrator will have the Borough Engineer evaluate the condition of the road. Mayor Rustin noted that the state lowered standards for asphalt, which is not good as it used to be. Council requested that the Borough Engineer review if the Borough can request a higher grade of asphalt in the bid solicitation.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 16-120A.

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:

Litigation/Attorney-Client Privilege

1. Lanin v. Borough of Tenafly

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 adjourn this public meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from C. Haider, seconded by C. Park, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Basch, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk