

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 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, Daniel Park, Paul Stefanowicz, Mark Zinna
(arrived at 7:45 p.m.)

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin

Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: Councilmembers Anthony Barzelatto and Shama Haider

TO BE CONSIDERED

Borough Telephone System Upgrade – Post-Bid Review

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reviewed how the Borough has been working in conjunction with the Board of Education to upgrade from an analog telephone system to Voice-Over IP. The Board of Education conducted the bid process and awarded a contract on April 5th to Eastern Datacom. The Board of Education will serve as the master contract.

C. Basch advised that in looking over the specs, it has listed for the Borough twice the amount of switching equipment for 1/3 of the units in comparison to the high school. Board of Education IT Max – looked through the specs – 2x as much switching equipment for a 1/3 of the units than the high school. Board of Education District Technology Coordinator, Bob Caputo explained that the high school already did an upgrade a few years ago and only needs additional switches. The Board of Education Technical Consultant, Paul Sabella confirmed that Borough facilities do not have any switches. Eastern Datacom Technician, Al Harnesh explained that the switches are Ethernet switches for the phone. C. Basch inquired if there would be redundancy in case there is a failure at one of the locations, such as the police department. Mr. Caputo confirmed that he has gone over the needs in preparing the specifications with Chief Chamberlain and there are a lot of things in place already for redundancy. Mr. Harnesh indicated that the distributed architecture ensures that the telephone switches are 100% redundant. C. Basch noted that the backup battery for the police department and TVAC is only 30 minutes and believed it was enough for the electricity or generator to be restored in the event of an emergency. Mr. Harnesh replied that the product being provided was responsive to what was required in the bid specs.

C. Park inquired when the project will be completed for the schools and if it can be performed at the same time with Borough facilities. Board of Education Business Administrator, Yas Usami advised that it is anticipated for the system to be operational for testing in August to ensure it is functional in September. Mr. Harnesh advised that the work can be concurring, but will not be performed exactly at the same time.

Council determined to conduct a follow discussion among the governing body at the next work session.

Proposed Community Presentation to be Confirmed – Senior Services Committee

C. Basch reported that the Senior Services Committee met last Monday and has requested to hold a senior citizen day to bring the town together. The purpose of the event is to conduct a senior friendly community presentation and to include various social organizations in the Borough such as the Chamber of Commerce, religious organizations and the general public. C. Park noted that the county holds a senior picnic at one of the parks and recommended that the presentation should take place at a park as a picnic.

Mayor Rustin highlighted that the Chair of the Committee suggested postponing the community presentation. C. Basch responded that the date is not firm, but the Committee is requesting that

the concept of the presentation be approved until scheduling details are finalized. Mayor Rustin reiterated that the Chair of the Committee had e-mailed that discussion of the presentation itself was premature. Council determined to wait for the Committee to outline the details of the presentation once it is ready since the Committee must still provide information on the transportation program and a job description for the services coordinator.

Additional Funding Request for COAH Consortium

Mrs. Thompson-Chin explained that the consortium is requesting an additional \$2,000 from participating municipalities, which are taken from COAH fees. A resolution authorizing the additional expenditure is listed on the consent agenda.

Amendment to Ordinance 16-05 – Overnight Residential Permit Parking

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that the overnight residential program must be reflected in another portion of the code. An ordinance will be introduced at a future meeting to finalize overnight parking program of 6 spots in the Franklin Avenue lot that are for residents subject to the approval of the Mayor and Council.

Hillside Avenue Parking Recommendation

Council reviewed the memo from Chief Chamberlain which does not recommend removing the parking spaces on Hillside Avenue. Council determined not to move forward on this matter.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported on the following items:

- The 2016 municipal budget has been examined by the Division of Local Government Services and has been approved for adoption.
- The Health Awareness Regional Program of HUMC will conduct a community resource fair at the Senior Center on June 23rd.
- The Borough received an award for the 2016-2017 CDBG grant to resurface Grove Street. This was the only eligible census tract. Of the \$100,000, the Borough will receive \$81,401.
- The new gazebo was installed at Davis-Johnson Park as well as the community garden planting beds have been installed by DPW.
- The court matter involving code enforcement was resolved amicably as the judge dismissed complaints for all parties.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sirens Media

RE: Film Permit Waiver

Council reviewed the waiver request as the production company exceeded the amount of permits authorized in the Borough Code and approved filming permits for April 21st and May 13th from 10am to 8pm.

Keller Williams Town Life

RE: Permission for Tables on Sidewalk

Council approved request to place 2 tables on the sidewalk on May 12th for their RED Day event.

RESOLUTIONS for meeting of April 19, 2016

- A. Approve Expenditures as of April 13, 2016
- B. Authorize Refund – Davis-Johnson Park Trust Fund – Watson
- C. Approve Outdoor Seating Application – Zestt Restaurant
- D. Recognize Municipal Clerks Week – 2016
- E. Confirm Compensation for Presidential Election Day
- F. Authorize Execution of Agreement with the County of Bergen – Surplus Snow Plow Equipment
- G. Authorize Receipt of Bids – Repair and Maintenance of Police Vehicles
- H. Authorize Receipt of Bids – Repair and Maintenance of Traffic Signals and Related Equipment
- I. Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 2 Forest Road
- J. Authorize Additional Funding - Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement

Minutes to be approved:

April 5, 2016 Work Session
April 5, 2016 Special Regular Meeting
April 5, 2016 Closed Session
April 12, 2016 Closed Session
April 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2016 Local Municipal Budget

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Testing of Water for Lead for Private Schools/Day Care Facilities (C. Barzelatto)

This matter will be listed for the next work session

C. Basch advised that he has received complaints about the cutting of trees on Magnolia Avenue. The tree replanting program will be discussed at the May 3rd work session.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget for Northern Valley Chiefs Parade

Council reviewed and approved the budget appropriation for the Northern Valley Chiefs Parade and the Fire Department's 125th anniversary.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 16-160A.

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:

Attorney-Client Privilege

1. Potential Litigation for breach of contract.

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. Park, seconded by C. Stefanowicz, 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. Park, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk