

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016

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 Press."

Present: Mayor Peter S. Rustin

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

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin

Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: Councilmember Anthony Barzelatto

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

Project Review with Borough Engineer and DPW Director

i. 2016 Road Paving Program

Borough Engineer, Andrew Hipolit reported that the low bidder for the project was AJM. The specifications contained a base bid and alternates. If Council intends to move forward, he is seeking to hold a preconstruction meeting next week so they can start as soon as the contract was signed. If project is completed satisfactorily and on time the repaving additional roads with the balance of the funds in the account will be evaluated. If such an extension is feasible, it would occur in the spring with the current contractor or it would go out to bid again. Mr. Hipolit highlighted that Alternate C in the specifications includes an asphalt sealer to extend the longevity of higher traffic roads. The sealer will be coated on about 8 to 10 roads, some of which were paved in the last 2 years. The contract will be awarded at the October 13th meeting.

ii. 5 South Summit Street Environmental Remediation & Demolition

Mr. Hipolit recommended awarding the contract for the base bid. He did not recommend awarding a contract for the alternate for milling and paving as the price was too high for this component. The demolition includes the proper removal of the environmental hazards. Mr. Hipolit stated that it is dangerous to let the building stay up for another year. Mrs. Thompson-Chin noted that the disposal requirements are standards that must be met as per the DEP regulations. She explained that the demolition and removal of asbestos are the highest costs associated with the project. Council determined to hold off on moving forward with the contract due to a potential impact of a potential real estate transaction that will be discussed in closed session.

iii. Roosevelt Common Tennis Court Lighting

Mr. Hipolit recommended awarding the contract to Quality Electrical Construction Company, whose bid came within the estimates tabulated for the project. He noted that half of the cost of the project is covered by a grant award. The contract will be awarded at the October 13th meeting.

iv. Davis-Johnson Park ADA Ramp Installation

Mr. Hipolit advised that the specifications for the ADA compliant ramp are near completion and the project is ready for the solicitation of bids. He commented that this is another project that is partially funded with a grant award. Council concurred with the recommendation.

v. Upper Griffin Park Playground Equipment Renovation

Mr. Hipolit recommended issuing a purchase order for the purchase of the playground equipment for Upper Griffin Park to Marturano Recreation Company, which is under state contract. As long as the purchase order is issued before the end of the year, the installation will be free. The issuance of a purchase order will be authorized at the October 13th meeting.

DPW Director, Mr. Culvert reported that 3 trees in Huyler Park and 1 oak tree in Roosevelt Common need to be removed. The trees will be replaced in the spring.

HPC Recommendation – 19 Peter Lynas Court

C. Stefanowicz advised that the HPC is recommending that 19 Peter Lynas Court be reconsidered for historic designation. The property is not being subdivided and the homeowner would like to landmark the entire property. Council determined to forward the recommendation to the Planning Board for their input.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported on the following:

- With regards to the procurement of the senior bus, the resolution authorizing receipt of bids will be listed for the October 13th meeting. She expects the vehicle to be delivered within 5 months after the award of the bid. C. Park inquired if the Borough received a response to the NJ Transit grant application. Mrs. Thompson-Chin replied that the Borough has not received any information since the submission of the grant and that the awards will not be announced for 18 to 24 months.
- In reference to the Police and Fire communications, the Borough is ready to move into phase II of the project, which involves extending the contract with MRESC for 3 additional months. The resolution authorizing the extension of the contract will be listed for the October 13th meeting.
- The Judiciary will conduct its annual municipal court visitation on Monday, October 24th. The visitation will review the court’s operations, administrative procedures, financial accounts, and office practices. This year, a part-time Violations Clerk was hired for the court.
- Mrs. Thompson-Chin highlighted that part of the 2016 Roadway Resurfacing project involved Microsurfacing which was performed in July and August 2016 on the following streets: East Hill Court, Peter Lynas Court, Sunderland Road, Deerfield Drive, De Vriese Court, Nelson Place, Hasting Drive, Windsor Road, Standish Court, Hodskin Place, Tenakill Parkway, Cherry Street, Clover Street, Evergreen Place, Walnut Drive, Willow Lane, and Dean Drive.

RESOLUTIONS for meeting of October 13, 2016

- A. Approve Expenditures as of October 5, 2016
- B. Approve Outdoor Seating Application – Good Taste Restaurant
- C. Approve Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County – County Road Resurfacing
- D. Authorize Refund – Planning Board Escrow – PB#1-14-08
- E. Authorize Refund –Garden Room Security Deposit

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Mayor Rustin advised that today the Tenaflly United Methodist Church submitted a letter requesting to hold a rummage sale on their property on October 15th. He noted that he reminded the pastor of the deadline for submitting correspondence for consideration by Council. Council granted permission for the event.
- Mayor Rustin advised that the Community Chest of Tenaflly, Englewood, and Englewood Cliffs requested an announcement regarding their Octoberfest event to be placed on the electronic message board. Council approved the request.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Zinna , second by C. Haider, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela,
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk