

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act statement by Mayor Rustin.

Present: Mayor Peter S. Rustin

Council members: Anthony Barzelatto (arrived at 7:38 p.m.), Barry Honig, Martha Kerge, Nadia LaMastra, Michael Lattif (via telephone), Jon Warms

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin
Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: None.

1. TO BE CONSIDERED

A. Downey Drive Circulation Study – Funding & Implementation

In order to give the Council an idea of the type of study that could be done and cost, Mayor Rustin distributed a proposal by Talley Associates that was provided to the Borough in 2009. He then asked to get a consensus from Council about whether they would like to go ahead with the study and the majority voted in favor of conducting a study. C. Honig informed Council that he had contacted Boswell Engineering to get an idea of the types of studies that they have done. Mayor Rustin remarked that it is the job of the Administrator to reach out to professionals after being directed by the Council to do so. By C. Honig contacting Boswell, Mayor Rustin expressed his concern that the process may have been prejudiced. Mr. McClure advised that by making Boswell aware that there is a potential project, although no specific information may have been given, it could give rise to firms contesting the award of the contract should the project go out to bid and Boswell be the firm chosen to do the study. He further explained that when discussions do not take place in the public sphere, as was the case when C. Honig contacted Boswell, the claim can always be made that everyone was not given equal access to the same information.

C. LaMastra suggested that the Borough Administrator call three engineering firms to advise them that Smith School is in need of a traffic circulation study and the key players would be the Board of Education, Borough of Tenafly, and the Downey Drive residents. Council agreed to have Mrs. Thompson-Chin reach out to at least three engineering firms and report to Council at the March 22nd Work Session as to the scope, timing, and cost of a traffic circulation study.

B. Update on Status of Police Temporary Trailers – Contract Awards for Installation of Utilities

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that the third phase of the Police Headquarters Project has begun. She explained that the site-prep has been completed by Conquest Industries and the trailers were delivered by Mobilease. The utilities now need to be connected and the resolutions to award the contracts for water and electric are on tonight's Public Meeting agenda. She also informed Council that Chief Bruno and the Clerk of the Works had met with five moving firms and asked them to submit formal proposals for the move of the Police Department to the trailers. She remarked that the project is progressing well and the anticipated timing of the move would be no later than mid-April.

C. Bergen County Municipal JIF Helpline – Designate 2 Contacts

Mrs. Thompson-Chin stated that the two contacts had already been designated by resolution and these contacts would be herself and Carol Byrne. Council agreed to designate Jewel Thompson-Chin and Carol Byrne as the Bergen County Municipal JIF Helpline contacts.

D. BCUA – Review Purpose and Discuss Rescheduling

Mrs. Thompson-Chin explained that Remington & Vernick are under contract with BCUA and are looking at ways to reduce the inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewage collection. She advised that this service can be provided to the Borough at no cost and the program is voluntary. The purpose of their presentation would be to provide more detail on this program. Mayor Rustin suggested allowing them to give their presentation as sewer charges are a huge line item in the budget. He believes that the inflow and infiltration have a huge impact on these charges and should be reviewed. Council agreed to schedule Remington & Vernick Engineers for the March 1st Work Session agenda.

E. Geese Police

Mrs. Thompson-Chin explained that the DPW and Board of Education had requested that the Geese Police Program be continued. The resolution to update the contract is listed on tonight's Public Meeting agenda. Council agreed that there is a need to continue this program and that the resolution should remain listed on the Consent Agenda.

As the time required Council to commence the Regular Meeting, on a motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Kerge, and unanimously carried, the meeting was closed at 8:40 p.m. Council will resume reviewing the balance of items upon conclusion of the Closed Session, scheduled to follow the Public Meeting.

The Mayor opened the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 10:56 p.m.

2. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

A. 2011 Fireworks & Summer Concerts

Mayor Rustin informed Council that the date of July 2nd needed to be confirmed. He advised that this date would allow for cost savings. Mrs. Thompson-Chin discussed the funding for the fireworks and advised that there is a trust account for both the fireworks and summer concerts. Due to decreased support, fireworks have been made the priority and concerts are only scheduled if there are additional funds. She advised that there is a starting balance of almost \$5,000. The cost of the fireworks is approximately \$12,000, and Mayor Rustin

advised that a goal of raising an additional \$20,000 has been set. He will be reaching out to PSE&G and United Water in hopes of receiving their sponsorship. C. Warms raised the question of whether there would be an event to celebrate the reopening of Huyler Park. Provided that it is complete, Mayor Rustin advised that the Memorial Day celebration would take place there. Mrs. Thompson-Chin asked Council to note that she is recommending a change in the company for the fireworks. She expressed her disappointment in the proposal from Garden State and advised Council that they had overestimated the number of shots by over 1,800 pieces. Council agreed to accept Mrs. Thompson-Chin's recommendation of accepting the price quote from International Fireworks and to schedule the fireworks for July 2, 2011.

B. Major Tree Removal Process

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that Bob Beutel, Director of the DPW is not supportive of the current Major Tree Removal process and is recommending that Council revisit the ordinance. He also is recommending that Council refer the Major Tree Removal application for 156 Churchill back to him and the Borough Engineer to make a final recommendation rather than have the Public Hearing at the March 8th Public Meeting. After some discussion, Council decided to go forward with the Public Hearing on March 8th as it allows the neighbors the opportunity to be heard.

3. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Due to time constraints, Council decided to defer all Correspondence items to the March 1st Work Session agenda.

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| A. | Dusedau/Hodskin Place | Re: | Snow Street Plowing Policy |
| B. | Solar Roof Development, LLC | Re: | Solar Installations |
| C. | Silverman/3 Ravine Road | Re: | Increase in Deer Population |
| D. | Soumare/JCC On the Palisades | Re: | Rubin Run/5-8-11 |
| E. | Tanne/12 Knoll Road | Re: | Commendation Robert Byrnes |
| F. | Chen | Re: | Commendation Robert Byrnes |
| G. | Meka/Little Falls, NJ | Re: | Commendation Robert Byrnes |
| H. | Block/4 Glenwood Court | Re: | Authorization Recycling Center |
| I. | Gershuny/29 Woodland Park Drive | Re: | Authorization of Alternate Form of ID/Recycling Decal |
| J. | Zhitkov/127 Tenafly Road | Re: | Unsafe Road Condition |
| K. | Weinberg/New Jersey Legislature | Re: | Resolution #R11-58/Exempt Uncollected Tax Reserve |
| L. | Savas/40 South Park Drive | Re: | Downey & South Park Drive |
| M. | Savas/40 South Park Drive | Re: | Downey Drive Sidewalk |
| N. | Hedvat/28 Elkwood Terrace | Re: | 12 Mayflower Drive |
| O. | Layne/64 N. Lyle Avenue | Re: | Resolution 193/Recycling Decal |
| P. | Kane | Re: | Garage Sale Permit |
| Q. | Strambler/132 Lawrence Parkway | Re: | Street Lights |
| R. | Todd/12 Royden Road | Re: | Dog Park/Run |
| S. | The Land Conservancy of New Jersey | Re: | Open Space & Recreation Plan Grant Opportunities |

