

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:27 P.M. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act statement by Mayor Rustin.

Present: Mayor Peter S. Rustin

Council members: Anthony Barzelatto, Barry Honig, Martha Kerge,
Nadia LaMastra, Michael Lattif, Jon Warms

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

Absent: None.

TO BE CONSIDERED

Leaf Blower/Noise Ordinance

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised Council that DPW uses leaf blowers to move more debris than just leaves as it is the most effective way to clean public places, such as the pavers in the pedestrian plazas. Council discussed this matter and determined to list it for the July 5th work session for further review.

C. Warms informed Council that the Environmental Commission will conduct a “cut it & leave it” education campaign to reduce the amount of need for leaf blowers.

Cablevision Technology Grant

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that pursuant to the cable franchise agreement, Cablevision has delivered the initial installment of \$7,000 of the Technology Grant, subsequent to BPU approval of the Certificate of Renewal. The balance of the grant in the amount of \$14,400.00 will be issued in annual installments of \$1,600.00 upon written request by the Township. She met with Gary Shaw, Director of Government Affairs for Cablevision, who advised that based on his discussions with the former administrator the technology grant was intended for use by the Board of Education to assist the THS studio in purchasing newer equipment and to arrange for the videotaping, or airing, of the Council Meetings.

Mr. McClure clarified that the intended purpose of the grant was to purchase the necessary equipment to broadcast Council meetings on the public broadcast channel. C. LaMastra recommended using the funds to purchase the equipment to videotape the Council meetings and post them on the website. Mayor Rustin concurred and suggested giving the balance of the grant to the Board of Education to for assigning a student to film the meetings as a community service requirement. C. Honig advised that the cost of the equipment and to stream the video costs about

\$4,000. He will e-mail Mrs. Thompson-Chin a list of the specific equipment and software. Council authorized the Borough Administrator to move forward in using this grant for the filming of meetings.

Repeal Health Benefits Waiver Ordinance

Mrs. Thompson-Chin informed Council that the ordinance to repeal the health benefits waiver is on the public agenda for introduction tonight. She explained that new legislation fragments the cost of health benefits based on the type of coverage and salary of the employee. Mr. McClure stated that as a result of this legislation, it would be impossible to administer the waiver.

Concession Stand at Municipal Field

C. LaMastra expressed disappointment at the lack of response from the solicitation of donations and recommended that the governing body should take an aggressive role to contact each of their constituencies to generate donations for materials and labor. The total for the quotes was not much cheaper than the lowest bid

C. Honig expressed concern of impropriety based on the solicitation of quotes and referenced the requirement to solicit bids to conduct the Smith School Study. Mrs. Thompson-Chin responded that the Borough Engineer reached out to multiple vendors for the goods and services, but the document he provided only listed those who responded to this outreach. She advised that the Borough Engineer requested to pull resolutions K and L until he can obtain other quote to compare. Mr. McClure responded that soliciting quotes is not improper, but providing a vendor with details on a project that other vendors do not have is improper. C. Barzelatto confirmed that the solicitation of quotes that the Borough Engineer conducted is standard throughout the state.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin explained that the reason quotes were obtained was for the purpose of soliciting donations. C. LaMastra noted that a blanket generic letter was used as the Recreation Board reached out to the various trades in the Borough.

Council determined to pull the resolutions awarding contracts for various goods and services for the concession stand from the consent agenda. The governing body will reach out to various trades and businesses to seek donations and will discuss this matter at the July 5th work session.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Smith School Pedestrian and Parking Circulation Study

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised Council that the Board of Education is open to scheduling a Joint Use Meeting in late July or August. She is proposing to meet between July 18th and July 28th. She requested that the Council members on the Joint Use Committee to provide her with a few dates and times during this range in an effort to schedule the earliest meeting possible.

Borough Engineer Transition Meeting

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that the formal transition meeting was convened on June 23, 2011 to review all open activities and establish responsibility between the current and in-coming Engineers for completion, follow-up and implementation of various activities. The meeting went well as responsibilities were identified.

IT Contract Status

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that the proposed contract will be available for Council to review in their next agenda packet.

- B. Authorize Refund/Tree Mitigation Escrow/7 Birchwood Road/\$1,200.00.
- C. Authorize Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program.
- D. Endorse Fair Distribution of State Aid for Education.
- E. Oppose A-3285 – Cost Estimates on Bid Advertisements.
- F. Support S-2762/A-4084 – Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Refunds.
- G. Approve Outdoor Seating Permits/Cactus Sushi, Foova Inc, TPR Restaurant Pizzeria Inc, Clinton Inn Hotel Inc.
- H. Award Contract/Municipal Concession Stand – Excavation & Backfill – Jim Moscone Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
- I. Award Contract/Municipal Concession Stand – Masonry Work – Barry Beyda, Mason Contractor.
- J. Award Contract/Municipal Concession Stand – Framing and Roofing & Siding Labor – Kershaw Construction, LLC.
- K. Award Contract/Municipal Concession Stand – Framing Materials – Kuiken Brothers Company.
- L. Award Contract/Municipal Concession Stand – Roofing & Siding Materials – Allied Building Products.
- M. Award Contract/Municipal Concession Stand – Plumbing – Jim Moscone Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
- N. Award Contract/Municipal Concession Stand – Electrical Work – Chestnut Ridge Electric, Inc.

PUBLIC HEARINGS for the meeting of June 28, 2011:

- A. Ordinances: None.
- B. Other: None.

Minutes to be approved: May 24, 2011 Public Meeting
 June 14, 2011 Work Session
 June 21, 2011 Public Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. LaMastra, second by C. Lattif, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.