

# Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act statement by Mayor Rustin.

Present: Mayor Peter S. Rustin

Council members: Anthony Barzelatto, Nadia LaMastra, Michael Lattif,  
Joseph McDermott, Patrick J. Rouse, Jon Warms

Borough Administrator: Interim Administrator Gregory Fehrenbach

Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Exec. Asst. to Clerk: Eileen DeFabiis

Absent: Borough Clerk Hatten

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."

1. **TO BE CONSIDERED**

A. Recreation Summer Camp and other fees

Interim Administrator Fehrenbach explained that he sent an e-mail to Council members two weeks regarding recreation summer camp fees as well as other fees. The purpose of the increase in fees is to offset costs of processing fees for credit card fees. This action was recommended by the Recreation Board. All monies received for summer camp go into a Trust Fund which Council has the ability to appropriate. No taxpayer money is being used for this program.

B. Youth Services Summer Camp fees

Youth Services fees have also increased. Registration amounts have been increased to permit the summer camp program to begin utilizing Capture Point so residents can begin paying for the program with a credit card.

- C. Request for Bus Shelter at Piermont/West Clinton Avenue  
Councilman Barzelatto remarked that there have been a number of requests to put a shelter of some kind at the bus stop across the street from Mt. Carmel. Councilman Lattif commented that about a year ago the Council approved a replacement bus shelter for Piermont Road, Hillside Avenue, Washington Street, where the bus stop is. The Borough selected the style of the shelter and New Jersey Transit was supposed to take care of it. After a brief discussion, Mayor Rustin asked that the Borough Administrator check the date of the last communication, speak to New Jersey Transit for an update, and get back to the governing body with a status report at the next work session meeting.
  
- D. Report from Borough Attorney: Properties in Special Improvement District  
Borough Attorney McClure reported that Councilwoman LaMastra had asked what procedures there are for adding properties or removing properties from the Special Improvement District. He reported that under the Statute, the area of the SID is defined by lot and block number, and address. The area is defined in Schedule A of Ordinance No. 08-25. The Board of Directors has questioned whether non-owner occupied two- and three-family homes really belong in the SID. Borough Attorney McClure responded that if you are going to change the area of the SID by changing the properties that are included, not necessarily subject to the assessment but included, it has to be done by way of Ordinance. Just because a property is listed on Schedule A does not mean it is subject to the SID tax. There is a procedure for those properties that are named to be within the SID area to be excluded from the added assessment based upon what their classification is. Mayor Rustin advised that to start this process it should be a recommendation from the Board of Directors of the SID to the Mayor and Council saying what they would like to do. Councilman McDermott commented that there was an initiative going to follow-up with the County to get all of the Borough's maps into their GIS system. After further discussion, this item will be added to Old Business list on the next work session agenda.

3. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Councilman Barzelatto asked that establishment of a juvenile fire department be placed on the next work session agenda.

Councilman Rouse remarked that there have been complaints about cars parking on Coppel Drive during the day. A majority of the cars parked there are Tenafly citizens. If the Borough was to limit the parking there all we would be doing is pushing the problem to one of the adjoining streets. He believes it is at a point where they need to review the whole parking program.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. League of Municipalities                      Re:    Oppose Time of Decision legislation  
Council agreed; resolution opposing legislation will be on March 9 agenda.



- H. Introduce Capital Ordinance No. 10-10/Improvements to Walnut Park
- I. Introduce Capital Ordinance No. 10-11/Repeal Capital Ordinance No. 06-38
- J. Redemption of TTL #08-6

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS for the meeting of February 23, 2010**

- A. No. 10-06/Create position of Council Liaison to Fire Department
- B. No. 10-07/Merge Health Dept into Building/Code Enforcement

8. **MINUTES to be approved:** Work Session of February 2, 2010  
Closed Session of February 2, 2010  
Special Meeting of February 9, 2010  
Public Meeting of February 9, 2010  
Closed Sessions of February 9, 2010

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Council member Warms, second by Council member LaMastra, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen DeFabiis  
Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk