

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act statement by Mayor Rustin, "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: Anthony Barzelatto (arrived at 8:05 PM), Barry Honig (arrived at 7:37 PM), Nadia LaMastra, Jon Warms, and Mark Zinna

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

Absent: Council member Martha Kerge

TO BE CONSIDERED

Nature Center Lease

Mr. McClure explained that the ordinance proposed for introduction later this evening amends the term for the Lost Brook Preserve to 24 years, which is the maximum allowed by Green Acres based on the discussion from the October 9th work session on this matter. The area described in the covers entire Lost Brook Preserve. The hearing on the ordinance will be scheduled for November 20th

2013 Preliminary Budget Schedule

Mrs. Thompson-Chin presented the preliminary budget schedule for 2013, which already began internally with the Department Heads, who are required to submit their budget requests by December 7th. Departmental reviews are scheduled to take place between December 11th and 13th. An overview of the 2012 budget and 2013 will be presented to Council on the December 4th work session. C. LaMastra inquired about the date of the presentation and prior overviews were conducted in October. Mrs. Thompson-Chin responded that the extra Tuesday in October was instead used for the special meeting with the Planning Board on October 23rd. The anticipated date to submit the 2013 budget to Council is January 15, 2013, with budget hearings to be scheduled between February 6th and March 8th, 2013.

Police Department Building Plaque

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that the process for the construction of the addition to the Police Headquarters overlapped Council terms, so the plaque will reflect Council members who serviced between 2010 and 2012. Council authorized the Borough Administrator to proceed with acquiring the plaque.

Mayors Wellness Campaign Solicitation Letter

Council reviewed the proposed solicitation letter and concurred with the proposed draft language.

Tenafly Fire Department Junior Firefighter Program

Council reviewed proposed program and directed the Borough Attorney to review the proposal with the Tax Assessor, who serves as the Borough's Insurance Commissioner from a JIF liability perspective.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that the storm wreaked havoc for the expedited process Little Ferry was undertaking to replace the Registrar. As a result of the hurricane, Little Ferry is

under water with raw sewage. In the interim, Little Ferry's Administrator is trying to coordinate with the former Registrar, Ms. Lazarro to work on a per diem basis. Another option is that we may reach out to the Borough's former Registrar, Ms. Carusillo to work on a per diem basis as well.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin addressed the Borough's Open Space application for Froggy and Griffin Park. Although the Borough was notified that there is limited grant funds for projects, municipalities of the Pascack Valley were told to scale back their projects. Mayor Rustin advised that he will look into to solicit donations in materials or labor for Froggy Park.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin stated that the expected date for the message board to be fully functional is November 9th as the electronic parts are expected to arrive that day.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that Grove Street was resurfaced today; Victoria Lane and Prospect Terrace are scheduled to be resurfaced on Friday. Due to downed trees and wires the scheduling of resurfacing Highwood Ave is the most problematic right now, but it is expected to be resurfaced sometime next week.

CORRESPONDENCE

Planning Board RE: Recommendation of Adopting Ord. 12-13.
Council acknowledged Planning Board's approval of the ordinance and that it is consistent with the Master Plan.

G. Nigro RE: Request to Discuss Preservation of Green Acres
Council decided to grant Mr. Nigro 15 minutes during public comment portion of the November 20th meeting to conduct his presentation. The Borough Clerk will notify Mr. Nigro.

L. Meltzer Starer RE: Proposed Tenafly Nature Center Education
and Discovery Center
Council acknowledged Ms. Starer's letter.

Tenafly Swim Club RE: Recordation of 2001 Lease Amendment
Mr. Izzard, attorney for the Tenafly Swim Club explained that the club was damaged by Hurricane Irene last year and the Club has applied to the Small Business Administration for a disaster relief loan. The application was initially approved in July 2012, subject to the submission of documents, which includes the recordation of 1986 lease and 2001 lease amendment. They do not have the originally executed 2001 lease amendment and advised that they are willing to pay fees associated with recordation. Mr. Izzard stated that the swim club can afford to pay the SBA. The Borough Clerk confirmed that she has one original executed document. Council directed the Borough Clerk to give the 2001 lease to the Borough Attorney to process the recordation, who will advise Mr. Izzard of the cost incurred. Mr. McClure noted that the lease requires municipal consent for encumbrance of the loan, the SBA will be subject to the conditions of the lease and that the Borough needs to see the loan documents if the loan process moves ahead.

RESOLUTIONS for meeting of November 1, 2012:

- A. Approve Expenditures as of October 24, 2012
- B. Authorize Tree Mitigation Refund/221 Churchill Road
- C. Authorize Street Opening Refund/46 Forest Road
- D. Authorize Dog License Refund/47 Columbus Drive
- E. Oppose S-1534 & A-2586/Exempting Private Universities from the Municipal Land Use Law
- F. Authorize Recreation Refunds/Various
- G. Award Contract/Train Station Lighting Improvements/Facility Services Group
- H. Approve Raffle Applications RA1030-1032
- I. Authorize Change Order/ Smith-Sondy Asphalt Construction/ 2012 Road Resurfacing Project
- J. Accept Tenafly United Soccer Club Proposal/Practice Soccer Facility
- K. Authorize Refund/Tax Court Judgment/Knickerbocker Country Club/2008 & 2011
- L. Suspend Permit Restrictions/Commuter Lots from 10am - 6pm on Monday through Saturday/November 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012

the schools should send a message to the community, through Community Pass and Honeywell.

- C. Barzelatto stated that only Mackay, Stillman, and the Middle School currently have power and are the only polling places with electricity. The plan is to relocate the remaining polling places to the Middle School. The situation will be monitored over the next couple of days.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by C. Honig, seconded by C. Zinna, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk