

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012

At 7:34 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: Anthony Barzelatto (arrived at 7:35 p.m.) Nadia LaMastra,
Jon Warms, Mark Zinna

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin

Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: Council members Barry Honig, Martha Kerge

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.

Johanna Gambrill – Ravine Road –described the situation her son experienced in Maryland with regard to casting a provisional ballot. Mrs. Aportela-Hernandez reported that 90 provisional ballots were cast in Tenafly in Tuesday's election.

TO BE CONSIDERED

Revision to Parking Permit Ordinance

Mr. McClure advised that the temporary suspension of requiring a parking permit in certain lots on temporary basis was done by resolution. In preparing the resolution, he found inconsistencies in the parking ordinance and map. The inconsistencies lie in what is codified and what is in practice. C. LaMastra advised that the BID has a subcommittee reviewing the usage of the parking lots in the downtown. Mrs. Thompson-Chin noted that the parking ordinance was approved by the NJ Department of Transportation. Mayor Rustin advised that he and C. LaMastra will meet with BID subcommittee to review their recommendations. Mayor Rustin recommended that the BID and Chamber of Commerce buy "shopper parking signs after 10am" for the lots. C. LaMastra will advise on meeting date of the subcommittee, which she anticipates will occur mid next week.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that the recently retired registrar is in Borough Hall tonight processing applications and returning messages. Ms. Lazarro will be working in Borough Hall next 3 Tuesdays and will be paid through Little Ferry as per the shared services agreement. She sent a thank you letter to Little Ferry as they still gave time and attention to our needs for a registrar in spite of how severe their situation is after Hurricane Sandy.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that the skate park remains closed for scheduled maintenance and repair. The company that services the facility is located in Connecticut and they have not been able get to our area due to the storm. It is anticipated that the repairs will begin on or around November 13th. Also, the expected delivery date for the replacement equipment for the message board is tomorrow.

C. Zinna inquired if there were any items left in the punch list for the Police Headquarters project. Mrs. Thompson-Chin responded that a close out meeting will be conducted soon.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reviewed the data related to Hurricane Sandy Code Red calling statistics. She noted that more people were signing up over the course of the hurricane. Mayor Rustin requested that in the next newsletter that there be a section to remind people that they can sign up for Code Red. He explained that received positive feedback on these calls, especially since people felt disenfranchised by PSEG. C. Warms stated that the calls were well worded and had just the right amount of information. Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that right now the Borough has 228 minutes until end of December as they have used 15000 minutes from prepaid purchase.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin informed Council that she spoke with the Board of Education, since News 12 had a streaming notice of today's closures due to the nor'easter and it read that Tenafly Borough was closed, when Tenafly Public Schools were actually closed. She clarified the situation with Superintendent Trager so that when the call is placed to News 12, the correct information will be displayed.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin noted that the League conference was cancelled and that the Borough is waiting for information regarding refunds. Woofstock is going forward on Sunday; and Highwood Ave will be resurfaced on Monday.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly RE: Pennies for Heaven – Sign Request
Council reviewed the letter and noted that the applicant needs to submit sign permit application to the Building Department and that the request does not require Council approval. The Borough Clerk will notify Rev. Lindner.

RESOLUTIONS for meeting of November 20, 2012:

- A. Approve Expenditures as of November 14, 2012.
- B. Authorize Renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution License /0261-44-014-004/
Special Ruling
- C. Authorize Refund/Various Escrows/131 Columbus Drive
- D. Authorize Refund/Planning Board Trust Account/PB# 1-11-07
- E. Authorize Refund/Planning Board Trust Account/PB# 1-12-10

C. LaMastra inquired about the status of the Packard Bamberger liquor license. Mrs. Aportela-Hernandez explained that once the license receives municipal consent as it just received a special ruling from the ABC, this license will be transferred soon.

PRESENTATIONS

ADA Committee – Report on Bergen County Division of Disability Services “Access for All” Summit

John and Rebecca Moldover reported that they attended the Access for All Summit and noted that it was recommended by Bergen County and the State that the name for the Committee to be changed to Access for All Committee. Mrs. Aportela-Hernandez advised that the name needs to be changed by ordinance since group is codified and that she will prepare an ordinance for the next meeting.

Mr. Moldover described the committee activities of Ridgewood and Fair Lawn, which is applying to be a 501(c)(3) organization to obtain grant funding. Mr. Moldover described the various training programs for first responders conducted by the county to assist police, fire, and EMS on dealing with people with development disabilities. He also described Bergen County Sheriff's Gold Star program and free workshops held by Parents of Autistic Children.

Mr. Moldover requested that Borough representatives attend more ADA committee meetings. Mayor Rustin recommended that the committee e-mail the Borough representatives on the items to be discussed that require their input in upcoming meetings. Mrs. Thompson-Chin noted that arrangements have been made for the Construction Official, DPW Director and Borough Engineer to meet with the Committee when requested. Mayor Rustin explained that when he became mayor, this group existed in name only as they didn't meet in years. It is up to the committee to recruit people and he recommended that they reach out to the liaisons of Fair Lawn and Ridgewood for ideas. Mayor Rustin thanked the committee members in attendance for their involvement.

C. LaMastra recommended that a member of the committee attend a Recreation Board meeting so that there is an exchange of information. She advised that she will bring up at the next Recreation Board meeting if Abracadoodle has an art program for kids with developmental disabilities.

Mrs. Moldover addressed the compliance issues involving Walnut Park. Mrs. Thompson-Chin replied that when the Borough Engineer reviewed the assessment report with the committee, he advised that the Borough will bring the parks and recreational facilities to compliance over next 3-5 years. This year the Borough applied for a grant to renovate Griffin and Froggy Park. Mrs. Thompson-Chin explained that the Borough is using the assessment report as the roadmap and applying for grants as they arise.

Mr. Moldover expressed concern regarding the lack of handicap parking throughout the Borough. Mrs. Thompson-Chin noted that the parking situation is being reviewed with Chief Bruno.

Mayor Rustin requested that C. LaMastra meet with Mrs. And Mrs. Moldover, the Borough Administrator, and the Borough Engineer to review the compliance issues with the parks.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Rustin requested that Council consider adopting a resolution authorizing the waiver of permit fees on damage from Hurricane Sandy, whether it was due to wind damage or flooding. Council directed the Borough Attorney to prepare a resolution for November 20th.

C. LaMastra reported that the schools cancelled Halloween festivities and are not rescheduling Halloween. Council determined that that the opportunity for a rescheduled festivity was over. C. LaMastra noted that the Recreation Board will evaluate the Borough's Halloween festivities because there was a low turnout this year.

C. Barzelatto requested that the issue of Emergency Management be listed for discussion on the December 4th work session agenda.

Mayor Rustin requested that Council think about the Reorganization Meeting, which will be discussed in greater detail on November 27th.

C. Barzelatto advised that the Tenaflly Police Department will be hosting a fund drive this weekend to raise money for police departments in distraught areas. He will coordinate a future fund raising event with the Board of Education as a community-wide event.

Mayor Rustin stated that due to Hurricane Sandy over $\frac{3}{4}$ of community lost power and that there was no real utility presence until Sunday. As of today, about 5% or less are without power. Oak Street was brought online today. There is still a power problem because of downed trees on wires and the following areas are without power: Newcomb Road, Esmond Place, Columbus Drive and the Church of Atonement. Mayor Rustin reported that the generator failed at County Manor and it took 24 hours to resolve that issue.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Warms, second by C. Zinna, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk