

RECESS MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2011

3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Rustin and Council members Anthony Barzelatto, Nadia LaMastra, Michael Lattif, Joseph McDermott, Patrick J. Rouse, Jon Warms

ABSENT: None

ALSO

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

At 3:05 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 listed in the Annual Agenda; copies are sent to the Press Journal, Record, Suburbanite, Northern Valley News and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center."

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by C. McDermott, second by C. Lattif and unanimously carried, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Work Session Meeting of November 30, 2010, Work Session of December 7, 2010, Closed Session of December 7, 2010 (not for release) and Regular Meeting of December 14, 2010, and Closed Session of December 14, 2010 (not for release), are hereby approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **#R10-405**/Cancel Checks – Tenafly Recreation Petty Cash Account
- B. **#R10-406**/Authorize 2010 Budget Line Item Transfers
- C. **#R10-407**/Approve Expenditures

Motion by C. McDermott, second by C. Lattif that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

C. Barzelatto:	aye	C. McDermott:	aye
C. LaMastra:	aye	C. Rouse:	aye
C. Lattif:	aye	C. Warms:	aye

AUDIENCE REMARKS:

None.

PRESENTATIONS BY MAYOR:

Mayor Rustin presented Peace Plaza Plaques to Benny Lorenzo, retired chair of the Board of Adjustment and Ellen Rochford, chair of the Library Board for over 25 years. Mayor Rustin expressed his appreciation to Mr. Lorenzo for leading the board with compassion, honesty and skill. C. Warms added that Mr. Lorenzo was an excellent teacher and Tenafly is a better place because of his service. Mr. Lorenzo thanked the Mayor and Council and stated that he is honored and humbled by the recognition. He expressed his opinion that Tenafly is not just a location, but a place where we live, grow, and give to each other.

Mayor Rustin stated that the Library is always run well because of Ellen Rochford's leadership and it is one area about which the Mayor and Council has not had to worry. He then introduced Steve Wechtler, former Library Director, who stated that Ms. Rochford has given generously

of herself and has been a source of strength and wisdom for the Library. C. Rouse added that all that has been said about Ms. Rochford has been an understatement, not an exaggeration.

Mayor Rustin then recognized C. Rouse and C. McDermott for their service on the Mayor and Council. He stated that it has been a privilege and honor to serve with C. McDermott and presented C. McDermott with a desk wall clock with the Borough Seal as a token of the Borough's appreciation. Mayor Rustin expressed his opinion that Pat Rouse has been an invaluable member of the governing body for many years. He stated that Mr. Rouse's background, understanding and heart have been an asset to Tenafly and he will be very much missed. He thanked Mr. Rouse for his service and also presented him with a desk wall clock with the Borough Seal to show the Borough's appreciation of his service.

C. Rouse stated that this year completes 36 years of service to the Borough, including 16 years on the Council. He first started in 1974 as a member of the Youth Services Board and has served on various boards and commissions throughout the years. He expressed his opinion that it is the work of the volunteers that makes Tenafly what it is and recognized two Fire Department volunteers in particular– Teddy Arzonico and Robert Fuller. He also recognized the Library Board and Ellen Rochford who has provided outstanding leadership. He acknowledged Julie Villafuerte for her service as Director of the Senior Center. He then stated that in the over 8,000 votes that he has cast during his time on the Council, the vote that has meant the most to him has been the appointment of Mike Bruno as Chief of Police. He expressed his opinion that because of Chief Bruno's leadership, Tenafly has the best Police Department in Bergen County if not the State. C. Rouse then thanked Mayor Rustin for his service and friendship. He also expressed his opinion that Tenafly will be poorer placed without Joe McDermott. C. Rouse ended by wishing the new Council the best in the difficult upcoming year and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from C. Rouse, second by C. McDermott, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 3:27 P.M. sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, RMC
Borough Clerk