

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO

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

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."

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Peter Rustin.

REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – Approval of Minutes was removed from the agenda and deferred to the May 25 meeting.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Mark Feldman, 133 Lylewood Drive, Tenafly requested the Council use the proceeds from the cancellation of balances in capital ordinances for debt service reserve to lower taxes.
2. Leslie Lipka, 10 Coppell Drive, Tenafly questioned why there was no Ordinance regarding parking on Coppell Drive on tonight's agenda. Mayor Rustin responded that following the Police Commission meeting last Friday, several traffic ordinances will be prepared for discussion at the May 25 meeting.
3. Barry Honig, 151 Deerfield Drive, Tenafly, stated that the eight percent tax increase is just the tip of the iceberg. All tax discussions will impact our community on many levels: local, county, state and federal.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Presbyterian Church Re: Request for Support for "Field of Flags"
A proclamation will be read later this evening.
- B. Planning Board Re: Review of Ordinance No. 10-14
Planning Board requested more time to review this Ordinance. The Council will agree to postpone further action on this Ordinance after the public hearing this evening but only until the May 25 public meeting which is after the statutory 35-day limit.
- C. Am. Cancer Society Re: Request/GW Bridge Challenge Cycling
Event through Tenafly
On a motion by Councilman Rouse, second by Councilman McDermott and with all those present voting in favor, permission was granted for the cycling tour through Tenafly on Sunday, June 13.
- D. NJ DEP Re: 2008 Green Communities Grant/\$3000

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **#R10-159a**/correct Amendment to Temporary Budget #R10-159
- B. **#R10-160**/Approve May expenditures
- C. **#R10-161**/Approve Refund/Planning Bd Escrow/PB#1-10-03/Church of Atonement
- D. **#R10-162**/Approve Refund/Planning Board Escrow/PB#1-08-06/Gurtegh Holdings

- E. #R10-163/Approve Refund/Tree Mitigation Escrow/37 Stonybrook Road
- F. #R10-164/Approve Renewal of Contract/More Than Snacks/Teen Center
- G. #R10-165/Approve Raffle Applications: No. 967/Autism Training & Education; No. 968/Jenna's Rainbow; Nos. 969 & 970/St John Theologian
- H. #R10-166/Approve Outdoor Seating Applications: Cactus Sushi
- I. #R10-167/Cancel balances/old multi-purpose ordinances/\$189,456
- J. #R10-168/Cancel balances/old downtown revitalization ordinances/\$294,069
- K. #R10-169/Opposition to Proposed Repeal of Bergen County Blue Laws
- L. #R10-170/Authorize Receipt of Bids/Municipal Field Restrooms & Concession Stand
- M. #R10-171/Authorize Receipt of Bids/Rose Garden Improvements at Davis-Johnson Park
- N. #R10-172/Authorize Receipt of Bids/Walnut Park Playground
- O. #R10-173/Approve LOSAP certification/Tenafly Volunteer Ambulance Corps

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

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

Councilman Barzelatto:	aye	Councilman McDermott:	aye
Councilwoman LaMastra:	aye	Councilman Rouse:	aye
Councilman Lattif:	aye	Councilman Warms:	aye

All members present voting in favor, the Consent Agenda was approved.

8:00 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinances

- 1. Ordinance No. 10-14/Rescind Ordinance No. 08-16 establishing a Parking Trust Fund

The Mayor recognized Councilman Warms who read the Ordinance by title only and the Notice:

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 08-16 ESTABLISHING A PARKING TRUST FOR THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY AND DELETING TENAFLY CODE SECTION 35-804.1(e) ESTABLISHING A PARKING TRUST FUND FOR THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY

The foregoing Ordinance published herewith was introduced at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Tenafly, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Tenafly Municipal Center, 100 Riveredge Road, Tenafly, New Jersey on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

A copy of the Ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center.

Mayor Rustin opened the public hearing on the ordinance.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Rustin closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Rustin again recognized Councilman Warms:

#R10-175/Postpone further action on Ordinance No. 10-14

Motion by Councilman Warms, second by Councilwoman LaMastra, to postpone further deliberation on this Ordinance to 8:45 p.m. at the May 25, 2010 public meeting, in order to receive recommendations from the Tenafly Planning Board pursuant to NJSA: 55D-26.

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

Councilman Barzelatto	aye	Councilman McDermott:	aye
Councilwoman LaMastra:	aye	Councilman Rouse	aye
Councilman Lattif:	aye	Councilman Warms:	aye

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilwoman LaMastra

Recreation Board is considering a possible lacrosse league. To date there are 210 registrations for the summer day camp program. She reported that about 50 councilors from last year will not be re-hired so the Board is considering possible internships. Background checks are nearly finalized and Board members Peter Fidler and Jeffrey Pattison will meet with the Borough Administrator and the Borough Attorney before coming to the Council with their recommendations.

Councilman Lattif

Senior Services is meeting tomorrow morning and will be discussion pedestrian crossings.

Councilman Rouse

Police Commission met last Friday and discussed traffic issues on Coppell Drive and other areas of town. Police Chief has made recommendations proposing a three-hour parking limit on certain streets during weekday mornings, changes to parking on Columbus Drive, and making Downey Drive one-way during school hours and prohibiting parking on the south side of Downey. Mr. Rouse suggested a committee be appointed to review the whole parking plan now in place. He also noted that several letters received by the governing body pertaining to the 2010 municipal budget questioned the number of police officers on our force. There is only one more officer now than in 1985, and we are at the national average for a community our size.

Library Board: Mr. Rouse reported that both Library Director Steve Wechtler and Assistant Director Soon Juhng have each announced that they will be retiring as of July 1, 2010.

Councilman McDermott

Environmental Commission: there will be a forum on wildlife this summer. The Commission's goal this year is to attain 150 points toward certification as a Sustainable Jersey community.

Transportation Committee will meet May 27 at 7:30 pm

CAP (Chemical Awareness Program) has plans for a fun run in conjunction with the TEF (Tenafly Education Foundation). No date has been set.

Councilman Warmis

Nature Center: canoe ride on June 13 on Pfister's Pond. There were 75 trees down on just the trails from the March storm.

Planning Board will be looking at the Land Development Regulations at tomorrow's meeting.

Councilman Barzelatto

Emergency Management: there will be a meeting with FEMA officials regarding storm damage to Tenafly this Thursday.

Fire Department: Ladder One is out for repairs for damage sustained during the March storms, then Ladder Two will be out. Both vehicles were hit by falling trees.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None.

MAYOR’S REMARKS

A. Mayor Rustin read the “Fields of Flags” proclamation:

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Memorial Day provides a solemn occasion for all Americans to reflect upon the selfless sacrifice of our military personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Presbyterian Church at Tenafly has been selected to host the “Field of Flags” from Saturday, May 22, 2010 to Friday, June 4, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the “Field of Flags” has been hosted as a traveling memorial at more than 35 congregations on the east coast; and,

WHEREAS, the “Field of Flags” is a dignified silent memorial consisting of over 5,443 American flags that honor American servicemen and servicewomen who have given their lives in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the “Field of Flags” is a nonpolitical, and nonsectarian reminder of the sacrifices made by others to preserve our freedoms and to help bring these same freedoms to other citizens of the world; and

WHEREAS, it is a privilege for Tenafly to host such a poignant reminder of the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Tenafly support the “Field of Flags” event at The Presbyterian Church in Tenafly, commend the Presbyterian Church at Tenafly for the provision of this memorial in our community, and urge all members of our community to visit this exhibition and pay tribute to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the military services of the United States of America.

- B. There will be a dessert reception on Tuesday, May 25 from 6:30-7:30 to recognize the work and commitment of our employees and volunteer departments in dealing with the March storms and their aftermath.
- C. Due to improvements to Huyler Park, the Memorial Day ceremonies will take place at the Tenafly Elks lodge on Franklin Street.

CLOSED SESSION - None

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from Councilman Rouse, second by Councilwoman LaMastra, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Budget Workshop Meeting in the Committee Room at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hatten
Borough Clerk