

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Zinna and Councilmembers Lauren Dayton, Jeffrey Grossman, Venugopal Menon, Adam Michaels, Julie O' Connor and Daniel Park

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Jimmy Homs
Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein
Chief Financial Officer Susan Corrado
Borough Clerk Omar Stovall

At 8:57 p.m. Mayor Zinna 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. THE 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, AND PUBLISHED IN THE RECORD WITHIN THE FIRST 10 DAYS OF THE NEW YEAR."

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Zinna

Motion by C. Michaels, second by C. Park, and all other members voting in favor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the March 23, 2021 Regular Meeting and April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting are approved.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

Mrs. Rubinstein advised that there were no revisions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public Comment emailed by C. Evron – 39 Leroy Street – As a person who has made the effort to attend most of the Council meetings for over 10 years I would ask that you please do not hold live Council meetings without the public present. Our council people are passionate about what they think is best for Tenafly & I have been told it was impossible to follow their exchanges when there were broadcasts of the Council meetings. The internet meetings are problematic – there have been several instances of muting that, for whatever reason, could not be unmuted. At least if the Council is suffering through the same issues the public is they are motivated to fix things as fast as possible. I really don't want the public not in attendance a moment longer than is deemed unsafe.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. #R21-176/** Approve Expenditures as of April 21, 2021
- B. #R21-177/** Authorize Escrow Refund – 224 Highwood Avenue – PB#1-17-03
- C. #R21-178/** Authorize Escrow Refund – Honda of Tenafly – PB#1-19-05
- D. #R21-179/** Authorize Additional Engineering Services – 2021 Bergen County Park Improvement Grant Application
- E. #R21-180/** Appoint Fire Official
- F. #R21-181/** Appoint Fire Sub-Code Official
- G. #R21-182/** Authorize Refunds – Recreation Trust – Various
- H. #R21-183/** Amend Temporary Budget 2021
- I. #R21-184/** Request Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Receptacle Trust

Motion by C. Grossman, second by C. Park that the Consent Agenda be approved.

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

C. Dayton: aye	C. Michaels: aye
C. Grossman: aye	C. O’Connor: aye
C. Menon: aye	C. Park: aye

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following ordinances published herewith was first read by title only on March 23, 2021 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-09 - CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Public Comments on Ordinance No. 21-09
None.

Motion by C. Grossman, second by C. Dayton that Ordinance 21-09 be passed on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

On a roll call, the vote on Ordinance No. 21-09 was recorded as follows:

C. Dayton: aye	C. Michaels: aye
C. Grossman: aye	C. O’Connor: aye
C. Menon: aye	C. Park: aye

Committee Reports

C. O’ Connor reported that from the 2020 Census that New Jersey received over half million residents and did not lose congressional seats. She thanked the people of Tenafly for responding to the census. C. O’ Connor reported that the garden committee will be having a tree planting for Arbor Day. C. O’ Connor provided facts on the benefits of trees. C. O’ Connor announced that the tree planting would take place at Stillman School. C. O’ Connor announced that the Tenafly Nature Center has a link available for those who are interested to sponsor and participate in the trash – a-

ton on May 1st. She added that the Environmental Commission is preparing its recommendations on the Open Space Plan. She added that edits and revision will be soon be made to the Planning Board. C. O' Connor reported that the cannabis committee is nearing the finalization of a document that will provide residents with important information. She added that the document will be posted to the website. She asked the Mayor to promote the document in his Mayor's message. She added that the Governing Body will need to take action in early July. Ms. Rubinstein asked that the cannabis committee document be forwarded to her for review.

C. Dayton reported that the Tenaflly Nature Center is having a trash-a-ton and is holding a "Portrait by Pfister's Pond" event. She urge residents to take photos by the pond. She continued that the Tenaflly Nature Center is preparing its "60 for 60" initiative in preparation for its 60th anniversary. She added that the Tenaflly Nature Center opened a new aviary. She reported that the Senior Services Committee did not meet due to change in leadership. She reported that the Pride Day Committee is planning its Pride Day in June. She added that the Northern Valley Greenway Committee met and are looking for a member with the ability to vote. She added that the Welcoming Committee had a welcoming event for new residents.

C. Menon reported that the Senior Center Board met and is going through a process to replace a retiring member. He added that the Senior Center's food donation contract will end in June. C. Menon reported that socially distanced classes are taking place in the Senior Center. He added membership is going well. He added that the Senior Center is looking to schedule an art fundraiser. He added that 30 photos would be collected and place into an art book to be sold to the public. He continued that the Senior Center is continuing with outdoor lunches. He reported that a travel club would be opened up to members of the Senior Center. C. Menon reported that the Senior Center will have a summer BBQ on July 15th.

C. Park reported that TVAC met and is doing business as usual.

C. Michaels reported that Recreation Board is having its scheduled meeting soon. C. Michaels reported that on June 29th that the Cannabis Committee presents its proposal. C. Michaels reported that the Downtown Committee met and discussed downtown surveys as well as an enhanced fall festival and also had a lengthy discussion on the Open Space plan. C. Michaels asked Mr. Homsy to meet with the Board of Education to schedule the new Joint-use meeting.

C. Grossman reported that the DPW committee met concerning the recycling cans. He added also discussed at the meeting beautification projects and playground equipment. He explained that the idea of the meeting was to brainstorm. C. Grossman reported that Tenaflly presents met and has 90 percent of the summer concert lineup completed. He added that the goal was not to have too many returns but rather to provide different sounds. C. Grossman reported that the Planning Board met and the resolution finalizing Bottle King has passed. He added that the Planning Board is awaiting the recommendations concerning the Open Space plan. C. Grossman added to have the fence matter be placed on a future agenda. C. Grossman reported that an HPC subcommittee has been meeting to ensure the project will happen on time.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance

C. O' Connor moved that the ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting May 11, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Tenaflly Municipal Center as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Seconded by C. Menon:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-10 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE, OR COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVILIAN DISPATCHERS, AND PART TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023.

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

C. Dayton:	aye	C. Michaels:	nay
C. Grossman:	aye	C. O'Connor:	aye
C. Menon:	aye	C. Park:	aye

C. Michaels asked where the Borough at is with short disability being offered to employees. Mr. Homsy explained the research was done and information would presented at the next closed session.

C. Park moved that the ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting May 11, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Tenafly Municipal Center as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Seconded by C. Michaels:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-11 – AN BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,955,476 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$219,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,814,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

C. Dayton:	aye	C. Michaels:	aye
C. Grossman:	aye	C. O'Connor:	aye
C. Menon:	aye	C. Park:	aye

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Zinna expressed that the Arbor Day proclamation has a lot meaning to him because his father supported his church and the national Arbor Day foundation.

Mayor Zinna read the following proclamation into the record:

Whereas, the last Friday of April, April 30, 2021, is designated as NATIONAL ARBOR DAY, which is a day set aside to promote the planting of trees, tree conservancy and appreciation of our environment; and

Whereas, the Borough of Tenafly has promoted tree conservancy and planting for many years; and

WHEREAS, trees in our community increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our Borough; and

WHEREAS the Borough of Tenaflly has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices.

Now, Therefore, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Tenaflly, do proclaim April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day and urge all citizens to celebrate this day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Mayor Zinna read the following proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, Fire Official Alden B. Blackwell has been employed with the Borough of Tenaflly for over 36 years; and

WHEREAS, Alden grew up in Tenaflly, attended Tenaflly Public Schools and graduated from Tenaflly High school in 1960 and served in the United States Army as a Nike Hercules Fire Control Technician; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure with the Borough, Alden started as the Part-Time Fire Inspector in 1985, and then as the Fire Official/Fire Subcode Official on April 3, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Alden is Certified as a Fire Official/Fire Inspector and Certified Inspector of Hotels & Multiple Dwellings; and

WHEREAS, Alden is a member of numerous Fire Associations throughout New Jersey including being a Life Member of the New Jersey State Fireman's Association; and

WHEREAS, Alden received numerous awards earning the Tenaflly Fire Department Distinguished Firefighters Award three times and a Life Saving Commendation; and

WHEREAS, Alden has contributed his knowledge and experience as a respected participant to investigate and perform routine fire inspections of all buildings, structures and properties in the Borough of Tenaflly; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Tenaflly, we appreciate Alden Blackwell's service to the community for over three decades. During his tenure, Alden has exhibited the utmost dedication and professionalism on a daily basis.

Best wishes in your retirement and please know that you will be missed by your Borough Hall family.

M. Zinna thanked Mr. Blackwell.

Mr. Blackwell thanked the Governing Body for the proclamation.

M. Zinna announced that on April 28th that the Borough of Tenaflly partner The Borough of Leonia will host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic. He urged those who are interest to vist the Borough's website where information is provided.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Zinna recognized Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein, who read into the record Resolution 21-185.

BE IT RESOLVED in compliance with NJSA 10:4-12, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Tenafly are going into Closed Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

- A. Collective Bargaining
 - 1. Police Arbitration

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After Closed Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in the Richard D. Wilson Committee Room to adjourn this public meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from C. Michaels, seconded by C. Park, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 9:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Dayton, second by C. O'Connor and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Stovall, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk