

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 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 Homsi
Borough Clerk Omar Stovall
Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein
Chief Financial Officer Susan Corrado

At 9:23 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 9, 2021 Regular Meeting, May 11, 2021 Work Session Meeting, May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting, May 11, 2021 Closed Session are approved.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

Mrs. Rubinstein advised to add resolution #R21-227/Award Contract - Downtown Revitalization Plan Consultant Project – BFJ Planning and to remove Ordinance 21-13.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christine Evron – 39 Leroy Street - read comments regarding the approval of a building at 22 Jersey Avenue. She expressed that this interested her. Because she cares about rain run-off and water management. Ms. Evron asked that the Governing Body review the engineering report of the land owner.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. #R21-212/**Approve Expenditures as of May 19, 2021
- B. #R21-213/**Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow transfer to Borough Replacement Tree Fund 33 Cortlandt Place
- C. #R21-214/** Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow transfer to Borough Replacement Tree Fund – 106 Columbus Drive

- D. #R21-215/** Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow transfer to Borough Replacement Tree Fund – 364 West Clinton Avenue
- E. #R21-216/** Execute Grant Agreement – Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Sgt. Nicholas Oresko Park
- F. #R21-217/** Reappoint Tax Assessor
- G. #R21-218/** Declare June 13, 2021 as Tenafly Pride Day
- H. #R21-219/** Authorize Engineering Escrow Refund – 16 Ravine Drive
- I. #R21-220/** Authorize Engineering Escrow Refund – 32 Burlington Place
- J. #R21-221/** Authorize Engineering Escrow Refund – 17 Mountain Road
- K. #R21-222/** Authorize Additional Professional Engineering Services – Asbestos and Lead Paint Surveys
- L. #R21-223/** Authorize Refunds – Recreation Trust – Various
- M. #R21-224/** Amend Temporary Budget 2021
- N. #R21-225/** Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Various – Jacobus & Associates, LLC
- O. #R21-226/** Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Block 810 Lot 2 – Winne, Banta, Basralian & Kahn, P.C.

Motion by C. Dayton, second by C. Grossman 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

#R21-227/Award Contract - Downtown Revitalization Plan Consultant Project – BFJ Planning

Motion by C. Park, second by C. Dayton that **#R21-227/** Award Contract - Downtown Revitalization Plan Consultant Project – BFJ Planning 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:	nay	C. Park:	aye

Committee Reports

C. Grossman reported that the storage facility located at 22 Jersey Avenue was approved at the last Planning Meeting. C. Grossman explained that the early plans of the facility had sidewalks. He added that the later plan did not. He continued that the approval resolution will state that a sidewalk will have to be provided in another location as directed by the Borough. C. Grossman reported that Tenafly Present has scheduled its Tuesday lineup and is on the Thursday line-up. He added that they are looking for new talent. C. Grossman reported that Stigma Free Committee held its “lime-out” at Geissinger Field with the varsity lacrosse team. C. Grossman asked that those in need to please visit the Borough website and click to the stigma free information.

M. Zinna added that the Tenafly lacrosse team are doing fantastic job.

C. Menon reported that Senior Center Board met and after careful deliberation, new members of the board will be present at their June 14th meeting. He added that the new members will be installed when the board reconvene in September. C. Menon added that the board extended the current president term. C. Menon added that the Senior Center is doing well and the food donations will end at the end of June. C. Menon announced that the Senior Center is putting together an artwork

book to be sold at \$25. HE added that the Senior Center is planning to have a summer BBQ on July 15th. C. Menon continued that the Senior Center is planning a virtual travel club.

C. O' Connor reported that Environmental Commission that express concern about glyphosate being used on school and Borough property. She continued that in France that glyphosate is not being used. C. O' Connor added that the Environmental Commission is interested in exploring the matter. C. O' Connor added that also discussed the promotion of composting as a residential program.

M. Zinna expressed that the Borough used to be allowed to give top soil to residents. He there happened to be vague guidelines from the DEP as to how to treat the topsoil. M. Zinna asked Mr. Homsy to contact the DEP to get clarity as to why residents cannot take the topsoil.

C. Dayton acknowledged Police and Fire Department, and TVAC for their attendance at the rally on behalf of Israel. She thanked the department for making the event secure. C. Dayton expressed that Senior Services committee need to nominate a new Senior Services chairperson. C. Dayton expressed that the senior bus driver used to help seniors on to the bus. C. Dayton asked that the Borough Administration explore the idea to allow seniors with walkers and wheel chairs on to the bus. C. Dayton reported that the Northern Valley Greenway is exploring the trying to get federal appropriations for the Psfister's Pond Project. C. Dayton reported that the Tenafly Nature Center is having a fund raiser for photos by the pond

C. Park reported that the Rose Garden grand opening is Saturday, June 5th.

C. Dayton added that the ambulances do not have Eipens and wanted to reiterate the need for a medical director. C. Park expressed that the TVAC is working on the matter.

C. Michaels reported that Recreation Board met and doing a great job and that space is limited for summer camp. C. Michaels thanked those involved with the Downtown Revitalization Plan Consultant Project. C. Michaels thanked C. Dayton and Mark Aronson for delivering meal throughout the Borough.

Introduction of Ordinances

C. Grossman moved that the ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting June 15, 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. Park:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-12 - 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

The Following was removed from agenda.

~~ORDINANCE NO. 21-13 — AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 7-40 “CONTROL FOR MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARKING” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO CREATE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING PERMITS FOR RESIDENT BUSINESS OWNERS’ COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.~~

MAYOR’S REMARKS

M. Zinna thanked Chuck Martini who donated \$2,000 towards the Rose garden in memory of his wife. M. Zinna acknowledged the peaceful rally in support of Israel and thanked the Township of Teaneck for provide defending and safe apparatus. He also thanked the Bergen County Sheriffs Department.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. O’ Connor, second by C. Michaels and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Stovall, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk