

# Borough of Tenafly

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### MINUTES

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 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 9:17 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. O' Connor, and all other members voting in favor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting are approved.

#### **REVISIONS TO AGENDA:**

Mrs. Rubinstein advised to add resolutions **#R21-248/** Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Various – Corelogic, **#R21-249/** Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Various – Lereta, and **#R21-250/** Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Block 412 Lot 22– Omega Settlement Services to the consent agenda.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

J. Coyle - 14 Kenwood Road- Mr. Coyle explained that the Kenwood road is an environmental issue. He added that it should be brought before the environmental commission and the islands are part of the historical development of Tenafly.

A. Benjamin – Mr. Benjamin advocated for change. Mr. Benjamin proposed that the old Tenafly Swim Club be renamed Elizabeth Cady Stanton Park. He believed that naming the park is a good step in naming places in Tenafly after people who contributed on a national level. - proposed that the swim club be renamed Elizabeth Cady Stanton park. The Governing Body expressed that they would like to have the discussion added for the next meeting.

C. Ervon - 39 Leroy Street - She believed that the Governing Body is spending time discussing electric charging stations. She voiced that the 7- 11, Stop & Shop, and the Clinton Inn are planning to install charging stations. She added that she didn't believe that the Governing Body should proceed with idea of having a charging station downtown. She added that there is a potential of generating tax dollars through the sale of cannabis.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. #R21-228/** Approve Expenditures as of June 9, 2021
- B. #R21-229/** Approve Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 6 Ernst Place
- C. #R21-230/** Declare June 4th to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day
- D. #R21-231/** Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund and Forfeit to Shade Tree Trust Account – 30 Homestead Road
- E. #R21-232/** Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow transfer to Borough Replacement Tree Fund – 139 Stonehurst Drive
- F. #R21-233/** Authorize Receipt of Bids – Theodore Roosevelt Monument Restoration Project
- G. #R21-234/** Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 147 Churchill Road
- H. #R21-235/** Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 294 Tenafly Road
- I. #R21-236/** Approve Redemption of Tax Lien – Block 1005, Lot 23
- J. #R21-237/** Approve Redemption of Tax Lien – Block 1005, Lot 37
- K. #R21-238/** Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 34 Brook Road
- L. #R21-239/** Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Various – Jacobus
- M. #R21-240/** Authorize Refunds – Recreation Trust – Various
- N. #R21-241/** Authorize Renewal of Liquor Licenses – 2021-2022
- O. #R21-242/** Amend Temporary Budget 2021
- P. #R21-243/** Authorize Estimated Property Tax Billing for the 3rd Quarter of 2021
- Q. #R21-244/** Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 15 Stonybrook Road
- R. #R21-245/** Award Contract - Pfister's Pond Hydro-Raking Project - T. R. Weniger, Inc
- S. #R21-246/** Authorize Purchase of Vehicle – Tenafly Police Department
- T. #R21-247/** Authorize Temporary Parking – 81 Hudson Avenue

*Resolutions added to the Consent agenda as amended.*

- U. #R21-248/** Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Various – Corelogic
- V. #R21-249/** Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Various – Lereta
- W. #R21-250/** Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Block 412 Lot 22– Omega Settlement Services

Motion by C. Connor, second by C. Michaels 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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Ordinance:

The following ordinances published herewith was first read by title only on May 25, 2021 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

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.

Public Comments on Ordinance No. 21-12  
None.

Motion by C. Grossman, second by C. Dayton that Ordinance 21-12 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. 21-12 was recorded as follows:

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

### **Old Business**

- A. 2021 Local Municipal Budget
- **#R21-251/** Adopt 2021 Local Municipal Budget

Motion by C. Dayton, second by C. Park that **#R21-251/**Adopt 2021 Local Municipal Budget be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the 2021 Local Municipal Budget was recorded as follows:

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

### **Committee Reports**

C. Grossman reported that the Planning Board had a brief meeting and discussed meeting in person. He added that the Planning Board is awaiting new applications. C. Grossman reported that the Historical Preservation Commission met and that he would like to present the walking tour that give descriptions of different historical sites in Tenafly. He reported that Stigma Free is looking to bring in Lauren Brill of the unsealed.com for a date to be determined to speak on overcoming challenges. C. Grossman reported that Tenafly presents is working on tweaks to the Thursday lineup. C. Grossman reported that the kick-off concert is July 6<sup>th</sup> with the Bruce Experience, a Bruce Springsteen tribute band.

C. Michaels reported that the Recreation Board held its meeting in-person. He welcome those who are interest to come join. C. Michaels reported that he attended a meeting regarding the Downtown Revitalization Planner and is planning to have a future steering committee meeting. He added Noah of BFJ is looking to engage the public. C. Michaels expressed that he will propose at the next Joint-Use meeting a student lead focus group to retrieve information on what middle and high school students expect from downtowns.

C. Menon reported that the Zoning Board of Adjustment met where two pool applications where applied. He added that both were approved. He added also application requested for a single driveway to be converted to a double driveway, which was approved by the board. C. Menon reported that the Senior Center has an increase of members. C. Menon reported that Senior Center

members are selling art books for \$25. He added that over 30 books have been sold. C. Menon the Senior Center is looking to conduct indoor classes. C. Menon reported that the Senior Center is looking to conduct a "Trash to Treasure Flea Market Event" on August 28th. C. Menon reported that the Senior Center is planning trips to Lancaster, PA and Lake George, NY. C. Menon added that the Senior Center had new air conditioners installed which were provided through a grant.

C. Park reported that the Rose Garden had its grand opening. He added that the map of the park is being worked on to be digitized for the website for people to identify the different roses.

C. Dayton thanked the Pride Committee and those involved in Pride Day. C. Dayton reported that the Tenaflly Nature Center held its Nature Day. She added that many organizations and vendors attended the event. C. Dayton reported the Northern Valley Greenway met and is continuing to push the project forward. C. Dayton reported that the DPW committee met and that Mr. Homs Administrator report encompassed many of the points of the meeting. C. Dayton reported that the Senior Services meeting was move to Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

C. O' Connor reported that the Environmental Commission is concerned about the use of pesticides around the Borough. C. O' Connor added that the Environmental Commission will like to develop dialog on what is used. C. Dayton added that the Governing Body discussed not using pesticides around the Borough. C. Menon expressed that the discussion was regarding Round-up and the DPW was going to dispose of the chemical. M. Zinna recalled that Round-up could not be used on Borough property. C. Park asked that this be placed on the Joint-use meeting agenda. C. O' Connor expressed that the Environmental Commission is looking to work with the Welcome Committee in regards to a welcome packet.

## **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

M. Zinna shared that the US Senate unanimously passed a measure to establish a federal holiday for Juneteenth which is now being forwarded to the House of Representatives.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Zinna recognized Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein, who read into the record Resolution 21-252.

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

- A. Collective Bargaining
  - 1. Contract Negotiation Update
  - 2. School Resource Officer
  
- B. Attorney-Client Privilege
  - 1. Lease Terms
  - 2. Potential Litigation

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 to adjourn this public meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from C. Michaels, seconded by C. Grossman, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 10:11 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Dayton, second by C. Grossman and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Stovall, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk