

# Borough of Tenafly

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### MINUTES

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**

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 9:24 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. Grossman, second by C. Park and all other members voting in favor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the January 2, 2022 Recess Meeting, January 2, 2022 Reorganization Meeting and January 4, 2022 Special Meeting are approved.

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

Mrs. Rubinstein advised that no revisions.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**#R22-44/** Prescribe Mask Recommendation in the Borough of Tenafly

**#R22-45/** Approve Temporary Budget 2022

**#R22-46/** Execute Interlocal Agreement with Paramus – Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Emergency 911 Telephone Service

**#R22-47/** Approve Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Paramus - Maintenance and Repair of Fire Department Vehicles

**#R22-48/** Confirm Appointment of Tax Appeal Attorney – McCusker, Anselmi, Rosen & Carvelli, PC,

**#R22-49/** Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Block 2603, Lot 3

**#R22-50/** Approve Refunds – Recreation Department – Various

**#R22-51/** Approve 2021 Recycling Tonnage Grant Program Reporting Form

**#R22-52/** Approve Zoning Board of Adjustment Secretary Stipend

Motion by C. Park 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

### **Committee Reports**

C. Dayton reported that the Pride Committee requesting an update concerning the Buddy Bench. The committee inquired if they should purchase the bench now or should it be budgeted for 2022. C. Dayton asked if there funds available in the DPW budget. J. Homsy expressed that there was a request for the bench but there is a discrepancy between fund raising and how funding the Borough would commit monetarily. He added that the Pride Committee's chair has been under the impression that the bench would be fully funded by the Borough. He added the bench could be budgeted for 2022 for \$2,000 by the recommended vendor. C. Dayton asked if the item should be on To be Consider for the Mayor and Council meeting of January 25, 2022. M. Zinna asked the Borough Clerk to place the discussion on the agenda for the next meeting.

C. Dayton asked have the Pride Day on Wednesday, June 1st and to have the Pride Day celebration on Saturday, June 11th. The Governing Body agreed to the dates C. Dayton added that the Pride Committee is looking into establishing itself as an advocacy group. She expressed that the committee is surveying residents to gauge what is needed in the Borough. C. Dayton added that the Police Commission and Senior Services will meeting later in the week. She added that Senior Services Committee is working on building its webpage. She added that the Senior Services Committee is also looking into creating a program called bridging the gap.

C. Dayton reported that the Welcoming Committee is working with Jamie Cannon and Adam Michaels to set up at welcoming events at the ice skating rink January through February.

C. Dayton reported that the North Valley Greenway Committee is seeking a second liaison. She asked if there is any interest to contact herself, the mayor, or Andre Mikesh.

C. O' Connor no reports.

C. Michaels reported that the Recreation Board met regarding winter sports. He added that the attendance at the ice rink has been great. He added that patrons of a downtown business that have a skate time could bring their receipt to receive a free s'mores kit. C. Michaels announced that on February 13th the ice rink would be hosting a sweetheart skate. C. Michaels announced that Downtown Committee is scheduled to met January 18th and the Joint Use is scheduled for February 16th.

C. Menon reported that the Chamber of Commerce had a special message for the mayor and wanted to thank him for his comments in regarding downtown businesses in New Jersey Monthly. C. Menon reported that the Board Adjustment meeting where three applications were received. EH reported that the first application was for a screened porch, which requested the need for a variance, which was approved. The second application required a disturbance of a steep slope was approved. The third application requested a five-foot foyer at an entrance of a home was approved.

C. Grossman reported that the HPC met he expressed Reno Dense and David Wall retired. C. Grossman recommended that David Wall be recognized for being the longest serving volunteer. C.

Grossman added that Rita Heller has been moved up to Class B, Emily Yang to Class C, and Brandon Lee to the first alternate. He added that Karen Neus was elected chair. He added that the walk tour was discussed in old business. He reported that signage at the Train Station was discussed. He added that due the postponement of the 19th amendment celebration due to COVID that an Elizabeth Cady Station impressionist maybe available for the renaming of the train station. C. Grossman reported that TVAC will be having a meeting later this week.

C. Park reported that the CAP met and is planning its upcoming schedule.

C. Menon reported that Adam Kominsky and Allan Cytryn were reappointed for another term, Linda Khorozian was appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Board member, Joan Toro moved from 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Board member to 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Board member, Ralph Cho moved from 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Board member to Board member replacing Daniel Steinhagen. Adam Kominsky was voted as board chair, Allan Cytryn as vice chair, Joel Friedman as Second vice chair, and Jeff Zenn was reappointed as board attorney and that Marisol Lopez was appointed board secretary

### **New Business**

A. Introduction of Ordinance

C. Park moved that the ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting January 25, 2022 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. 22-01 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT TO OPERATE A CRANE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY

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

### **Mayors Remarks**

M. Zinna expressed that in New Jersey Monthly magazine that he provided positive comments about a famous new resident in the Borough and that he plug in downtown businesses.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Zinna recognized Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein, who read into the record Resolution 22-53.

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:

- A. Personnel
  - 1. TVAC

B. Matters falling within the Attorney-Client Privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise her ethical duties as a lawyer.

1. Personnel Manual
2. Potential Property Acquisition

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from C. Park, seconded by C. Grossman, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 9:47 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Park, second by C. Michaels and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at: 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Stovall, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk