

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 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
Human Resources Manager Alisha Dawkins

At 9:21 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 11, 2022 Regular Meeting are approved.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

Ms. Rubinstein advised that **R22-59**/Approve Professional Engineering Services – Bliss Avenue Culvert Replacement Project to be pulled from the consent agenda. Ms. Rubinstein added a borough property update to closed session under Attorney-Client privilege.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christine Evron – 39 Leroy Street – Ms. Evron asked to see the Downtown Revitalization Plans. She expressed that there should more of focus on other roads besides Piermont Road. Ms. Evron expressed that many of the business complained about a food truck selling bake goods around the Borough.

Ms. Rubinstein replied that she does not know what truck that Ms. Evron is referring too but is aware that code enforcement has been in contact with a mobile food truck vendor.

CONSENT AGENDA

#R22-55/Approve Refunds – Recreation Department – Various

#R22-56/Award Contract – Integrated Rat Control Program

#R22-57/Award Contract – Public Health Nursing Services

#R22-58/Award Contract – Public Health and Environmental Health Services

- #R22-59/Approve Professional Engineering Services – Bliss Avenue Culvert Replacement Project
- #R22-60/Approve Professional Engineering Services – Hurricane Ida
- #R22-61/Approve Mobile Food Truck Application
- #R22-62/2021 Appropriation Reserve Line Item Transfers

Motion by C. Park 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

Motion by C. Park second by C. Michaels that #R22-59/Approve Professional Engineering Services – Bliss Avenue Culvert Replacement Project be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the #R22-59/Approve Professional Engineering Services – Bliss Avenue Culvert Replacement Project was recorded as follows:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ORDINANCES:

The following ordinances published herewith was first read by title only on January 11, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

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

Public Comments on Ordinance No. 22-01
None.

Motion by C. Park second by C. O'Connor that Ordinance 22-01 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. 22-01 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 Jim Fedoko reported that Tenafly has one of the highest vaccine rate and that 45% of residents that were eligible for the booster received it.

In his report that the fatality rate was higher in 2020 than in 2021. She reported that in the Environmental Commission that proposed education regarding leaf blower in the upcoming newsletter. M. Zinna asked if the Environmental Commission to talk to landscapers regarding the removal of leaves. She added that the Environmental Commission is exploring a cleanup day with a focus on mask cleanup. C. O' Connor urge the public when disposing mask to cut the strings to protect wildlife.

C. Michaels reported that BFJ Planning would be having a public session on February 16th. He added that survey would be disseminated to gauge what types of businesses are wanted. C. Michael reported that the Recreation Committee issued an updated safety guideline regarding winter sports. C. Michael reported that a sweetheart skate is being planned for February 13th.

C. Menon reported that the Chamber of Commerce had distributed poster encouraging to wear mask to about 1/ 3 of the businesses. C. Menon reported that the Senior Services will be having a New Year Eve party in February. He added that it was postponed due to Omicron. C. Menon reported that an ad hoc committee was formed. He added at the Senior Center is planning a trip scheduled for April 6th to see Tina Turner on Broadway.

C. Dayton reported that Welcoming Committee is seeking two new resident dates which will be Jan 30th and the other in February. C. Dayton reported that Senior Services is working on its webpage. C. Dayton expressed that Parween is seeking assistance with filing paperwork. C. Dayton expressed that the Senior Services committee is looking to implement a Bridge the Gap concept to connect high school seniors with senior residents. C. Dayton reported that the Police Commission met to discuss the implementation of cameras to deter car thefts. C. Dayton reported that the Pride Committee met to discuss the committee needs. She reported that the flag raising will be June 1st and the parade is June 11th. C. Dayton reported that the Nature Center is scheduling its annual dinner.

C. Grossman reported that TVAC met and provided call statistics for 2021. He reported that TVAC responded to 742 calls. He added that their average response time was 6 minutes and average time on a call was 42 minutes. He added that the TVAC is looking to do blood drive in either March or April. C. Grossman reported that he is receiving solicitations to perform at the summer concerts. C. Grossman updated the Governing Body that fireworks display is tentatively scheduled for July 25th

C. Park reported that Joseph Burgis is receiving opinions from the Environmental Commission concerning Open Space.

Mayors Remarks

M. Zinna expressed that if the Governing Body members had names of volunteers of anyone who might be interested in serving in committees to email the names to him. M. Zinna asked the Borough Clerk to distribute a list of vacancies.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Zinna recognized Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein, who read into the record Resolution 22-63.

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. PBA Contract
2. Lease of Borough Owned Property Update (*added to agenda*)

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 9:55 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: 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Stovall, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk