

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 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 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. Park, second by C. Dayton and all other members voting in favor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the February 24, 2022 Regular Meeting

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

Mrs. Rubinstein advised resolution #R22-89/Authorize Professional Engineering Services – 2022 Bergen County Open Space Application, #R22-90/Amend 2022 Meeting Schedule – 2022 Municipal Budget Hearing Meetings, and #R22-91/Award Contract – 2022 Annual Fireworks Display to be added to the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

C. Evron – 39 Leroy Street- Ms. Evron expressed that many businesses were appreciative of the Governing Body response during COVID. She then expressed that businesses are believing that parking is being preferred to certain businesses over others. She added that pavilions work better in smaller towns. Ms. Evron added that every business that had outdoor seating had applied for seating on the sidewalk.

CONSENT AGENDA

#R22-86/ Approve Expenditures as of March 2, 2022

#R22-87/ Authorize Refunds – Recreation Trust – Various

#R22-88/ Authorize Competitive Contracting Process – EV Charging Stations

#R22-89/ Authorize Professional Engineering Services – 2022 Bergen County Open Space Application – *added to the consent agenda*

#R22-90/ Amend 2022 Meeting Schedule – 2022 Municipal Budget Hearing Meetings - added *to the consent agenda*

#R22-91/ Award Contract – 2022 Annual Fireworks Display - added *to the consent agenda*

Motion by C. Park second by C. Dayton 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. ORDINANCES:

The following ordinances published herewith was first read by title only on February 24, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

M. Zinna announced that Ordinance 22-02 would be amended and that a public hearing would be held on Tuesday, March 15th

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-02 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE, OR COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN SUPERVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY REPRESENTED BY OPEIU LOCAL 32, FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023

Public Comments on Ordinance No. 22-02
None.

Motion by C. Grossman second by C. Park that Ordinance 22-02 be passed on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

Mrs. Rubinstein explained to the Governing Body that it has been determined that Ordinance 22-02 needed to be amended due to the substantive nature of the amendment.

The Borough Clerk added that the ordinance amendment will include adding the Director of Youth Services to the ordinance.

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-03 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$290,000 RECEIVED FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY

Public Comments on Ordinance No. 22-03

C. Evron – 39 Leroy Street- Ms. Evron questioned the design for downtown signal improvements for \$60,000 for signals. M.Zinna expressed that a study has to be done for the Governin gBody to understand the signals.

Motion by C. Park second by C. Dayton that Ordinance 22-03 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. 22-03 was recorded as follows:

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

Committee Reports

C. Park reported that the Tenafly Municipal CAP Alliance program are moving along. C. Park reminded the public that on April 24th that the annual Trash – A- Ton in conjunction with the Tenafly Nature Center, Environmental Commission and the Green Team will be in Huyler Park at 1 PM.

C. Grossman reported that there is a resident who is interested in becoming a member of Tenafly Presents. He added that from Tuesday, July 5th to August 30th are being planned for concerts. He continued that the four Thursdays are being considered for concert days for newer talent. C. Grossman reported that the TVAC responded to 59 calls in the month of January and the average response time was 6 minutes while averages 42 minutes per call. C. Grossman reported that TVAC is looking to plan a dates for blood drives. He reported that the Historic Preservation Commission met and reviewed a certificate of appropriateness for 10 Huyler Avenue. He highlighted that the property looking replace front door windows. He added that the Historic Preservation Commission tries to get resources to the homes designated as historical. C. Grossman reported that Stigma Free met and expressed the high student member of the committee has been doing a terrific job.

C. Dayton reported that the Senior Services met and is working on its website designed and compiling a database of seniors looking for resources. C. Dayton reported that the Welcome Committee met but was unable to attend the meeting. C. Dayton reported that the Pride Committee met regarding its flag raising. C. Dayton reported that the Nature Center is opened a new pavilion area. C. Dayton added that the Nature Center is seeking volunteers. C. Dayton reported that the Northern Greenway has a new liaison Chad Coleman. C. Dayton reported that the Police Commission met to finalize the vision of the Medical Director for the Borough and TVAC.

C. Menon reported that the Senior Center held programs of the Revolutionary war, Motown and a New Year's celebration. C. Menon reported that the Chamber Commerce is applying for a street fair on April 2nd. He added that C. Evron is encouraging businesses to apply for an EV grant from Volkswagen. C. Menon reported that the Zoning Board of Adjustment held a met regarding an application for a pool for a large property on Churchill. He added that the pool was approved. C. Menon reported that a second application exceeded that the impervious coverage which was denied. C. Menon reported that there was an application for an addition which was approved. C. Menon reported that a hot tub was approved.

C. Michaels no report.

C. O' Connor urged that members of public participate in the trash –a-ton. C. O' Connor reported that the Environmental Commission discussed the potential needs for grants in the community in particularly the Community Gardens.

Mayors Remarks

C. Dayton expressed that donations be collected for families in Ukraine and Russia. M. Zinna expressed that Borough is willing to help through the process.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Zinna recognized Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein, who read into the record Resolution 22-92.

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 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. Potential Litigation

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. Dayton, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 9:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Grossman, second by C. Park and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at: 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Stovall, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk