

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Zinna and Councilmembers, Jeffrey Grossman, Venugopal Menon, Adam Michaels, Julie O' Connor and Daniel Park

ABSENT: Councilmember Lauren Dayton

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Jimmy Homsi
Borough Clerk Omar Stovall
Chief Financial Officer Susan Corrado
Human Resources Manager Alisha Dawkins
Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein
Attorney Rebecca Maioriello of DeCotiis

At 8:55 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. Grossman and all other members voting in favor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the April 26, 2022 Regular Meeting and May 3, 2022 Special Closed Session are approved.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

Mrs. Rubinstein advised that resolutions **#R22-155/** Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement with the Tenafly Board of Education – Shared Technology Services and **#R22-159/** Adopt Temporary Capital Budget be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

C. Evron - 39 Leroy Street- expressed that in California there has been success with the use of contraceptives in rodent bait. Ms. Evron expressed that she wrote a critique of ordinance 22-03 and urged to rescind the ordinance.

H. Seiden - 88 Willow Lane - thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts. Mr. Seiden expressed that he missed the answer of how potholes are addressed. Mr. Seiden believed that emergency services would be overburden with another nursing facility in the borough.

A. Till - 124 Oxford - Mr. Till wanted to clarify Mr. Seiden comments by expressing that the Dean Drive facility is assisted living and not nursing care.

CONSENT AGENDA

#R22-154/ Approve Expenditures as of May 5, 2022

#R22-155/ Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement with the Tenafly Board of Education – Shared Technology Services – *separate vote from consent agenda*

#R22-156/ Authorize Appropriations – J. Fletcher Creamer & Sons, Inc. – Emergency Road Repairs

#R22-157/ Authorize Refunds – Recreation Trust – Various

#R22-158/ Confirm Appointment of Local Registrar of Vital Statistics

#R22-159/ Adopt Temporary Capital Budget - *separate vote from consent agenda*

#R22-160/ Authorize Outdoor Seating Program

#R22-161/ Authorize Sale of Surplus Property – Department of Public Works

#R22-162/ Authorize Use of Competitive Contracting for Procurement of the Services

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

#R22-155/ Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement with the Tenafly Board of Education – Shared Technology Services

Mr. Homsy expressed that all IT request has to be submitted to the IT help desk. He continued that training and onboarding is in the agreement. C. Dayton believed that cost of service is expensive and believed that the service is subpar. C. O’ Connor expressed confidence in the agreement. Ms. Dawkins recommended that more responsive support. Ms. Corrado expressed that she would like to reduce the cost of the agreement and would like more services. C. Dayton believed that the contract should be renegotiated. C. Grossman expressed support but believed service could be better. C. Dayton suggested that the contract be a one-year contract.

Motion by C. Park second by C. Grossman that **#R22-155/** Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement with the Tenafly Board of Education – Shared Technology Services be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on **#R22-155/** Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement with the Tenafly Board of Education – Shared Technology Services was recorded as follows:

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

#R22-159/ Adopt Temporary Capital Budget

Motion by C. Park second by C. Michaels that **#R22-159/** Adopt Temporary Capital Budget be approved.

Attorney Rebecca Maioriello clarified that this resolution is to budget and not appropriate. C. Michaels asked if the resolution set the tax rate. Ms. Corrado expressed that the resolution is for open space.

On a roll call, the vote on **#R22-159/** Adopt Temporary Capital Budget 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 April 26, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-08 - CALENDAR YEAR 2022 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Public Comments on Ordinance No. 22-08
None.

C. Grossman asked for a brief explanation of the purpose of the ordinance. Ms. Corrado explained that the ordinance allows the borough to spend over a cap amount that was issued by the state.

Motion by C. Park second by C. Dayton that Ordinance 22-08 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. 22-08 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 COVID Memorial Committee is seeking to have memorial location in Davis - Johnson park and that herself and C. Menon have been together on the project. C. O' Connor reported that the Environmental Commission is supportive of the SGAR ban and will send a letter in supporting a ban of SGARs. C. O' Connor reported that the Trash - A -Ton was successful event. C. O' Connor urged residents to read articles in the newsletter regarding the state's plastic bag ban and backyard composting.

C. Michaels reported that a Joint-use meeting and discussed the high utilizing of the fields. C. Dayton asked about the field usage. C. Michaels believed that fields are over utilized and seeking to share cost.

C. Menon reported at the Board of Adjustment heard on application concerning the corner of Wilkins Place and Ivy Lane. He reported that the applicant was looking to relocate the garage. He expressed that the application was approved.

C. Dayton reported that the Welcoming Committee is having an event in Peace Plaza. C. Dayton urged the community to support the Nature Center Dinner. C. Dayton announced that the Pride flag raising is on June 1st and the Pride Parade would be on June 11th.

C. Grossman reported that the Historical Preservation Commission did not have a meeting due to the 2022 Bergen Historic Preservation Award Dinner. He added that Historical Preservation Commission was an award recipient for the walking tour. C. Grossman reported that he missed the Stigma Free Committee meeting but that a lime out is upcoming. C. Grossman reported that TVAC responded to 58 calls in the month of March. He reported that the average response time is 8 minutes and average time on a call is 44 minutes. C. Grossman reported one the rigs is out for quick repairs. C. Grossman reported that NBC News recognized TVAC concerning a bicycle accident. C. Grossman reminded people to wear a helmet when bike riding

C. Park reported that Municipal Cap Alliance met and are assembling speakers and beginning to organize a cottage party.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Ordinance

C. Grossman moved that the ordinance be introduced on first reading and setting May 24, 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. Park:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-09 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII "TRAFFIC", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES

On a roll call, the vote on the recorded was as follows:

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

C. Dayton moved that the ordinance be introduced on first reading and setting May 24, 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. Park:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-10 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,819,621 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,732,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

On a roll call, the vote on the recorded was as follows:

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

C. Menon moved that the ordinance be introduced on first reading and setting May 24, 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. Park:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$90,000 FOR THE WALKWAY PATH AT ORESKO PARK

On a roll call, the vote on the recorded was as follows:

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

C. Michaels moved that the ordinance be introduced on first reading and setting May 24, 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. Park:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-12 – 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 on the recorded was as follows:

C. Dayton:	aye	C. Michaels:	aye
C. Grossman:	aye	C. O’Connor:	aye
C. Menon:	aye	C. Park:	aye

MAYOR’S REMARKS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Zinna recognized Rebecca Maioriello, who read into the record Resolution 22-163.

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. Contract Negotiations
 1. CSX Lease Agreement

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 reconvene in the Richard D. Wilson Committee Room to adjourn this public meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from C. Michaels, seconded by C. Park, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 9:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Grossman, 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