

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022

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

ABSENT:

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

At 9:38 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. Dayton, second by C. Park and all other members voting in favor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the May 10, 2022 Regular Meeting and May 10, 2022 Closed Session are approved.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

Mrs. Rubinstein advised that there are no revisions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Racheal Di Somma – 33 Chestnut Street - Ms. Di Somma thanked the Governing Body for considering the feedback from the residents of Block 1001. Requested to have an open line of communication between the Borough and the residents of Block 1001 about the parking as to how it will be addressed and monitored. Her second request was for the Borough look into noise control and traffic in the residential, commercial areas and to specifically look into school parking.

C. Zinna expressed that the Ordinance 22-09 being considered due to her and her neighbors efforts.

C. Evron - 39 Leroy Street- Ms. Evron wanted to convey business owner concerns about having competition that do not pay taxes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #R22-164/ Approve Expenditures as of May 18, 2022
- #R22-165/ Approve Forfeit of Tree Mitigation Escrow – 188 Knickerbocker Road
- #R22-166/ Appoint Administrative Housing Agent
- #R22-167/ Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 169 Engle Street
- #R22-168/ Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 2 Engle Street
- #R22-169/ Approve Forfeit of Tree Mitigation Escrow – 10 Lindley Avenue
- #R22-170/ Approve Forfeit of Tree Mitigation Escrow – 2 Inness Road
- #R22-171/ Authorize Refund – Youth Center
- #R22-172/ Authorize Refunds – Recreation Trust – Various
- #R22-173/ Approve Contract – 2022 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program
- #R22-174/ Approve Professional Engineering Services – 2022 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program
- #R22-175/ Authorize Renewal of Liquor Licenses – 2022-2023
- #R22-176/ Authorize Appropriations – J. Fletcher Creamer & Sons, Inc. – Bliss Avenue Culvert Repair
- #R22-177/ Declare June 3rd to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day
- #R22-178/ Authorize Borough of Tenafly to join the WHO/AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities
- #R22-179/ Declare June 11, 2022 as Tenafly Pride Day
- #R22-180/ Authorize Purchase of (2) Ford F-250 and Associated Equipment – Department of Public Works
- #R22-181/ Authorize Purchase of a Ford F-350 and Associated Equipment – Department of Public Works
- #R22-182/ Appoint Acting Court Administrator
- #R22-183/ Amend Temporary Budget 2022

Motion by C. Dayton second by C. Park 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. 2022 Local Municipal Budget

- #R22-184/ Read Budget by Title Only
- #R22-185/ Amend 2022 Local Municipal Budget
Public Comments on 2022 Local Municipal Budget Amendment

Paul Lerch of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins explained to the Governing Body that introduced the budget and the plan was to adopt the budget. Mr. Lerch continued that the amendment was that the larger bond anticipation note that was roughly \$16 million was split to two to take advantage of low rate which is to occur sometime in the fall. He added that the remaining piece of that bond anticipation note will renew and go into next May. He added that the original budget contemplated that the full amount would roll into a full year. He added now that it is split an interest component need to be added. He added that the interest rate received on the note is 4%. Mr. Lerch explained that the budget was modified at \$120,000 without increasing the tax rate. Mr. Lerch explained that an

increase to any appropriation line item by more 10% or reduce by more than 10% requires an advertisement. Mr. Lerch expressed that for tonight’s meeting a hearing for the budget will occur, have the amendment introduced.

C. Dayton commented that the decrease of surplus that is anticipated is being discussed and asked if there is any options other than taking from the surplus to consider.

Mr. Lerch explained that it was decided collectively at a percentage maximum. He added capital surplus that accumulated over the previous years which was used to bring in as a revenue in the current fund. He added that it could not effect usage on operating surplus and the Borough has the same amount remaining which would roll over into the subsequent year.

C. Michaels asked if there is a faster way to lock in rates.

Mr. Lerch answered that the note that is to be rolled over is from May until the end of September. He added that the sale of the note can be done 60 days prior to maturity, which would not be considered for an advance refund. He added that the sale could occur August 15th instead of September 15th to try to capture the timing.

Mrs. Corrado expressed that the market has been volatile and one municipality had pulled back on its sale and that the Borough of Tenafly only had one bidder. She added that the capital ordinance still can go through. She added that twenty days from now funds from the capital ordinance could be spent.

- **#R22-184/Read Budget by Title Only**

Motion by C. Park, second by C. Dayton that the reading of the 2022 Local Municipal Budget by title only be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on **#R22-184/Read Budget by Title Only** was recorded as follows:

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

- **#R22-185/Amend 2022 Local Municipal Budget**

Motion by C. Grossman, second by C. Park that the reading of the Amend 2022 Local Municipal Budget by title only be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on **#R22-185/Read Budget by Title Only** was recorded as follows:

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

Public Comments on 2022 Local Municipal Budget and the Amendment
None.

B. ORDINANCES:

The following ordinances published herewith was first read by title only on May 10, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

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

Public Comments on Ordinance No. 22-09

C. Evron - 39 Leroy Street- Ms. Evron asked that impending ordinance be placed on the calendar. Mr. Stovall explained that the ordinances are posted on the bulletin board and on the Borough website.

Motion by C. Park second by C. Dayton that Ordinance 22-09 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. 22-09 was recorded as follows:

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

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

Public Comments on Ordinance No. 22-10

None.

Motion by C. Park second by C. Menon that Ordinance 22-10 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. 22-10 was recorded as follows:

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

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

Public Comments on Ordinance No. 22-11

None.

Motion by C. Grossman second by C. Park that Ordinance 22-11 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. 22-11 was recorded as follows:

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

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

Public Comments on Ordinance No. 22-12
None.

Motion by C. Menon second by C. Park that Ordinance 22-12 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. 22-12 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. Grossman reported that TVAC would be conducting a blood drive on June 6th from 2pm to 8pm. He added that the information is provided on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Ordinance

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-13 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER IV "GENERAL LICENSING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES

C. Grossman moved that the ordinance be introduced on first reading and setting June 14, 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. Menon:

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

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

C. Dayton moved that the ordinance be introduced on first reading and setting June 14, 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. 22-14 - 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

C. Menon moved that the ordinance be introduced on first reading and setting June 14, 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. Dayton:

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

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-15 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TITLE, SALARY, WAGE OR COMPENSATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TENAFLY ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES BARGAINING UNIT FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2020, 2021, 2022, AND 2023

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

C. Menon moved that the ordinance be introduced on first reading and setting June 14, 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. Dayton:

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 Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein, who read into the record Resolution 22-186.

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. Collective Bargaining
 - 1. DPW Driver Laborers Contract Negotiations Update
 - 2. DPW Supervisors Contract Negotiations Update

- B. Contract Negotiations
 - 1. Recreation Department

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. Dayton seconded by C. Grossman, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 10:21 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 11:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Stovall, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk