

# Borough of Tenafly

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### MINUTES

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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  
Human Resources Manager Alisha Dawkins  
Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein

At 8:53 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

Minutes to be approved: August 22, 2022 Special Regular Meeting  
September 6, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion by C. Grossman second by C. O' Connor that the August 22, 2022 Special Regular Meeting be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the August 22, 2022 Special Regular Meeting was recorded as follows:

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

Motion by C. Grossman second by C. Park that the September 6, 2022 Regular Meeting be approved.

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

Mrs. Rubinstein advised that Ordinance No. 22-20 would not be introduced.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- #R22-310/Approve Expenditures as of September 14, 2022
- #R22-311/Authorize Purchase of Various Cleaning Equipment for the Tenaflly Borough Hall Municipal Complex – Buildings and Grounds
- #R22-312/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 109 Magnolia Avenue
- #R22-313/Approve Forfeit of Tree Mitigation Escrow – 28 South Park Drive
- #R22-314/Approve Forfeit of Tree Mitigation Escrow – 11 Jewett Avenue
- #R22-315/ Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 1 Wilson Road
- #R22-316/ Approve Contract – 2022 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program – Additional Roads
- #R22-317/Approve Raffle Applications RA 1260 & 1261
- #R22-318/Approve Corrective Action Plan – 2021 Audit
- #R22-319/Authorize Purchase of Portable Radios and Related Equipment – TVAC
- #R22-320/Authorize Retroactive Emergency Repairs - 14 Brook Road
- #R22-321/Authorize Retroactive Emergency Repairs - 76 Howard Park Drive
- #R22-322/Approve Deputy Registrar Stipend
- #R22-323/Authorize Retroactive Emergency Repairs - 76 Howard Park Drive – 6/6/22
- #R22-324/Authorize Retroactive Emergency Repairs – Tenaflly Road & W. Clinton Avenue

Motion by C. Grossman 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:	absent	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 September 6, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-19 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE OR COMPENSATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPRESENTED BY LOCAL 342, LONG ISLAND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, UNITED MARINE DIVISION, INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, AFL-CIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2020, 2021, 2022 AND 2023

Public Comments on Ordinance No. 22-19  
None.

Motion by C. Park second by C. Grossman that Ordinance 22-19 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. 22-19 was recorded as follows:

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

### **Committee Reports**

C. O' Connor expressed that there was an issue at community night regarding the use of helium balloons. She expressed that she believed that there is policy prohibiting the use of helium balloons during town events. She added that DPW Director Mike Cassidy was asked provide statistics regarding tree planting. She added that she would bring the statistics at the next meeting. C. O' Connor expressed that the Board of Health is looking into a flu and COVID clinic in conjunction with CVS.

C. Michaels expressed that he had no report, but expressed that he is looking to have a Joint-Use Meeting soon.

C. Menon reported that the Senior Center held multiple events within the past weeks including a trip to Lake George and Asbury Park, red, white, blue potluck, Christmas in July, and a Rummage Sale. C. Menon continued that the PBA held a picnic at the Senior Center. C. Menon reported that the Zoning Board heard an application that requested a pool and the board allowed for the pool to be built by the front half the property. He added that the second application which requested increase building coverage for a new garage which was approved.

C. Grossman reported that the Historic Preservation Commission met and expressed that exterior properties needs to be reviewed before the HPC to ensure that improvements made are within historic guidelines. He added that the owner of a property on Highwood is looking make improvements. C. Grossman added that there are incentives provided by the State and Federal government towards the upkeep of historical homes. C. Grossman reported TVAC responded to 60 calls. He added that the average call time was 40 minutes. C. Grossman expressed that one of the ambulance needed an update to the computer which cost \$500.

C. Park reported that the Green Team and Environmental Commission. C. Park reported that the Boy Scout is planning to start work on the Community Garden met and thanked the PBA and Recreation for their efforts during Community Night.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

C. Grossman moved that the ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting October 6, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Tenaflly Municipal Center as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Seconded by C. Park:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-17 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 19, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY.

On a roll call, the vote on Ordinance No. 22-17 was recorded as follows:

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

C. Menon moved that the ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting October 6, 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. 22-18 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 22-12 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 Ordinance No. 22-18 was recorded as follows:

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

~~ORDINANCE NO. 22-20 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE 22-12 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~~

C. Michaels moved that the ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting October 6, 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. 22-21 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE II GENERAL ORGANIZATION, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY TO CREATE A NEW SECTION TITLED DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION

On a roll call, the vote on Ordinance No. 22-21 was recorded as follows:

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

C. O'Connor moved that the ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting October 6, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time

and the Tenaflly Municipal Center as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Seconded by C. Menon:

The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-22 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 5 ANIMAL CONTROL, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS BY RETAIL PET STORES

On a roll call, the vote on Ordinance No. 22-22 was recorded as follows:

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

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

M. Zinna expressed that Community Night was an amazing night provided by the Police and Recreation Departments. M. Zinna thanked the Elks, DPW, businesses, and all in involved in making the night a success.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Michaels, second by C. Park and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 09:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Stovall, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk