

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Zinna and Councilmembers, Jeffrey Grossman, Venugopal Menon, and Julie O' Connor

ABSENT: Councilmembers Lauren Dayton Adam Michaels, and Daniel Park

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Jimmy Homsi
Borough Clerk Omar Stovall
CFO Susan Corrado
Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein

At 6:00 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. Meeting dates for the year are listed in the Annual Agenda; copies are sent to the Record, Suburbanite, and Northern Valley Press and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center. The notice of this Special Regular Meeting via the August 19, 2022 Sunshine Notice has been sent to the Record, Suburbanite, and Northern Valley News, has been posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center and Borough Website"

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

C. Menon inquired about who within the Borough selected the Special Employment Counsel was selected. Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein explained that the selection is under the discretion of the Borough Administrator in accordance with the employee manual. She added that the Special Employment Attorney would be in a direct contact with the Borough Administrator's Office. C. Menon expressed the potential involvement of the Governing Body. Borough Attorney Rubinstein recommended that details of the investigation should be discussed in closed session.

C. Grossman asked for clarification between Special Employment Counsel and Special Labor Counsel. Borough Attorney Rubinstein explained that the item is for Special Employment Counsel.

C. Menon added that from his research that the selected Special Employment Counsel did not have a background in Special Employment Counsel and what qualified him to be selected. Borough Attorney Rubinstein responded that the selected Special Employment Counsel does special investigations frequently. C. Menon asked where the firm is located. Borough Administrator Homsi expressed that the firm is located in Aberdeen, New Jersey. Borough Attorney Rubinstein added that Mr. Homsi based the selection on the guidance provided by the Governing Body. Borough Attorney Rubinstein added that the guidance was to find a firm that did not have any conflicts as well as the geographic location.

C. Grossman inquired about the \$165 fee. Borough Attorney Rubinstein explained that it is a blended attorney fee and the attorney had specified no travel charge.

C. Menon made motion to enter into closed session to seek advice from Counsel from regarding the Appointment of Special Employment Counsel. Seconded by C. Grossman at 6:08 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

#R22-270/Confirm Appointment of Special Employment Counsel – Sobel Han & Cannon, LLP

Motion by C. Grossman second by C. Menon that **#R22-270/**Confirm Appointment of Special Employment Counsel – Sobel Han & Cannon, LLP be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on **#R22-270/**Confirm Appointment of Special Employment Counsel – Sobel Han & Cannon, LLP was recorded as follows:

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

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Menon, second by C. Grossman and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Stovall, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk