

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Zinna and Councilmembers, Councilmember 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 8:55p.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: July 25, 2022 Special Closed Session Meeting
August 22, 2022 Special Regular Meeting
August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion by C. Grossman second by C. O' Connor that the July 25, 2022 Special Closed Session Meeting be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the July 25, 2022 Special Closed Session Meeting was recorded as follows:

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

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

The August 22, 2022 Special Regular Meeting minutes were to be placed on the agenda of September 20, 2022.

Motion by C. Dayton second by C. Park that the August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting was recorded as follows:

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

M. Zinna announced that the Welcome Committee's New Resident Event would be held at Peace Plaza.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

Mrs. Rubinstein advised that resolutions 22-291 will voted on separately.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

M. Salpukas - 85 Hillside Ave - Ms. Salpukas voiced that the she spoke of the dangers of Hillside Avenue. Ms. Salpukas asked for a progress report for crosswalks on Hillside.

Mr. Homsis expressed that he will follow up with the Police Chief on the progress.

C. Dayton asked if the Ms. Salpukas if she is seeking relief on Hillside Avenue or Engle Street. Ms. Salpukas expressed the north side of Hillside Avenue and on Clinton Avenue.

M. Zinna added that is aware of the matter Police Chief.

C. Evron – 39 Leroy Street- Ms. Evron expressed that she received feedback that the parking lot opposite of the Post Office for employee parking is inadequate. Ms. Evron expressed that Parking Lot "O" is not shoppers parking but could be convenient for employees.

CONSENT AGENDA

#R22-271/Approve Expenditures as of August 31, 2022

#R22-272/Authorize Proprietary Purchase of Automatic License Plate Readers – Police Department – Phase 2

#R22-273/Authorize Proprietary Purchase of Automatic License Plate Readers – Police Department – Phase 3

#R22-274/Impose Cost Due to Incurred Expense - Block 403, Lot 3

#R22-275/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 16 Oak Avenue

#R22-276/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 69 Windsor Road

#R22-277/Approve Forfeit of Tree Mitigation Escrow – 157 Jefferson Avenue

#R22-278/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow transfer to Shade Tree Trust Account – 110 Hudson Avenue

#R22-279/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow transfer to Shade Tree Trust Account – 25 Evergreen Place

#R22-280/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 82 Joyce Road

#R22-281/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow transfer to Shade Tree Trust Account – 260 Devon Road

#R22-282/Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 15 Sisson Terrace

#R22-283/Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 37 George Street

#R22-284/Authorize Renewal of Membership in the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund – 2023-2026

#R22-285/Authorize Refund – Tree Removal Permit Fee – Almstead Tree Service

#R22-286/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow transfer to Shade Tree Trust Account – 88 Mackay Drive

- #R22-287/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 16 Greentree Terrace
- #R22-288/Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 63 Sunset Lane
- #R22-289/Approve Engineering Escrow Refund – 155 Magnolia Avenue
- #R22-290/Authorize Tree Mitigation Escrow Refund – 18 Lawrence Court
- #R22-291/Amend 2022 Professional Services Contract – Borough Attorney
- #R22-292/Authorize Additional Professional Engineering Services – NJDCA American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant Application Submission
- #R22-293/Authorize Purchase of Toro Grandstand Multiforce Mower and Associated Equipment through Bergen County Cooperative Pricing Bid 22-09
- #R22-294/Authorize the Execution of Lease Agreement with Goosetown Communications for the Tenafly Department of Public Works
- #R22-295/ Authorize the Combination of Certain Issues of Bonds
- #R22-296/ Authorize Form and Sale of General Obligation Bonds
- #R22-297/ Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Various – Hofer
- #R22-298/Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Various – Jacobus
- #R22-299/Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Various – Spiotti
- #R22-300/Authorize Refund – Tax Court Judgment – Block 1709 Lot 11
- #R22-301/Authorize Refunds – Recreation Trust – Various
- #R22-302/Support the Tenafly Nature Center Submittal of a NJDEP Grant Application - White Trail Restoration Project
- #R22-303/Authorize Professional Services of a Municipal Financial Advisor
- #R22-304/ Authorize Removal of Sidewalk - 26 Birchwood Place
- #R22-305/ Appoint Acting Building Subcode Official
- #R22-306/Approve Selection of Confidential Assistant to the Police Chief
- #R22-307/Approve 6-Month Time Extension Request - FY2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Award
- #R22-308/Appoint Acting Building Director

Motion by C. Dayton second by C. Grossman 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

- #R22-291/Amend 2022 Professional Services Contract – Borough Attorney

Motion by C. Park second by C. Dayton **that #R22-291/Amend 2022 Professional Services Contract – Borough Attorney** be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on #R22-291/Amend 2022 Professional Services Contract – Borough Attorney 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 August 22, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal center.

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

Motion by C. Park second by C. O'Connor that Ordinance 22-17 be tabled.

On a roll call, the vote to table Ordinance No. 22-17 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. Park no report.

C. Grossman reported that TVAC responded to 80 calls in July with an average response time of 8 minutes. C. Grossman that the Planning Board met to discuss 4.5 and 5 West Railroad which is the site of the old movie theater with a proposal 3 stories and discussion of 18 apartments. C. Dayton asked about the façade's preservation. C. Grossman express most members expressed that they liked a modern look more. C. Grossman reported at that 15 Hudson was discussed for a second story addition, which was approved. C. Grossman thanked all who attended the Summer Concerts.

C. Dayton reported that the Welcoming Committee is holding it welcoming event. She reported that the Police Department is having its Community Night. C. Dayton added that she sent in a survey about its pride day engagement. C. Dayton asked to the Mr. Homsy to help find new ways to have the Borough be more inclusive. C. Dayton expressed that anyone looking for senior services to visit the new coordinator Risa Agin-Levin.

C. Menon no report.

C. Michaels reported that Recreation Department sign up are reaching new levels and working on items. C. Michael asked Mr. Stovall to reach out to schedule a Joint Use Meeting.

Mr. Homsy expressed that at the next Mayor and Council meeting that the Recreation Department will be providing an update of the department's status.

C. O'Connor reported that the Environmental Commission will have a booth concerning composting at Community night. She expressed concern about the EV Grant and that Mr. Homsy is waiting to receive detail about the grant.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Park moved that the ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting September 20, 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. O'Connor: The Borough Clerk read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-18 - 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 Ordinance No. 22-18 was recorded as follows:

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

Ordinance 22-18 did not proceed.

C. Grossman moved that the ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting September 20, 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. 22-19 - 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

On a roll call, the vote on Ordinance No. 22-19 was recorded as follows:

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

MAYOR'S REMARKS

M. Zinna thanked C. Grossman for his efforts with the Summer Concert.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Zinna recognized Wendy Rubinstein, who read into the record Resolution 22-309.

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. Personnel

1. Confidential Personnel Matter
2. Potential Litigation

B. Collective Bargaining

1. DPW Supervisors
2. PBA Contract

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. Park, seconded by C. Grossman, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 9:56p.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 11:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Stovall, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk