

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2013**

The Mendham Township Reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Township Hall, Brookside, New Jersey.

Mrs. Potter led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the following statement: Adequate notice of this meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to the Star Ledger, Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on December 20, 2012; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Joel Biggers from Brookside Community Church led the invocation

Bruce Byrne sang God Bless America.

Mrs. Potter announced that at the 2012 General Election Richard Merkt was elected a three year term Township Committee term, such term to expire on December 31, 2015. Mr. Merkt was sworn in to office by Mr. Sateary.

Mrs. Potter announced that at the 2012 General Election Christopher Baumann was elected to a three year Township Committee term, such term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Baumann was sworn in to office by his father-in-law.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Baumann	present
Mr. Merkt	present
Mr. Strobel	present
Mrs. Thomas	present
Mr. Tolley	present

Also Present: Thomas Sateary, Esq.  
Stephen Mountain, Township Administrator  
Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk

**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR 2013**

Mrs. Potter called for nominations for the office of Mayor for the year 2013. Mr. Tolley nominated Mr. Merkt. Mr. Baumann seconded. There were no further nominations. Upon a call of the roll Mr. Merkt was elected unanimously to the office of Mayor for 2013.

Mr. Sateary administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Merkt and Mrs. Potter turned the meeting over to Mayor Merkt.

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**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2013**

Mayor Merkt called for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor for 2013. Mr. Strobel nominated Mrs. Thomas. Mr. Tolley seconded. There were no further nominations. Upon a call of the roll Mrs. Thomas was elected unanimously to the office of Deputy Mayor for 2013.

Mr. Sateary administered the oath of Office to Mrs. Thomas.

**WELCOME – 2013 Mayor**

Mayor Merkt welcomed everyone to the 2013 Annual Reorganization meeting. He recognized former Committeewoman Phyllis Florek and former Committeeman Frank Cioppettini.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Merkt presented a proclamation to Frank Cioppettini recognizing his service and dedication on the Township Committee.

**OATHS OF OFFICE TO FIRE COMPANIES AND FIRST AID SQUAD**

The Oath of Office was administered to the officers present from Brookside Engine Company No. 1, Ralston Engine Company No. 1 and the Mendham Township First Aid Squad. The following is a list of the new officers for 2013.

Brookside Engine Company No. 1 Officers:

Chief - Peter Staples

Assistant Chief - Peter Dwyer

Captain - Dan Wood

Lieutenant - Eric Cooper

Chief Engineer - John Mills III

Ralston Engine Company No. 1 Officers:

Chief – Thomas Montgomery

Assistant Chief – John McDonough

Lieutenant – Paul Hogan

#12 Truck Captain – Eric Grier

#14 Truck Captain – Curran Lucke

#11 Truck Captain – Scott Mortensen

Communications Officer – Howard Panton

President – William Grier

Mendham Township First Aid Squad Officers:

Captain - Beth Ruhle

Lt - Leslie Dunlevy

Quartermaster - Nick Monaghan

Asst. Q'master East - Terri McKinnell

Asst Q'master West - Mike Cassera

President - Robin Johnston

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Secretary - Liz Siminoff  
Treasurer - Ellen Tawil  
Data Steward - Vincent Reilly  
Training Officer - Barbara Nelson

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Merkt read consent agenda Resolutions by title and called for a motion to adopt. Upon motion of Mrs. Thomas and second of Mr. Strobel the following Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved by unanimous roll call vote:

**RESOLUTION 2013-1**  
APPOINTING TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

**RESOLUTION 2013-2**  
ESTABLISHING 2012 OFFICE HOURS AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**RESOLUTION 2013-3**  
ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE – 2013 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION 2013-4**  
DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS AND FIXING CHARGES FOR NOTICES  
OF PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING 2013

**RESOLUTION 2013-5**  
DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR TOWNSHIP FUNDS  
AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON TOWNSHIP CHECKS

**RESOLUTION 2013-6**  
FIXING RATES OF INTEREST AND PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES,  
ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES IN 2013

**RESOLUTION 2013-7**  
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL  
CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS AND DELINQUENCIES FOR 2013

**RESOLUTION 2013-8**  
APPROVING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM

**RESOLUTION 2013-9**  
AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS AS PROVIDED BY N.J.S.A 40.A:4-19

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**RESOLUTION 2013-10**

AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS AS PROVIDED BY N.J.S.A 40.A:4-19  
SEWER UTILITY EAST EXPENSES #1

**RESOLUTION 2013-11**

AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS AS PROVIDED BY N.J.S.A 40.A:4-19  
SEWER UTILITY WEST EXPENSES #2

**STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor Merkt thanked the voters for reelecting him to office and the Committee for nominating him as mayor. He congratulated Mrs. Thomas on her nomination as Deputy Mayor and Mr. Baumann for being elected to serve on the Township Committee.

Mayor Merkt noted that the main reason to be on the Township Committee is to serve the community. He reviewed his 2013 goals, which included continuing with open and transparent government, decreasing debt, achieving a responsible budget and maintaining essential public services.

**HEARING PERSONS PRESENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURN**

Upon a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk