

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 6, 2014**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADEQUATE NOTICE: Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act by sending written notice to the Star Ledger, Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on December 11, 2013, posting on the Bulletin Board in Township Hall and filing with the Township Clerk.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mrs. Potter announced that at the 2013 General Election Samuel Tolley was re-elected to the Township Committee for a term of three years, such term to expire on December 31, 2016. Mr. Tolley was sworn into office by Mr. Mills.

Mrs. Potter announced that that at the 2013 General Election Maribeth Thomas was re-elected to the Township Committee for a term of three years, such term to expire on December 31, 2016. Mrs. Thomas was sworn into office by Mr. Mills.

ROLL CALL

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

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR 2014

Mrs. Potter called for nominations for the office of Mayor for the year 2014. Mr. Merkt nominated Mrs. Thomas. Mr. Strobel seconded. There were no further nominations. Upon a call of the roll Mrs. Thomas was elected unanimously to the office of Mayor for 2014.

Mr. Mills administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Potter turned the meeting over to Mayor Thomas.

MAYOR PRESIDING:

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2014

Mayor Thomas called for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor for 2014. Mayor Thomas nominated Mr. Strobel. Mr. Tolley seconded. There were no further nominations. Upon a call of the roll Mr. Strobel was elected unanimously to the office of Deputy Mayor for 2014.

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Mr. Mills administered the oath of Office to Mr. Strobel.

WELCOME – 2014 Mayor

Mayor Thomas thanked everyone for coming, and welcomed Senator Bucco and Mendham Borough Mayor Neil Henry.

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 2014.

Brookside Engine Company No. 1 Officers:

Chief - Peter Staples
Assistant Chief - Peter Dwyer
Captain – Eric Cooper
Lieutenant – Melissa Alderton
Chief Engineer – Vincent Suhocki

Ralston Engine Company No. 1 Officers:

Chief – Thomas Montgomery
Assistant Chief – John McDonough
Captain – Scott Mortensen
#12 Truck Captain – John Bond
#14 Truck Captain – Charles Maltbie
#11 Truck Captain – Scott Mortensen
President – William Grier III

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
Secretary - Liz Siminoff
Treasurer - Ellen Tawil
Data Steward - Vincent Reilly
Training Officer – Brian Walsh

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

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

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RESOLUTION 2014-1

APPOINTING TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS FOR 2014

RESOLUTION 2014-2

APPOINTING TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONALS FOR 2014

RESOLUTION 2014-3

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH NAVITEND

RESOLUTION 2014-4

REAPPOINTING TOWNSHIP ENGINEER AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
WITH PAUL FERRIERO OF FERRIERO ENGINEERING, INC.
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 – DECEMBER 31, 2016

RESOLUTION 2014-5

ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE – 2014 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 2014-6

DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS AND FIXING CHARGES FOR NOTICES
OF PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING 2014

RESOLUTION 2014-7

FIXING RATES OF INTEREST AND PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES,
ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES IN 2014

RESOLUTION 2014-8

AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL
CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS AND DELINQUENCIES FOR 2014

RESOLUTION 2014-9

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD A TAX LIEN SALE

RESOLUTION 2014-10

APPROVING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM

RESOLUTION 2014-11

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

RESOLUTION 2014-12

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

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RESOLUTION 2014-13

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

SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY RIGHTFULLY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Baumann noted that Ski Club is accepting applications. The Recreation Commission is looking for new members and meets the first Tuesday of every month.

STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Thomas stated that her goals when first elected to the Township Committee where to reduce debt, closely monitor spending and encourage open government. Three years later, the Committee is well on their way to accomplishing these goals.

In just three years the Finance Committee has lowered the long-term debt from \$22 million to just over \$16 million. In order to run an open and inclusive government the meetings are broadcasted on the local television station. Mayor Thomas encouraged residents to express their concerns, questions and comments. She stated that the Committee will continue to provide opportunities for the public to be heard.

Mrs. Thomas noted that the Township partnered with Mendham Borough and the Chesters to develop an RFP for the High School Feasibility study and vowed to see the process through, hopefully with a successful conclusion.

Mrs. Thomas thanked all the volunteers and encouraged residents to volunteer on one of the many Boards, Committees and emergency services in the Township. She also thanked the Township employees, adding that they are always friendly, professional and helpful.

Lastly, Mrs. Thomas promised to renew efforts to explore shared services and create opportunities to work with neighboring communities.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

There being no public comment hearing persons present was closed.

ADJOURN

Upon a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk