

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2014

Mayor Merkt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Township Hall, Brookside, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Baumann
Mr. Merkt
Mr. Strobel
Mr. Tolley
Mayor Thomas

Also Present: John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney
Stephen Mountain, Township Administrator
Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ADEQUATE NOTICE: 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 Daily Record, Observer Tribune and the Star Ledger on January 7, 2014. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

RECAP ON POST EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS

Mayor Thomas noted that two resolutions were adopted after the December 23, 2013 executive session meeting. Resolution 2013-174 confirmed an assessor's appeal and Resolution 2013-175 authorized a lease agreement with the Pitney Farm steward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to move the regular meeting minutes for December 23, 2013. Mr. Tolley so moved and Mr. Merkt seconded. All members voted to approve.

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to move the executive session meeting minutes for December 23, 2013. Mr. Strobel so moved and Mr. Tolley seconded. All members voted to approve.

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to move the reorganizational meeting minutes for January 6, 2014. Mr. Merkt so moved and Mr. Strobel seconded. All members voted to approve.

Members of the Library Board presented the first newly designed library card to Mayor Thomas.

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DISCUSSION

Committee Liaison Appointments

The positions were reviewed and liaisons established for each Committee. Mr. Tolley made a motion to ratify the recommendations and Mr. Strobel seconded. All members voted to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Tolley stated that a budget meetings schedule will soon be circulated. Mr. Mountain reviewed approaching meeting dates.

Mr. Baumann announced that recreation has various activities for the winter and recommended joining the recreation email list. Ski Club and Smart Sitter class still have openings. The Commission is also working with the Pitney Farm Commission to help develop a plan and providing input on the Mosle five-year master plan.

Mr. Tolley reminded residents that dog licenses are due by the end of the month. The free rabies clinic is this Saturday.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

There being no comment hearing persons present was closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Thomas read a letter of thanks from Long Valley Mayor Ken Short to the emergency services for their assistance at a house fire.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2014-14

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Thomas read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Merkt so moved. Mr. Strobel seconded. All members voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2014-15

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

Mayor Thomas read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Baumann so moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. All members voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2014-16

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STATE TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENTS

Mayor Thomas read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Merkt so moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. All members voted to approve.

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RESOLUTION 2014-17

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING
THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Thomas read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Merkt so moved. Mr. Baumann seconded. All members voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2014-18

APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE

Mayor Thomas read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Strobel so moved. Mr. Baumann seconded. All members voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2014-19

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT EXTENSION
FOR THE MENDHAM MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT
JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014

Mayor Thomas read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Merkt so moved. Mr. Baumann seconded. All members voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2014-20

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

Matters pertaining to:

- Personnel - CFO Reappointment
- Police Lieutenant Appointment
- 2014 Holiday Schedule
- Contracts - Police Contract Update
- Discussion of School Study Contract
- Board & Committee Appointments

Mayor Thomas read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Merkt so moved. Mr. Baumann seconded. All members voted to approve.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Thomas stated that she will be meeting with Mendham Borough Mayor Neil Henry to discuss future relations and the prospect of a merger. There was consensus amongst the Committee that it is necessary to explore a merger of the communities.

OPEN ITEMS

Mr. Mountain noted that the cones are still at the post office and a permanent solution will be addressed in the spring.

The Planning Board requested the review of political signs; however, the Committee did not feel it was necessary to address the issue at the present time.

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Mr. Mountain stated that he is currently gathering the requested background information regarding Roxiticus Water Co. for the BPU. Once completed, an additional meeting will be scheduled.

There was discussion regarding repairs at Mendham East and West. RFPs were distributed in December to provide technical assistance at Mendham East. There is a mandatory site meeting this Friday. There was a brief discussion regarding the life of the beds. It was noted that the plants are self-sustaining utilities. Mendham East is currently a chemical plant and Mendham West is a biological plant.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Diana Brown, Ironia Road

Ms. Brown congratulated the mayor and deputy mayor on their nominations. She was gratified to hear about discussion regarding a possible merger with Mendham Borough.

Executive Session

The Committee entered into executive session at 8:30 p.m.

The Committee returned from executive session at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Upon a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk