

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2013**

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

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Baumann	Present
	Mr. Strobel	Absent
	Mrs. Thomas	Present
	Mr. Tolley	Present
	Mayor Merkt	Present

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADEQUATE NOTICE:** Mrs. Potter 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 January 3, 2013; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

**PRESENTATION**

a. Recognition of Library Trustees

Library Director Stephanie Cotton paid tribute to retiring Board members Nancy Bailin, Harriet Hochberg, Joe Horzepa and Josie Cook. Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Mayor Merkt.

b. Environmental Resource Inventory Commission

Ralph Rhodes, Sarah Dean Link and Kim Crumrine updated the Committee on the progress of the Environmental Resource Inventory, which is a compilation of information about the Township's natural resources and natural characteristics. A second draft is completed and will be sent to the consultant for another round of updates. Mr. Rhodes reviewed the funding, noting that no tax money was used for the project.

Mr. Rhodes recommended including the completed inventory in the Township's master plan. He urged the Township to provide for regular review and revision as new information is provided.

Mr. Tolley asked if pictures were included and Mr. Rhodes stated that pictures were provided by Brian Boden. Ms. Crumrine added that the current version of the inventory is available online and includes about 30 photos. Mayor Merkt stated that the group is providing a valuable report that will be a useful tool.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Merkt called for a motion to move the special meeting minutes from December 17, 2012. Mr. Tolley so moved. Mr. Baumann seconded. All members present voted to approve, except Mr. Baumann abstained.

Mayor Merkt called for a motion to move the regular meeting minutes from December 18, 2012. Mr. Tolley so moved. Mrs. Thomas seconded. All members present voted to approve, except Mr. Baumann abstained.

Approval of the executive session meeting minutes from December 18, 2012 was tabled to the next meeting.

Mayor Merkt called for a motion to move the reorganization meeting minutes from January 2, 2013. Mrs. Thomas so moved. Mr. Baumann seconded. All members present voted to approve.

**DISCUSSION**

No further discussions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**HEARING PERSONS PRESENT**

Pat & Bob Zimmerman, 3 West Main Street

Ms. Zimmerman reviewed the historical documents received from the Wall family, which included 17 maps dating back to 1809. Because the maps did not relate to Mendham Township Morris County Library has offered to preserve the maps. In exchange the library has given the Historical Society archival storage boxes and an historical atlas.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Merkt stated that there was a meeting on January 3, 2013 between the Morris County mayors and JCP&L to discuss the company's response during Hurricane Sandy. The mayors provided many recommendations to improve performance, including replacing deteriorating power polls and utilizing service maps to identify outages.

Mr. Tolley recapped his year as mayor. He thanked the volunteers that stepped up during the storm to provide a shelter for anyone in need. He noted the dedication of OEM Evan Thomas, MTFAS Caption Robin Johnston, Meals on Wheels Coordinator Tania Wrench, the youth of the community and the Brookside juniors.

Mayor Merkt noted that the next mayors' meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2013.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance Introduction**

ORDINANCE 2013-01

COMCAST CABLE FRANCHISE

Mayor Merkt read the Ordinance by title and called for a motion. Mr. Tolley so moved. Mrs. Thomas seconded. Mr. Mountain gave a brief explanation of the new terms. All members present voted to approve. This ordinance is scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing on January 29, 2013.

**Resolutions**

**RESOLUTION 2013-12**

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

**RESOLUTION 2013-13**

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

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

**RESOLUTION 2013-14**

APPOINTING SCOTT WEAVER TO THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN  
IN THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**RESOLUTION 2013-15**

APPOINTING NICK WITCZAK AS DEPUTY OEM COORDINATOR

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

**RESOLUTION 2013-16**

EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AND  
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR APPLICATION SOFTWARE SUPPORT AND  
HARDWARE AND SYSTEM SOFTWARE SUPPORT

Mayor Merkt read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Tolley so moved. Mrs. Thomas seconded. Mr. Mountain noted that the company has not increased rates for three consecutive years. All members present voted to approve.

**RESOLUTION 2013-17**

AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY  
OF MORRIS FOR RADIO DISPATCHING SERVICES

Mayor Merkt read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Thomas so moved. Mr. Baumann seconded. Mr. Mountain stated that the County is studying ways to decrease costs to

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municipalities. The costs of the service will eventually be placed in the County budget as more towns utilize the service. All members present voted to approve.

**RESOLUTION 2013-18  
APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE**

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

**RESOLUTION 2013-19  
AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC**

Matters pertaining to:

- Contract – Municipal Audit
- MC Municipal Utilities Recycling Contract
- T&R Performance Measurement Proposal
- Board & Committee Appointments
- Review of Interlocal Agreements

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

**DISCUSSION**

No further discussion.

**HEARING PERSONS PRESENT**

Pat Zimmerman, 3 West Main Street

The date of the next mayors' meeting was reviewed. Mayor Merkt confirmed that the January 31, 2013 meeting is open to the public and will be held in Chester Borough.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion duly made the Committee entered executive session at 8:40 p.m.

The Committee returned from executive session at 10:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Upon a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk