



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
October 13, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.**

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

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Cioppettini	Present
Mrs. Orban Brown	Present
Mrs. Thomas	Absent
Mr. Tolley	Present
Mayor Baumann	Present

Also Present: Mike Carol, Attorney
Mary Beth Zichelli, Township Clerk

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF 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 6, 2015. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.
Official action may be taken.

RECAP ON POST EXECUTIVE SESSION—Mayor Baumann stated that a discussion about personnel took place and it will be discussed further in Executive Session this evening.

RECOGNIZING NEW FIREFIGHTER

Stephen Sauerman, has applied to be a senior firefighter at the Brookside Engine Co. #1 and was introduced by Chief Dwyer.

PROCLAMATION—Sara Dean Link was recognized as a long standing member of the Planning Board – Proclamation attached

PRESENTATIONS

Review of DCA Best Practices questionnaire – Mary Beth Zichelli explained the DCA and Local Government Services puts out a 50 question questionnaire to all municipalities and was implemented to encourage towns to do the right thing concerning finances,

health and all aspects of municipal government. The more Yes's or N/A the better your score and you are allowed up to 9 No's before you lose state aid. We had two No's. Questionnaire attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE- Mr. Tolley reviewed the budget as of end of September. He stated we are living within our budget, but will continue to watch our budget. The Finance committee also looked at issue of rebonding and it will be discussed again later.

POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEES –did not meet this month

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Brookside Bridge project is expected to begin on or around November 1st. The good news is, the road will be closed for no more than three weeks.
- The Taste of Mendham is this Sunday evening and all are encouraged to attend.
- The Mendham High School Field hockey team doing great, with a 10-1 record

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Warren Gisser, 39 West Main Street, wanted to clarify that there may be a discrepancy in figures. The certification of funds number is the correct number and the figure in resolution is the correct. Mrs. Zichelli said the resolution will be amended to reflect the mistake.

Bob Wowks, 12 Cooper road asked about the Friends of Pitney Business Plan. The Mayor explained the TC has been focusing on staff and new hires, but will revisit that project.

Mr. Wowks also asked if there was any more discussion surrounding the License Plate data and what should actually be kept and for how long. The Mayor asked the Chief, but since he wasn't at the previous meeting where it was discussed

Peter Dumovic, 3 Shelton Rd, commented on the excitement of field hockey and saw on the bill's list that money has been sent to schools. He also stated that he had asked about the feasibility study Aug 10th meeting, and Mrs. Thomas said they were waiting for September. It is now October and still no discussion. The Board President did discuss the study and that the local governing body must adopt a resolution to start the process. He believes an action should be taken and let the residents know what is going to be done.

Mayor Baumann stated it was on the committees to do list and plan inform everyone.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

Ordinance 2015-12 was introduced and passed on first reading on September 22, 2015

ORDINANCE 2015-12

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. TO APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT TO NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY OF THE FRANCHISE HERETOFORE ISSUED TO ROXITICUS WATER COMPANY

Mr. Tolley moved to approve Ordinance #2015-12 on second reading, seconded by Mr. Cioppettini.

Mayor Baumann explained that the BPU (Board of Public Utilities) sets rates for various Utilities and although they cannot guarantee the tariff, they expect to see a significant decrease for customers of Roxiticus Water.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Tolley, Baumann

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Thomas

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance for First reading

ORDINANCE 2015-11

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION, EXPANSION AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER FACILITIES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM IN ORDER TO FURNISH WATER SERVICE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS SISTERS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ON MOSLE ROAD (Block 5 Lot 6), CONDITIONED UPON RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL

Mr. Cioppettini moved to approve Ordinance #2015-11 on first reading, seconded by Mr. Tolley.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Tolley, Baumann

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Thomas

The Second reading, Public hearing and final adoption will take place on October 27th

Ordinance for First reading

ORDINANCE 2015-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10-2014

FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Orban Brown moved to approve Ordinance #2015-13 on first reading, seconded by Mr. Cioppettini.

Sam asked the reason why we are bringing this ordinance up again. Mrs. Orban Brown explained the 2014 was specifically for 2014 and a new one was not done in 2015

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Tolley, Baumann

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Thomas

The Second reading, Public hearing and final adoption will take place on October 27th

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2015-132

AMENDING 2015 BUDGET

INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE FOR "STATE OF NEW JERSEY ALCOHOL EDUCATION REHABILITATION ENFORCEMENT FUND"

Mr. Cioppettini motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr. Tolley Mrs. Zichelli explained the reason for this resolution and the next three resolutions. These revenues become available through Grants and weren't anticipated at the time of adoption of the budget. These resolutions are then sent to the DLGS so that become available for expenditures.

Mr. Mills suggested the Township Committee vote once for the next four resolutions, since they are all the same special item of revenues.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Tolley, Baumann

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Thomas

RESOLUTION 2015-133

AMENDING 2015 BUDGET

INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE FOR "STATE OF NEW JERSEY - CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT"

RESOLUTION 2015-134

AMENDING 2015 BUDGET

INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE FOR "DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - FEDERAL BULLETPROOF VEST PROGRAM"

RESOLUTION 2014-135

AMENDING 2015 BUDGET

INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE FOR "STATE OF NEW JERSEY - 2015 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER GRANT"

RESOLUTION 2015-136

PURCHASING OF BROOKSIDE FIRE TRUCK THROUGH CO-OP

Mr. Cioppettini motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown.

There was a question on the amounts to be spent since the certificate of availability of funds was different than the amount in the resolution. Mr. Cioppettini amended his motion to have it read "not to exceed \$120,000". Mrs. Orban Brown seconded the amended resolution.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Baumann

Nayes: none

Abstain: Tolley

Absent: Thomas

RESOLUTION 2015-137

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ROXITICUS ROAD PROJECT

Mr. Cioppettini motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mrs Orban Brown

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Tolley, Baumann

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Thomas

RESOLUTION 2015-138

APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE FOR THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Cioppettini motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr. Tolley

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Tolley, Baumann

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Thomas

RESOLUTION 2015-139

APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE FOR THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Orban Brown motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr. Tolley

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Tolley, Baumann

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Thomas

RESOLUTION 2015-140

APPROVING EMPLOYEE MANUAL

Mrs. Orban Brown motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr. Cioppettini

Mr. Cioppettini asked if we were going to add any forms. Mrs. Orban Brown said it can be done later, but it was necessary to pass the resolution for the Best Practices Questionnaire.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Tolley, Baumann

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Thomas

RESOLUTION 2015-141

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mrs. Orban Brown motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr. Cioppettini.

Mrs. Orban Brown asked that the invoice for \$2900 which was for a convention of chiefs of police be held for clarification. Chief explained that the 2014 invoice had been misplaced which is why it is on this bill's list. It was still head to look into the invoices.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Tolley, Baumann

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Thomas

Mr. Tolley asked that the Township Committee proceed with the analysis of rebonding. A straw vote was taken with all ayes except for Mrs. Orban Brown who abstained..

DISCUSSION

Woodland Lakes- A resident asked to change the entrance to Woodland Lakes and would do so at their own cost. The Committee asked for more information from the resident before they can consider it.

Lone spruce – Lone Spruce is a private road and the resident is asking that the town take it over to plow and maintain. The Committee agreed that it was the resident's responsibility and they knew that when purchasing the home.

OPEN ITEMS

CFO search – Mr. Cioppettini stated he had four good candidates and the next step would be to set up interviews.

Administrator search - Mrs. Orban Brown said they have a number of resumes and the Committee will review them.

Mendham Sewer East—Mr. Tolley said the Township will be applying for a loan since they can borrow the money at a very reasonable rate.

Mrs. Zichelli said that Onsite Engineering can come to make a presentation at our next meeting.

Municipal Court – Mayor Baumann asked Mr. Tolley to comment on the status of the court. He said the revenues closely match the expenses, but they would like to look into shared services. Mr. Cioppettini had agreed to make some phone calls, but it will be put off to handle other matters. Mrs. Orban Brown reminded everyone that that Mr. Mills was going to look into other municipalities.

LOSAP (Length of Service Awards Program) – Mrs. Orban Brown explained the function of LOSAP. She wanted to make sure the residents and the Committee understand it and everything is being done according to New Jersey laws. Representatives from the Fire Department and rescue Squads have been invited for the October 27th meeting to give a brief presentation.

Recreation update – Mrs. Orban Brown requested our Director, Peter Wright come to the November 9th meeting.

East Main St. Drainage project— Final documents were presented and Mrs. Zichelli was authorized to sign off on them to receive the \$100,000 balance from the State.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT – Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Baumann asked for a motion to go into closed session.

RESOLUTION 2015-142

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Orban Brown motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr. Cioppettini

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Tolley, Baumann

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Thomas

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel- may be action taken

Litigation- no action taken

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee meeting went into Executive Session at 8:55 PM, which then recessed back to open session at 9:35PM, whereupon a motion to adjourn was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Zichelli
Township Clerk

