

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2014**

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

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

Also Present:	John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney
	Amey Upchurch, 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

There were three resolutions adopted after the October 14 executive session. Ashley Wilson was appointed to the position of finance account clerk/ court assistant, a contract with Phoenix Consulting Group was authorized and the attorney was authorized to file a response pleading in Vincent Carraba v. Township of Mendham.

PROCLAMATION

Declaring November “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month”
Mayor Thomas announced the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

Community of St. John the Baptist Application Presentation
Tom Malman of Day Pitney LLP stated that the property is currently zoned for a multitude of uses. The purchaser has plans to convert the building into approximately 60 age restricted housing units. Jeff Toia reviewed the history of the property. Ron Kennedy, an engineer with Gladstone Design, reviewed the existing buildings. He stated that the original ordinance requires that all structures be reused; however, the gym, Fatima building and garage apartment are in poor condition and have no historic value. They wish to replace these structures and the Planning Board is currently drafting an ordinance to modify the language. Mr. Toia discussed problems with the buildings and his renovation plans, adding that parking will be underground in order to comply with the impervious surface restrictions.

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Alternate permitted uses were reviewed. It was verified that any structures removed would be replaced with the same footprint. Mr. Toia estimated a build out time of ten to twelve months for the marketing center and main buildings. Phases two and three would consist of the Fatima building and gym, respectively, which would each take an additional eight to twelve months to build out. Amenities were reviewed and it was noted that there should be no additional oversight required from Township departments. Driveway maintenance was discussed. Mayor Thomas encouraged the Committee to reach out to Mr. Toia if they wished to tour the property.

The meeting was open to hearing persons present.

Michael Merritt, Mountainside Road

Mr. Merritt noted that emergency response must be closely reviewed. Peapack Gladstone currently services the property and the Township department would need to understand the possible impact if responsibility is transferred.

Diana Brown, Ironia Road

Ms. Brown questioned the impact on the adjoined open space. Mr. Toia didn't anticipate heavy use of the open space since walking paths will be provided on the property.

Patricia Zimmerman, West Main Street

COAH responsibilities were discussed and Mrs. Zimmerman questioned the cost of the units.

There being no further comments, hearing persons present was closed.

Request for Utility Vehicle - Brookside Engine Company #1

Chief Peter Staples and Jeff Betz reviewed the company's request for a replacement fire support/utility vehicle. After reviewing the mission for the vehicle they believe a heavy duty vehicle can provide the most benefit for both emergency and non-emergency uses. Mr. Baumann and Mr. Strobel agreed that the two vehicles were closely examined and compared. Mrs. Upchurch suggested examining all capital projects to see if any excess funds are available.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to move the regular meeting minutes from October 7, 2014. Mr. Baumann so moved and Mr. Strobel seconded. All members present voted to approve.

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DISCUSSION

Fence Request – 4 Olmsted Lane

Mr. Mills stated that the intention of the conservation easement and stone wall must be examined. Mr. Cadmus reviewed his letter to the Committee and stated that he wished to install the fence to restore a sense of security.

Disclosure Audit Services Follow up - Amey Upchurch

Mrs. Upchurch recommended contracting with NW Financial Group to complete the necessary bond material.

RESOLUTION 2014-173

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH NW FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC

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

Mr. Tolley stated that defibrillators are needed in the firehouse. Mrs. Upchurch will obtain pricing. Mr. Tolley recommended discussing use of the Pitney open space in December. Mayor Thomas reminded everyone of the special Pitney meeting on November 20.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Pat Hayden, Carrol Drive

It was confirmed that the special meeting to discuss Pitney Farm is on Thursday, November 20, 2014.

Peter Staples, 10 Woodland Road

Mr. Staples suggested using a projector at meetings so the public can also view presentations.

Cecelia Donato, Ironia Road

Mrs. Donato thanked the staff for promptly responding to her email.

Michael Merritt, Mountainside Road

Mr. Merritt stated that parking on the root system will eventually kill the trees at Pitney. A solution should be found before the trees die or the trees should be removed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local sports were reviewed. Mr. Strobel noted that Kyle Elgarten was chosen as one of 150 teens nationwide to perform with the All-National Concert Band.

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NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2014-170

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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 2014-171

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

Matters pertaining to:

India Brook Leases

Personnel – police department

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

DISCUSSION

None.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

There being no comments hearing persons present was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made a seconded the Committee entered executive session at 9:45 p.m.

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

Resolution 2014-172

**APPOINTING ANTOINETTE GALLICCHIO TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF RECORDS
CLERK AT THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

ADJOURN

Upon a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk