



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
November 24, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

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

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-There was no action taken in executive session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE- Mr. Tolley said the rebonding was going well and Standard and Poors was in the process of doing their triannual review. He also said the finance committee discussed the rate increases for sewer east and west, and must be available to the Tax Collector before January 1st to go into effect for full year. 7.5% for East and 17.5% for West.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Frank Abelson, from Navitend gave a short update on the service they provide to the Township and the state of our equipment. He stated there are 18 computers with one server, and capable disaster recovery back up. Six of the eighteen computers are out of warranty and he would not suggest renewing the warranty, but rather have them age out. He also reminded the committee that Navitend is available for all staff and committee members for email assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cioppettini wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and also announced the two new hires to the Township; Debbie Bonanno as Administrator and Karen Fornaro as the CFO, both starting December 7th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 8, 2015, regular

Mr. Tolley moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes:, Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Jamie Kinsel, 7 Combs Hollow Road asked for the Committees help in restoring the funds for the Environmental Commission

Joe McCann, 53 Walsingham Road, expressed his concerns regarding the Mendham East Treatment Plant and the repairing of the leaching fields.

Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Rd., applauded the efforts of the Township Committee to have a foot bridge in place while the bridge was being replaced. He also expressed his concerns about the budget for processing tapes of the meetings and how important he thought the taped meetings were. Lastly, Mr. Merritt asked that the Committee members clarified their votes on important matters set before them.

Sue Browse, 13 Cooper Road, informed the Committee that the High School Boys' Soccer Team were the State champions which was the first time in high school history.

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Orban Brown explained the account status and history of the Conservation fund. Ordinance 1-99 was to set up a capital account and 2015-116 was passed to cancel the fund, due to Audit findings. Mr. Mill's proposed to rescind Resolution 2015-116 and direct the CFO to take the \$15,791.10 and be put in the appropriate account.

Mrs. Orban Brown moved to create a resolution to rescind 2015-116 and put into an appropriate account. Mr. Tolley seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes:, Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2015-152

SETTING FORTH REASONS SUPPORTING THE REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 131.01 (THE PITNEY PROPERTY) FROM THE R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE R RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Mr. Cioppettini asked for a motion to table this resolution due to the Mayor being out sick

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

Ordinance 6-2015 was introduced and passed on first reading on September 8th and went before the Planning Board on November 16th.

AMENDING CHAPTER 21 SECTION 2.2 'ZONING MAP'

Mr. Cioppettini asked for a motion to table the ordinance due to the Mayor being out sick. Mr. Tolley motioned to have 6-2015 tabled until the December 14th meeting, seconded by Mrs. Thomas

A voice vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Absent: Baumann

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2015-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM PROVIDING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE THREE LEACHING FIELDS LOCATED AT THE MENDHAM EAST SEWER TREATMENT PLANT AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 THEREFORE, FROM THE MENDHAM EAST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Mr. Tolley moved to approve Ordinance #2015-14 on first reading, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley,

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

This ordinance will be on for second reading and public hearing at the December 14, 2015 Township Committee meeting

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2015-153

2015 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Tolley

Mr. Cioppettini and Mrs. Thomas expressed concerns regarding the transfers. Mr. Cioppettini suggested tabling the resolution until Mr. Soccio can answer the questions.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

Mrs. Thomas amended motion to table the resolution until the December 14th meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2015-154
AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT
OF 2015 SEWER FEES**

Mr. Thomas moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

**RESOLUTION 2015-155
AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT
OF TAXES DUE TO NJ STATE TAX COURT JUDGMENT**

Mrs. Orban Brown moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

**RESOLUTION 2015-156
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KAREN FORNARO TO THE POSITION OF CFO**

Mrs. Orban Brown moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

**RESOLUTION 2015-157
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEBORAH BONANNO TO THE POSITION OF
ADMINISTRATOR**

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

**RESOLUTION 2015-158
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mrs. Tolley moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.

There was discussion regarding gas and why premium has to be used. Mr. Read was going to be consulted.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Orban Brown, Cioppettini, Thomas, Tolley

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

DISCUSSION

Meeting Dates for 2016 discussed and confirmed. October and December have one meeting scheduled and it was agreed that we will add another meeting if necessary as it gets closer to that date.

Snow plow bid was awarded to Wicklow Landscaping

Mrs. Orban Brown moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Tolley.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Orban Brown, Cioppettini, Thomas, Tolley

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

Leaching Field estimates- The low quote was from Lohrman Management and Mr. Cioppettini said the company was reputable according to Ferriero Engineering. A concern with all of the Committee was how the dirt and rocks would be removed and how much it will cost.

Drakewick residents asked to have members of the Township Committee appointed to represent the town at the Sewer East meetings. It was decided that Mr. Cioppettini would represent the Committee.

Sewer Rate increases and discussion regarding the timing of an ordinance and Mr. Tolley suggested trying for a December 14th first reading.

Board of Health candidate - Mrs. Zichelli stated there was a need for a new member to be appointed to the Board of Health. Mr. Tolley moved to approve the appointment of Geraldine Desbiens to the Board of Health with a second by Mrs. Orban Brown.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Gary Nelson, 2 Devonshire Lane, expressed his concern that Mendham Knolls and The Corners were not being included in the Sewer Meetings and emails.

Paul Paznioka, 6 Summit Road, asked about the pricing of the snow plow bid and was told he can come to the Township offices to obtain them.

RESOLUTION 2015-159

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Tolley

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

Action may be taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel and Contracts

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee meeting went into Executive Session at 9:00 PM, which then recessed back to open session at 9:35, whereupon a motion to adjourn was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Zichelli
Township Clerk