

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2012**

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

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

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

Mayor Tolley led the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 5, 2012; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

PRESENTATIONS

Paul Harris Fellow Award to Evan Thomas – Mendham Rotary Club

The Mendham Rotary Club presented OEM Evan Thomas with the Paul Harris Fellow Award and thanked him for his dedicated service to the Township during Hurricane Sandy.

Library Volunteer Recognition

Liz Stokes, Director of Youth Services of the Mendham Township Library, presented Certificates of Appreciation to members of the Young Adult Leadership Council.

Recycling Contract/Cart Proposal – Morris County MUA

MCMUA Executive Director Glenn Schweizer reviewed the MUA's five-year marketing agreement with Re-Community. To support the new facility the MUA wants the Township to begin a more automated and uniform system.

District Recycling Coordinator Kathleen Hourihan reviewed the option to enter a four-year contract extension at an increase of two percent per year. She noted that the contract price was reduced when the Township switched to single-stream recycling and again when the frequency of pick-up was decreased.

Mr. Cioppettini questioned the increase since the MUA sells the large amount of recyclables produced by the Township. Ms. Hourihan stated that the recycling market is currently very weak causing the Authority to fall into the negatives in August. The Township's contract is

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protected against this loss. In years of high revenue the Township would receive a rebate. She noted that it is unlikely that rebates will be distributed for 2012. Mr. Cioppettini was concerned with the increasing price, noting that Mendham Township is one of the highest producers of recycling tonnage. Ms. Hourihan stated that there has been no increase in tonnage since last year. She added that residents need to be educated of the new items that can be recycled.

Mr. Merkt questioned the cause of the increase and Ms. Hourihan stated that labor costs drive 75% of total expenses. There was discussion on surplus.

There was discussion regarding the new 96 gallon, 64 gallon, and 35 gallon carts that will be offered to residents. Ms. Hourihan explained that MUA employees are limited to lifting 50 pounds and many households put out very heavy cans for collection. The carts will eliminate the need for an employee to lift by allowing the trucks to do the work. The system will not be fully automated since the crew will consist of a driver and assistant on the back of the truck to empty recyclables that aren't in a cart. Residents are not required to eliminate use of existing carts.

Ms. Hourihan stated that the carts will be distributed throughout the Township in phases. They plan to start in developments and learn from their use. She added that the MUA is not looking to add to the cost of recycling, but felt Mendham was the best pilot program community since the Township has the highest set-out of all the towns in the MCMUA's recycling program. There was discussion regarding cart replacement.

Mr. Cioppettini and Mayor Tolley voiced concern that the large cart would be too heavy for residents to handle properly, especially those with long or steep driveways. Mr. Merkt recommended preparing an estimated average weight of each cart so residents can properly chose their cart. There was further discussion regarding the weight of a full cart and the possible cart colors.

Mr. Schweizer stated that the MUA will be paying for the costs of the carts, adding that the goal is to increase efficiency. The Committee asked for a better sense of the economics of using the carts and what the program will cost to implement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular meeting minutes - October 9, 2012
- Executive session meeting minutes – October 9, 2012
- Regular meeting minutes – October 23, 2012
- Executive session meeting minutes – October 23, 2012
- Regular meeting minutes – November 6, 2012
- Executive session meeting minutes – November 6, 2012
- Special meeting minutes – November 10, 2012
- Executive session special meeting minutes – November 10, 2012
- Regular meeting minutes – November 27, 2012

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Executive session meeting minutes – November 27, 2012

Mayor Tolley called for a motion to move the above listed minutes. Mr. Merkt so moved. Mrs. Thomas seconded. All members voted to approve.

DISCUSSION

Correspondence – NJ Battered Woman’s Service

Mr. Mountain reviewed the request from the New Jersey Woman’s Services to place clothing collection bins at town hall. After discussing the pros and cons of the bins no further action was taken.

JCP&L Talking Points

Mr. Mountain noted that the list was to verify that all questions and concerns have been captured. The Committee can email him with any changes or omissions. It is anticipated that JCP&L representatives will be present at a January meeting.

Storm Damage Inventory

Mr. Mountain stated that he is actively working on eligible reimbursements with the Township’s insurer and FEMA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee reports.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Bob Zimmerman, 3 West Main Street

Mr. Zimmerman thanked Mr. Cioppettini for his two terms on the Township Committee and one term as mayor. He appreciated the move to transparency.

Cecelia Donato, Ironia Road

Ms. Donato thanked the Township for paving Ironia Road. She stated that the proposed MUA carts were too bulky, adding that using the Township as a pilot program was unreasonable. She questioned if any other companies could provide the Township’s recycling.

June Cioppettini, 6 Write Lane

Mrs. Cioppettini stated that she already has recycling carts that work fine for her family. She added that the automated system will only add to the time it takes to collect the recycling.

Pat Zimmerman, 3 West Main Street

Mrs. Zimmerman thanked Mr. Cioppettini for serving on the Committee.

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Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Road

Mr. Merritt noted the importance of the carts being optional. He stated that there are still a large number of limbs on the road and encouraged the Township to be diligent and timely in clean up. He thanked Mr. Cioppettini for his service on the Committee.

Chris Baumann, 2 Linsey Court

As the president of the Brookrace community, Mr. Baumann stated that the residents of Brookrace are opposed to using the carts. He noted that an idling truck uses just as much fuel as a truck in motion; therefore, the new program will not help decrease the MUA's fuel costs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Tolley noted that the Township is assembling a list of names of the children who helped at the shelter during Hurricane Sandy so they can be recognized.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2012-168

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLUTION 2012-169

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

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

RESOLUTION 2012-170

**RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE MORRIS COUNTY
MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

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

RESOLUTION 2012-171

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COVERAGE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE ACCIDENT AND
SICKNESS POLICY FOR THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE BROOKSIDE AND RALSTON ENGINE
COMPANIES AND THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP FIRST AID SQUAD
THROUGH VFIS, INC.**

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

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RESOLUTION 2012-172

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOWER CO-INSURANCE LIMIT
THROUGH THE OFFERING PROVIDED BY XL INSURANCE COMPANY
AND THE JOINT INSURANCE FUND (JIF)

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

RESOLUTION 2012-173

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

Matters pertaining to:

- Personnel - Court Staffing
- Contracts - Interlocal Agreements
- Edmunds 2013 Service Proposal
- MUA Recycling

Litigation - Kennels

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

DISCUSSION

Mr. Strobel noted that the girls' cross country team won several titles and the boys' soccer team won the sectional title.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Committee returned from executive session at 10:13 p.m.

ADJOURN

Upon a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk