



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
December 22, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

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

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.

PROCLAMATION

Mendham High School's Boys' Soccer State Champions was presented with a proclamation. (attached)

RECOGNIZING TWO NEW FIREFIGHTERS

Zachary Webster and Robert Eberhart were both introduced as new firefighter's from Brookside Engine Company.

PRESENTATION

Derek Backer from Backer Farm asked the Committee for permission to open the easement behind 2 Mt Paul Rd to access with their personal trailers and trucks to continue with farming.

The Committee expressed much concern about the neighbors, the wear and tear on the road and said they would have to get more information from the engineer before granting access.

RECAP ON POST EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Mayor Baumann announced the Committee has agreed to form a subcommittee, consisting of Mrs. Orban Brown, Mr. Mills and Mr. Baumann. The Mayor then asked for representatives from the Friends of Pitney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the Township offices will be closed at 3 PM Thursday, December 24th for the holidays.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Robert Zimmerman, 3 West Main Street, said he has tried to remain neutral but now against Pitney renovations until more facts are decided.

Joe Miranda, 4 Sheldon Road, believes the Pitney project is inappropriate for our community and he thinks the Friends have grossly underestimated the costs.

Michael Wu, 6 Sheldon Road, supports what Mr. Miranda stated. (notes attached)

Taso Konidaris, 6 Ballentine Rd, (notes attached)

Cecelia Donato, Ironia Road, expressed her concerns with Pitney and the issues that have not been addressed. (Letter to committee attached)

Dan Williams, 1 Boundary Oak Lane, is trying to sell his low income house and requested guidance from the Committee.

Janice Beck, 2 Byram Court, stated how upset she is because she does not know what is going on with the sewer plants and asked for more transparency.

Tara Skirzenski, 4 Byram Court, expressed the same feelings as Ms. Beck.

Bob Wowk, 12 Cooper Road, talked about his memo to the Committee regarding the Pitney project (notes attached)

RESOLUTION 2015-166

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF SMALL BALANCES ON TAX AND SEWER UTILITY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 12/31/15

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

Mr. Cioppettini confirmed that the amended resolution stating only those balances under \$10 and not more than a total amount of \$100.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Baumann

Nayes: Tolley

Abstain: none

Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2015-172

AWARDING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN LOHRMAN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM FOR THE REPAIR OF A LEACHING FIELD AT MENDHAM SEWER EAST TREATMENT PLANT

Mrs. Orban Brown motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr. Tolley. Mr. Mills asked to make sure someone is overseeing this project.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley, Baumann

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2015-173

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Mr. Cioppettini announced the new format for bills was done by the new CFO and thinks it makes it easier to understand the Bill's list.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley, Baumann

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2015-174

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

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: Thomas

Abstain: none

Absent: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel and Contracts

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee meeting went into Executive Session at 9:05 PM, which then recessed back to open session at 9:40 PM, whereupon a motion to adjourn was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Zichelli
Township Clerk