

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 23, 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	Present
Mr. Strobel	Present
Mr. Tolley	Present
Mayor Thomas	Present

Also Present: John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney
Amey Upchurch, Township Administrator
Elizabeth Rego, Acting 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 and November 4, 2014. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance Committee will establish their meeting dates sometime in January.

Mayor Thomas announced that Lori Dent, The Township Recreation Director has resigned. The ski club will continue as planned while they search for a new director. Mayor Thomas noted that Mrs. Dent was a terrific Director and will be greatly missed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances

ORDINANCE 11-2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 SECTION 29 ENTITLED "FIRE DEPARTMENT",
SUBSECTION H

Public Hearing, Second Reading

Mayor Thomas read the Ordinance by title and called for a motion. Mr. Baumann made a motion to rescind, Mr. Strobel so moved, Mr. Cioppettini seconded. Mr. Tolley abstained. Mayor Thomas voted to approve.

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ORDINANCE 12-2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXI ENTITLED "ZONING REGULATIONS", SECTIONS 2, 3, 5

Public Hearing, Second Reading

Mr. Mills explained that this revision to the Ordinance was requested by the Township Planning Board. The Ordinance would revise a portion of the R-10 zone that is currently owned by the Sisters of St. John the Baptist in Mendham on the Peapack Gladstone border. The Ordinance would allow the property to be zoned for age restricted use to build 60 residences which would then return the property to the tax rolls. Currently, this property is tax exempt and in disrepair. The draft Ordinance was introduced and then sent to the Planning Board for review. Notices were also mailed to surrounding towns, the property owner, and the county Planning Boards of Morris and Somerset County. No comments have been received. The Planning Board reviewed the draft Ordinance and requested minor revisions. The Planning Board stated the Ordinance revisions are consistent with the master plan, particularly the land use element. The developers' fee in lieu of constructing LIH on site would be paid 50% at time of issuance of building permits and 50% at time of issuance of each CO. The revisions are non-substantive and do not require re-advertisement of the Ordinance. Minor changes include the parking lot size. 1.5 per class to 2 per classroom. The Planning Board also asked whether the affordable housing density of 5% should be spread through the entirety of the township. Mr. Mills advised leaving it as it is for now. The Township Committee can revise at a later date if necessary. Mayor Thomas called for a motion. Mr. Tolley so moved. Mr. Cioppettini seconded. All members voted to approve.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2014-197

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Thomas read the resolution by title. It was requested that payment to Whitewater be pulled and amount verified. Mayor Thomas called for a motion. Mr. Strobel so moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. All members voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2014-198

APPROVING REFUND OF STATE TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT

Motion to adopt, second, discussion, roll call vote

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

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RESOLUTION 2014-199

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STATE TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT

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

RESOLUTION 2014-200

2014 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

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

RESOLUTION 2014-201

SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT MORRISTOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

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

RESOLUTION 2014-202

APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP HSA

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

RESOLUTION 2014-203

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

Matters pertaining to:

Personnel

Mayor Thomas read the resolution by title. Mayor Thomas called for a motion. Mr. Strobel so moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. All members voted to approve. The meeting went in to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. The Committee returned from Executive session at 8:10 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Thomas had promised the Pitney Public Purpose Study Committee that the Township Committee would make a decision on the conceptual plan presented by the PPSC by year end. A motion was made by Mr. Tolley that the Township Committee has reviewed the recommendations of PPC and taken under advice the ad-hoc financial committee report and the public's comments and the Township Committee has determined that they do not wish to proceed with the concept plan for a large structure on the property to be used for an as yet to be determined or finalized purpose on the Pitney property. Mayor Thomas so moved, Mr. Strobel seconded. All members voted in agreement. The Township Committee agreed that more historical analysis should be done on the property.

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OPEN ITEMS**

DPW PubWorks Presentation

The DPW computer network needs upgrading in order for the program to work properly. This issue will be resolved in the near future.

Pitney Loss Control Report

The DPW is working on the checklist of items for remediation. Hazardous tree stumps have been removed.

Roxiticus Water Company

The Roxiticus Water company supplies water to approximately 110 customers in Mendham Township and the rates are extremely high. More ideas and research is needed to resolve this issue.

Computer Support

The Police Department has a 24/7-365 days a year need for computer support. The current computer vendor has been unable to fulfill this need. RFPs have been received and a new contract will be in place shortly.

Mendham East Sewer Plant

The plant is failing and a decision must be made as to how to proceed based on the study results.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

David Bailin

10 Washington Valley Road

Mr. Bailin stated that he felt that the Committee should preserve the Pitney Property. The property has significant historical value and he feels strongly that it should be preserved.

Peter Staples

Chief BEC1

10 Woodland Road

Chief Staples is pleased that the Township Committee has voted to rescind Ordinance 11-2014. He feels that the Ordinance needs more refining. Mr. Staples complimented Mr. Strobel and Mr. Baumann on the great working relationship that they have forged with BEC1. Chief Staples asked for an update on the utility fire truck request and the status on the installment of an AED in the ESB.

Mrs. Upchurch responded that the funds were available and that the town plans to install AEDs in the Library, Police Department, Town Hall and the ESB. The utility truck will be included in the 2015 capital budget plan.

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Chief Staples offered to put together the RFP for the utility truck and offered his help if/when the committee revisits updating Ordinance 11-2014.

John C. Smith
Peapack/Gladstone

Mr. Smith is in favor of restoring the Pitney Property site. He feels strongly that the beautiful gardens, historic buildings and the Pitney family history should be preserved and would be an historic and aesthetic asset to the town.

Bob Wowk
12 Cooper Lane

Mr. Wowk asked if the Pitney Public Purpose Committee was aware that a decision was to be made this evening on their proposal.

Mayor Thomas replied that the Township Committee had promised the PPPSC a decision by the end of the year.

Mr. Wowk asked what the next step would be in deciding what to do with the property.

Mayor Thomas replied that there currently is no plan or timeline in place.

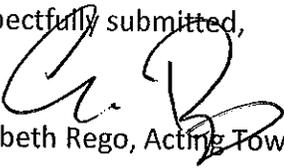
Jon Roth
Brookside Engine President
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Mr. Roth is pleased that Ordinance 11-2014 was rescinded by the township committee. He thanked the township committee members for taking the time to meet with BEC1 members and allowing them to express their thoughts and suggestions in regard to the Ordinance.

ADJOURN

Upon a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth Rego, Acting Township Clerk