



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM  
December 29, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Cioppettini	Present
Mrs. Orban Brown	Present
Mrs. Thomas	Present
Mr. Tolley	Present
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 on December 19, 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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 13, 2015, regular

October 27, 2015, regular

Mr. Cioppettini asked for a motion to Table the approval of minutes until the January 11, 2016 meeting. Mrs. Orban Brown made the motion, and Mrs. Thomas seconded it.

**HEARING PERSONS PRESENT**

**Micahel Merrit, 73 Mountainside Rd,** (notes attached)

**Warren Gisser, 39 West Main Street,** does not understand why the voting for the zoning ordinance changed and believes all options should be kept open.

**Bob Wowk, 12 Cooper Rd,** asked if the Pitney Committee meetings will be public.

**Aaron Nelson, 2 Devonshire Lane,** thought the leach field repairs were tabled, but they are working on repairing them.

**Patricia Donahue, 14 Cooper Rd,** stated her heart goes out to the neighbors who live near Pitney and does not think the Friends of Pitney should get what they want for the Pitney property.

### **ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING**

Ordinance 15 and 16 were introduced and passed on First Reading at the Township Committee meeting on December 14, 2015.

### **ORDINANCE 2015-15**

#### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE MENDHAM EAST WATER POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEM**

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve Ordinance #2015-12 on second reading, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown.

Rich Diegnan spoke on behalf of the Drakewick residents and asked what the reason was for the 7.5 % increase this year. Mr. Tolley confirmed the reason was due to lack of reserves in the accounts. Mr. Diegnan also asked about a timeline for the repairs, but an answer was not know at this time. He also reminded the committee That Drakewick residents would still like to meet with onsite Engineering and Mr. Cioppettini said they would be arranging that meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

### **ORDINANCE 2015-16**

#### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE MENDHAM WEST WATER POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEM**

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve Ordinance #2015-12 on second reading, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown.

Mr. Tolley motioned to increase the rate by 25%, with Mrs. Thomas seconding it. He believes it is not fiscally responsible not to raise the rates at this percentage.

Mr. Mill's suggested the Committee stays at 12.5% increase and rethink it after the new year.

Mrs. Thomas agreed with Mr. Tolley that the rate should be increased by 25%.

Mrs. Orban Brown felt 12.5% is appropriate.

After much discussion, Mr. Tolley and Mrs. Thomas removed their motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Tolley

Nayes: Thomas

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

## RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION 2015-175

#### APPOINTING ACTING COURT ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM

Mr. Tolley motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas. Mrs. Thomas asked if the new person will be full time. Mrs. Bonanno said Sandy Henderson will be full time until a permanent administrator is found.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

### RESOLUTION 2015-176

#### AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2015 TAXES

Mrs. Thomas motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

### RESOLUTION 2015-177

#### AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

## DISCUSSION

**Mr. Tolley** explained to the public what hearing Persons Present means. It is an opportunity to express their thoughts and not necessarily to expect an answer at that time in the meeting.

**Mr. Cioppettini** told the residents they appreciate and understand the concerns of Pitney.

## HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

**Dan Williams, 1 Boundary Oak Lane**, asked why the affordable housing residents in Mendham Sewer West pay a lower rate than the other residents, but this is not so in Mendham East.

**Bob Wowk, 12 Cooper Road**, feels there is a certain amount of frustration when a resident addresses the Committee and doesn't get the answers. Mrs. Bonanno told Mr. Wowk that he is welcome to call her anytime for answers.

**RESOLUTION 2015-178**

**AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC**

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

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Tolley

Nayes: Thomas

Abstain: none

Absent: Baumann

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PERSONNEL**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Township Committee meeting went into Executive Session at 8:30 PM, which then recessed back to open session at 9 PM , whereupon a motion to adjourn was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Zichelli  
Township Clerk