

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney
Amey Upchurch, Township Administrator
Elizabeth Rego, Acting Township Clerk

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

1. ADEQUATE NOTICE: 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.

2. PROCLAMATION

David Hoadley

Mayor Baumann presented a proclamation to Mr. David Hoadley in appreciation of his many years of volunteer service on the Mendham Township Library Board.

DISCUSSION

DPW Challenges and Expenses Due to the Inclement Weather

It has been a busy winter season for the department. To date, the department has spent \$48,000 on road salt and \$24,000 on overtime. A shortage of manpower has made it difficult to maintain the township parking lots. A lack of storage has made it tough to keep enough road salt on hand. Subcontracting out the plowing of township parking lots and building a larger salt storage bin could remedy the situation. The Township Committee requested a financial break down per storm to better understand and track expenses.

Administrative Staffing Vacancies

Mrs. Upchurch is interviewing candidates for the Administrative Assistant position. Elizabeth Foley has accepted the position of Land Use Coordinator. The Administrative

Oversight Committee will meet to discuss staffing, alignment of job duties and salary structure of all township employees.

The Mendham Township Municipal Court will stay in Mendham Township this (2015) year. Court employees will be notified as soon as possible of any decisions or changes to be made in 2016.

Mrs. Upchurch will continue to search for a qualified candidate to fill the vacant CFO position.

Budget Meeting Schedule

The kick-off budget meeting has been scheduled for February 12th at 5:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Four township residents are on the committee; Phil Alexander, Russ McCabe, Jamie Di Stefano and Warren Geiser.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation

Interviews will take place this week for the Recreation Director position. The Patriot's Run Committee has pledged this year's race proceeds to the Ralston Playground reconstruction fund.

False Alarms

The Mendham Township Fire Chief and Fire Official will meet to discuss enforcing the Mendham Township False Alarm Ordinance.

2014 Environmental Commission Annual Report

The Environmental Commission is invited to present their annual report at a future meeting.

MendhamTV

Plans are underway to update and modernize the studio. The Mendies will be held in April this year. Volunteers are needed to tape Township Committee meetings and to assist with other projects.

Mendham Township Library

The library is looking for space to host children's and teen's programs.

Historic Preservation

The Mendham Township School District has donated space for the town's historic documents to be stored. The Historic Committee is hoping to locate a larger space to be able to spread out to catalog the documents and a space to hold their meetings.

Regional High School Study

The Regional High School study is nearly complete.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Mendham Magic for a great season.

3. HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Tasos Konidaris

Ballantine Road

Pitney Property Next Step

A compromise may be to preserve the open space including the historic gardens with the remaining acreage zoned for residential use.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2015-30

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Baumann called for a motion, Mrs. Thomas so moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. All voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2015-31

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERRPAYMENT

Mayor Baumann called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini so moved, Mrs. Thomas seconded. All voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2015-32

APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE RALSTON WOMENS AUXILIARY

Mayor Baumann called for a motion. Mr. Tolley so moved, Mrs. Thomas seconded. All voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2015-33

APPOINTING PATRICIA ZIMMERMAN TOWNSHIP HISTORIAN FOR 2015

Mayor Baumann called for a motion. Mrs. Thomas so moved, Mr. Tolley seconded. All voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2015-35

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING (CDRS) COMMITTEE

Mayor Baumann called for a motion. Mr. Tolley so moved, Mrs. Thomas seconded. All voted to approve.

4. DISCUSSION

5. OPEN ITEMS

Pitney Property Next Step

The possibility of 7- ½ acre to ¾ acre lot parcels is being explored. Each lot would be required to have public water and septic. Revenue projections will be calculated.

Mendham East Sewer Utility

Maribeth Thomas will replace Mayor Baumann on the Mendham East Sewer Utility

Ralston Playground

The Recreation Commission hopes to have a game plan by this spring.

Telephone Pole on Woodland Road

A telephone pole has been installed on Woodland road in preparation for the bridge repair project. The utility company was unable to secure an easement for the optimal placement of the pole.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Patricia Zimmerman

West Main Street

Mrs. Zimmerman would like the Township Committee to explore the possibility of zoning the Pitney Property for Senior Housing.

6. RESOLUTION 2015-34

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESCENSE OF THE PUBLIC

Personnel

Litigation

Mayor Baumann called for a motion. Mr. Tolley so moved, Mrs. Thomas seconded. All voted to approve.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned and the Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Rego
Acting Township Clerk