

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 27, 2014**

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

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| <b>ROLL CALL:</b> | Mr. Baumann  | Present |
|                   | Mr. Merkt    | Present |
|                   | Mr. Strobel  | Present |
|                   | Mr. Tolley   | Present |
|                   | Mayor Thomas | Present |

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| Also Present: | John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney   |
|               | Amey Upchurch, Interim Township Administrator |
|               | Kathleen Potter, 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 May 8, 2014. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

**RECAP ON POST EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS – Mayor Thomas**

There was no action post executive session.

**PRESENTATION**

Recognition of Library Trustees

Certificates of Recognition were presented to Chris Strobel and Linda Fairchild. A certificate for Margaret LoGerfo, who could not attend the meeting, was read.

**ROSI PUBLIC HEARING**

Mrs. Upchurch noted that the parcel was inadvertently added to the ROSI and removal required the public hearing process. The meeting was opened to the public.

Rick Blood, 32 Tingley Road

Mr. Blood questioned if there was an exchange of land in order to have the property removed. It was clarified for Mr. Blood that the land was never intended for open space.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to move the regular meeting minutes from May 12, 2014. Mr. Baumann so moved and Mr. Tolley seconded. All members voted to approve.

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to move the executive session meeting minutes from May 12, 2014. Mr. Strobel so moved and Mr. Baumann seconded. All members voted to approve.

**DISCUSSION**

Pitney Farm

Mr. Tolley agreed to chair the finance committee regarding Pitney's finances. He said that he will have answers prepared by the next meeting. Mayor Thomas noted that there will be several opportunities for public input.

Mr. Strobel suggested a walking tour and meeting at Pitney, and a tentative date of June 24, 2014 was set.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Thomas noted the various recreation activities, including the beach opening and Patriots Race.

**HEARING PERSONS PRESENT**

Anastasio Konidaris, 6 Ballentine Road

Mr. Konidaris noted that he supported the preservation of gardens and use of the space through passive recreation. He voiced three concerns regarding the proposed Pitney plan. First, he was concerned with the ability of well-intended residents to raise millions of dollars. He added that the time spent raising funds equals a longer time the taxpayers have to maintain an already failing property. He stated that the new structure was not respectful to the surrounding homes and neighborhoods. Finally, he stated that it is unrealistic that the funding will derive completely from outside sources. He urged the Committee not to rush to a decision.

Michael Hu, 6 Shelton Road

Mr. Hu requested that the communities surrounding Pitney are kept private and residential. The traffic from the farmers market directed onto Shelton Road will significantly impact the families. Events held at Pitney should be low impact on the neighbors.

There being no further comment, hearing persons present was closed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Farmers Market starts on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Thomas supported the proposed traffic plan and suggested that the issue be revisited to gauge any impact on the community.

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Mr. Strobel and Mr. Tolley acknowledged various successful teams and groups at the schools.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing**

**ORDINANCE 7-2014**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AMENDING CHAPTER 21,  
SECTION 4.5, SUBCHAPTER F "TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND  
ANTENNAS"

Mayor Thomas read the ordinance by title and called for a motion to adopt. Mr. Merkt so moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. The meeting was open to the public. There being no comment, public hearing was closed. It was noted that the Planning Board found the ordinance consistent with the master plan. All members voted to approve, except Mr. Strobel abstained.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolutions**

**RESOLUTION 2014-87**

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

**RESOLUTION 2014-88**

AUTHORIZING STATE TAX APPEAL REFUND

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

**RESOLUTION 2014-89**

ESTABLISHING SALARIES  
BROOKSIDE BEACH STAFF FOR 2014

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

**RESOLUTION 2014-90**

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT  
SCHOOL BUS REPAIR

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

**RESOLUTION 2014-91**

RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE  
SAMMY'S YE OLD CIDER MILL

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

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**RESOLUTION 2014-92**  
RENEWAL OF CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE  
MENDHAM GOLF AND TENNIS CLUB

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

**RESOLUTION 2014-93**  
APPROVING ISSUANCE OF SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMITS  
BROOKSIDE ENGINE COMPANY #1  
4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE AND CLAMBAKE

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

**RESOLUTION 2014-94**  
AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC  
Matters pertaining to:

- Personnel – Police Department  
Administration
- Contract - Mosle Preserve

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

**RESOLUTION 2014-95**  
ACCEPTING WORK PERFORMED PURSUANT TO BOND S00623 (TANAGER LANE  
PLANTINGS) AND RELEASING FIRST INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY  
FROM THE OBLIGATION OF THE BOND AND CONDITIONALLY RELEASING  
THE CASH BOND OF SAJ ASSOCIATES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,234.06

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

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Baumann requested an update regarding controlling the speed on Main Street. Chief Crawford stated that speeding has subsided, but noted that it's an ongoing issue. After a brief discussion regarding the speed of buses Mayor Thomas suggested sending a letter to the Board of Education. She added that there are people seeking to create a citizen's committee.

**HEARING PERSONS PRESENT**

Rick Blood, 32 Tingley Road

Mr. Blood stated that the cones at the post office extend beyond the typical length of a parking space, making it difficult to turn with a large car or trailer.

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Eric Sletteland, Bedminster

Mr. Sletteland stated that volunteers wish to attend to the gardens and repair the greenhouse. It was noted that the intent of the new locks on the house was to secure the building. After a brief discussion Mr. Mills suggested consulting with the insurance carrier to ensure that appropriate coverage is in place. He added that a detailed written proposal should also be obtained.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Committee entered executive session at 8:35 p.m.

The Committee returned from executive session at 9:50 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 2014-97**

EXTENDING OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO AMEY UPCHURCH  
TO SERVE AS ADMINISTRATOR

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

**RESOLUTION 2014-98**

APPOINTING DOUGLAS LARGE TO THE POSITION OF PROBATIONARY  
PATROLMAN WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM

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

**ADJOURN**

Upon a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk