

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 2014

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

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Baumann	Present
	Mr. Merkt	Present
	Mr. Strobel	Present
	Mr. Tolley	Present (arrived at 7:45 p.m.)
	Mayor Thomas	Present

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. 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

Resolution 2014-97 extended an offer of employment to Amey Upchurch to serve as administrator and Resolution 2014-98 appointed Douglas Large to the position of probationary patrolman.

PROCLAMATION – 50th Anniversary of Ralston General Store Museum

Mayor Thomas read the proclamation and encouraged residents to attend the rededication on Sunday, June 15, 2014.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to move the special meeting minutes from May 7, 2014. Mr. Strobel so moved and Mr. Merkt seconded. All members present voted to approve.

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to move the executive session meeting minutes from May 7, 2014. Mr. Merkt so moved and Mr. Strobel seconded. All members present voted to approve.

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to move the regular meeting minutes from May 27, 2014. Mr. Strobel so moved and Mr. Baumann seconded. All members present voted to approve.

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DISCUSSION

Pitney Farm – Fence

Mrs. Upchurch stated that the neighboring community has requested more adequate shielding of the property. The current fence requires either major repair or replacement, which has an estimated cost of \$18,500.00. There is currently no visual barrier between the properties. Mayor Thomas recommended discussing the Pitney finances before the fence is replaced.

Notice of Public Hearing for Pitney Report

A Pitney property public hearing is scheduled for June 24, 2014. There will be a tour of the property before the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Thomas noted the various recreation activities. The Farmers Market starts on June 14, 2014. She displayed the 4th of July poster. Volunteers are still needed.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Elaine Sawka, 4 Ballentine Road

Ms. Sawka questioned the logistics of the Farmers Market. Mrs. Upchurch stated that vendors will be located in the circle near the house. Vendors are expected to drop off their goods and park behind the barn. No large trucks are expected. Ms. Sawka stated that the residents closest to Cold Hill Road experience the bulk of the traffic and she noted that a landscaper was exiting the property early Saturday morning. Mayor Thomas stated that they don't anticipate heavy traffic and will revisit the issue after opening the market to gauge impact.

Cecelia Donato, Ironia Road

Ms. Donato announced that the Fourth of July Parade Committee is looking for residents to build floats. Father Mike Drury will be receiving the Community Service Award.

Michael Hu, 6 Shelton Road

Mr. Hu stated that Shelton Road residents have strong feelings about using the road as an alternate route during the Farmers Market. He requested that the Committee review their letter and allow the residents time to present concerns.

Bob Wowk, 12 Cooper Road

Mr. Wowk questioned if the Pitney public hearing is premature. Mr. Merkt stated that, while the financial aspect may not be finished, it will present an opportunity to tour the property and gain public input. Mr. Tolley added that it is important for the public to understand the poor condition of the property and buildings. There are serious financial issues that will determine how to move forward.

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Mr. Wowk asked if participation from Mendham Borough is expected and Mr. Merkt stated that the Borough was contacted; however, does not wish to be involved with the property.

Sam Fairchild, 7 Cherry Lane

Mr. Fairchild recommended placing a size limit on trucks entering the Farmers Market. He questioned the Committee's strategy on determining a use for Pitney and Mayor Thomas stated that answers from their research will point them in the right direction. The Committee wishes to hear public feedback and follow the community's recommendations. Mr. Merkt noted that the Committee is considering the recommendation as well as broader issues. Mr. Fairchild agreed that meaningful input from citizens is importance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The lacrosse and track teams had very successful seasons.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Introduction

ORDINANCE 8-2014

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 3-2014
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY
FINALLY ADOPTED APRIL 4, 2014.

Mayor Thomas read the ordinance by title and called for a motion. Mr. Strobel so moved. Mr. Merkt seconded. All members voted to approve. Second reading and public hearing scheduled for June 24, 2014.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2014-99

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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 2014-100

AUTHORIZING STATE TAX APPEAL REFUND

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 2014-101

AMENDING 2014 BUDGET

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INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE

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

RESOLUTION 2014-102

AUTHORIZING TREE REMOVAL PERMIT 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 2014-103

**AUTHORIZING REFUND OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE
LASTING ROOFING, LLC**

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

RESOLUTION 2014-104

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

Matters pertaining to:

Litigation

Contracts

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

RESOLUTION 2014-105

**ESTABLISHING SALARIES
BROOKSIDE BEACH STAFF FOR 2014**

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

DISCUSSION

Mr. Strobel noted that the Farmers Market is one reason the Township receives a clean communities grant. Mr. Merkt was confident that traffic would not be bothersome to neighbors. Mr. Tolley noted that there are about eight vendors. In the past there have not been large trucks, but rather vans or small trucks.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

There being no comment hearing persons present was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee entered executive session at 8:30 p.m.

The Committee returned from executive session at 9:05 p.m.

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Mayor Thomas stated that no one should be inside the Pitney house without first asking permission from Mrs. Upchurch or Dave Read.

Mrs. Upchurch stated that Chester Township is now completing the street sweeping for Mendham Borough. Mendham Borough can no longer perform tree cutting services and the Township was sweeping the roads with no return service. Mayor Thomas said that she will reach out to Mendham Borough Mayor Neil Henry to identify other services that may be shared.

Mayor Thomas asked for a list of existing agreements. Spoken agreements should be put in writing. There was a brief discussion regarding senior transportation provided by MASH. Mrs. Upchurch stated that Township contributions have been a consistent for the past three years; however, there has been a decline in in MASH grants and outside funding. Mrs. Upchurch will be meeting with the MASH coordinator to discuss their finances.

There was discussion regarding the funding of India Brook Field.

ADJOURN

Upon a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk