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**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
June 27, 2017
Regular Session 7:30 PM**

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baumann	Present
Mr. Cioppettini	Present
Mr. Diegnan	Absent
Mr. Gisser	Present
Mayor Orban Brown	Present

Also Present: John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney
Debbie Bonanno, Administrator
Mary Beth Zichelli, Township Clerk

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, Observer Tribune and the Star Ledger on January 7, 2017. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that Steve Bittman of our Township Police Department will be promoted to Lieutenant. The Mayor explained the promotional process that was carried out by the Chief of Police Association.

The July 4th parade in Brookside will begin at 9 Am on July 4th and the Rotary Club will be preparing lunch.

The beach is now open and Mr. Gisser encouraged everyone to join.

Ms. Bonanno informed the residents that the Township offices will be closing early on Monday, July 3rd and closed all day July 4th.

PRESENTATION

Kathy Mantell of Nisivoccia gave a presentation regarding the annual audit. Ms. Mantell commended the township for having few items on the corrective action plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 12, 2017, regular session

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Gisser seconded. All members present voted to approve.

June 12, 2017, executive session

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Cioppettini seconded. Mr. Baumann abstained. All other members present voted to approve.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2017-98

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Baumann seconded. All members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2017-99

ALLOWING THE TEMPORARY PLACEMENT OF LIGHTS AT THE MOSLE FIELD

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Baumann moved. Mr. Gisser seconded. Mr. Cioppettini asked to amend the resolution to remove the wording "upon just cause". Mr. Baumann and Mr. Gisser rescinded their motions and moved again. Mr. Gisser remarked that the request for lighting was for a specific field and asked if the resolution should reflect that. Mr. Cioppettini stated that he did not think it was necessary. All members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2017-100

STAFF APPOINTMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION SUMMER SEASON

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Baumann seconded. All members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2017-101

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO NJ STATE TAX COURT JUDGMENT

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Baumann moved. Mr. Gisser seconded. All members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2017-102

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Baumann seconded. All members present voted to approve.

DISCUSSION

Walnut Brook Farm - The Mayor explained the matter of Walnut Brook Farm and their need to access the farm from Pine Hollow Road. Mr. Mills further explained the farm owners have requested to connect Pine Hollow Road to their property, which is now land locked. They agreed to do everything at their own risk and at their own expense. As a result of this discussion, a resolution was presented.

RESOLUTION 2017-103

AUTHORIZING THE LIMITED PRIVATE USE OF A MUNICIPAL ROW

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Baumann moved. Mr. Cioppettini seconded. All members present voted to approve.

The Mayor announced she would like to have a mini retreat at the July 10th or 25th meeting to talk about the accomplishments and open items for the six month point. She also announced that the Ad-hoc committee is close to being finished with their report and there would be a presentation by Rick Blood at the July 10th meeting.

Finance report - Mr. Cioppettini stated the finance report after five months was on target, except for the UCC revenues, which were low. He also mentioned an amended ordinance that he would like to present regarding changing the R10 zone back to an R5 zone. He believes this would help the township tremendously.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Road, introduced Emily Winters, an intern for Mendham TV, thanked Ms. Fornaro again for her help and also encouraged the Committee to continue to be transparent in the budget process.

Nick Monahan, 20 West Main Street, inquired about the high school funding and a process to possibly reduce our expenses to the high school.

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee motioned to adjourn at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Beth Zichelli
Township Clerk