

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 23, 2013**

Mayor Merkt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Township Hall, Brookside, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Baumann	Present
	Mr. Strobel	Present
	Mrs. Thomas	Present
	Mr. Tolley	Present
	Mayor Merkt	Present

Also Present: John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney
Stephen Mountain, Township Administrator
Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 3, 2013 and July 17, 2013. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

RESOLUTION 2013-99

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

Matters pertaining to:

Personnel – Police Department

Mayor Merkt read the resolution. Upon a motion made and seconded all members voted to approve.

The Committee entered into executive session at 6:05 p.m.

The Committee returned from executive session at 7:30 p.m.

RECAP ON POST EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS

Mayor Merkt stated that a resolution was passed appointing new members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

RECOGNIZE NEW SENIOR FIRE FIGHTER

Brandon McCurdy was recognized as a new senior member.

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PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation Honoring Randy Lee for Police Department donation
The proclamation will be presented on August 27, 2013 since Mr. Lee was unable to attend.

Finance Quarterly Report – Tim Day, CFO
Mr. Day presented the second quarter report, noting that the budget is on target. He reviewed the aging schedule for property tax, and compared expenses to revenue. There was clarification regarding FEMA funds received by the Township.

Mrs. Thomas questioned if blacktop could be reused during snow season, and Mr. Mountain stated that tighter environmental restrictions prevented recycling blacktop. Mr. Day didn't feel the budget needed to be adjusted and that all line items were at expected levels.

India Brook Park Report – Facilities Committee
Pat Zimmerman, Norman Preston and Gerald Marcus presented their findings on India Brook Park. They reviewed the history of the land and the condition of each building, including the kennels, the residential duplex and the three-family apartment building. The presentation was concluded with a summary of findings and an action checklist.

Mr. Tolley stated that the buildings should be discussed at a future meeting. Mr. Preston noted that a leaky roof has caused damage to the main building and the Committee agreed the property should be made a priority. There was discussion regarding storage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Merkt called for a motion to move the regular meeting minutes from July 8, 2013. Mr. Strobel so moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. All members voted to approve.

Mayor Merkt called for a motion to move the executive session meeting minutes from July 8, 2013. Mr. Baumann so moved. Mrs. Thomas seconded. All members voted to approve.

DISCUSSION

It was announced that the August 12, 2013 meeting will be very brief and the Committee will meet only to approve payment of bills.

Mayor Merkt stated that he and Steve Mountain met with the Pitney Committee at Pitney Farm. He stated that a strong public purpose needs to be identified and implemented in order to justify the investment. An invitation to visit Pitney Farm has been extended to Mayor Henry.

It was noted that the Pitney Committee is working to prepare the final 503C status application.

Mrs. Thomas noted that Mendham Borough approved the school study RFP with the recommended Township changes. She questioned if further Township action is needed. Mr. Mills stated that the Borough is the lead agency and no memorialization is necessary from the

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Township. Mayor Merkt said that the Borough responded positively to the Committee's recommendations. Mr. Strobel noted that he did not receive a response to his inquiries from the Mendham Township or Mendham Borough Boards of Education.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Brian Cavanaugh, 610 Cherry Lane

Mr. Cavanaugh asked for a copy of the most recent version of the RFP. It was noted that the RFP was distributed at the Borough meeting when it was discussed by the Council. Mayor Merkt preferred that the Borough, as lead agency, post and distribute the document to prevent several versions from circulating.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Introduction

ORDINANCE 8-2013

ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$190,000 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Merkt read the ordinance by title and called for a motion. Mr. Tolley so moved. Mr. Strobel seconded. All members voted to approve. Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for August 27, 2013

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2013-100

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLUTION 2013-101

APPOINTING DONNA CUMMINS TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF FINANCE ACCOUNT CLERK

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

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RESOLUTION 2013-102

APPOINTING SUE PISCITELLO TO THE POSITION OF
TAX ASSESSOR'S ASSISTANT/ DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR

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

RESOLUTION 2013-103

ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2013

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

RESOLUTION 2013-104

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODY
AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION

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

RESOLUTION 2013-105

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

Matters pertaining to:

Contract - IT Consulting

Litigation - Thackery Lane Dogs

Attorney-Client Privilege - Brookside Community Church-
Ward Drive

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

RESOLUTION 2013-106

EXTENDING GRACE PERIOD REGARDING PAYMENT
OF THIRD QUARTER 2013 PROPERTY TAX

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

DISCUSSION

Mayor Merkt announced that Police Department candidates were interviewed and an officer has been chosen.

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RESOLUTION 2013-107

APPOINTING HUGO A. STONE TO THE POSITION OF PROBATIONARY PATROLMAN
WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to enter executive session at 9:00 p.m.

The Committee returned from executive session at 9:40 p.m.

ADJOURN

Upon a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk