

Mendham Township



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**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
July 25, 2017
Regular Session 7:30 PM**

ROLL CALL

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

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

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.

SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS

RESOLUTION 2017-112

APPOINTING STEVE BITTMAN LIEUTENANT IN THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Diegnan seconded. All members present voted to approve. Mr. Mills swore the Lieutenant in.

RESOLUTION 2017-113

APPOINTING JASON MORRISON SERGEANT IN THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Diegnan seconded. All members present voted to approve. Mr. Mills swore the Sergeant in.

PRESENTATION

Freeholder's Budget – John Bonani, the County Administrator and Christine Myers, a Freeholder presented the Freeholder's budget (attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Orban Brown announced that Anthony M. Bello has applied to be a senior firefighter at the Brookside Engine Company #1 and Michael R Bello has applied to be a junior firefighter at the Brookside Engine Co. #1

Ms. Bonanno announced the closing of Hardscrabble Bridge for repairs on or about August 7th for about 45 days.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Mayor mentioned two emails the Township received; one about climate change and the other regarding Mendham Township rated as a town having residents with high credit scores. (both are attached)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 10, 2017, regular session

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

July 10, 2017, executive session

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

DISCUSSION

Ad Hoc committee Report – The members of the Ad Hoc Committee that were present were invited by the Mayor to sit at the conference table; Rick blood, Peter Dumovic, Don Huber, Nick Witzak, Tom Montgomery and Eric Cooper. Rich Diegnan, also a member remained at the dais. The Mayor reminded everyone that the committee was established to look at facilities, mainly buildings and the members were chosen based on their skill sets. The Mayor commented that all served well and they also hired a professional who once served as a firefighter, Don Huber. The report is attached. Rick Blood spoke on buildings, grounds and public works equipment. The Mayor stated that the most important municipal building improvement was for the Police Department and there were changes and improvements for the fire departments.

Mr. Cioppettini expressed his gratitude to the committee for doing a good job in a short amount of time. He agreed that the PD needs a new building and the DPW needs to have a careful look at their equipment as to what can be rented, borrowed or bought.

Mr. Gisser asked if it is safe to say that \$400,000 over the next three years for the improvements, not including the police department, was correct.

Mr. Blood noted that the committee thought the finance department should try to itemize out to show how the Township allocates funds to demonstrate where the money goes.

Mr. Gisser asked about opportunities for shared services. Mr. Blood stated that the best time to think about this would be when the Township was ready to replace the equipment and could then talk to another municipality about sharing the equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2017-10

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EFFLUENT DISPOSAL SYSTEMS #1 THROUGH #6 ASSOCIATED WITH THE MENDHAM SEWER EAST TREATMENT PLANT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,500,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Mayor Urban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Cioppettini seconded. Mr. Cioppettini asked to have a wording changed to reflect the user fees and it was noted to amend it before the public hearing and second reading on August 14th. Ms. Bonanno explained that although the treatment plant is being replaced soon, the leach fields need to be replaced and have been deemed a state of emergency. This cost is separate from the cost of replacement of the entire plant.

Mr. Diegnan abstained. All other members present voted to approve.

Second reading and public hearing will be August 14, 2017

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2017-114

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE LEACH BEDS AT MENDHAM SEWER EAST TREATMENT PLANT

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

RESOLUTION 2017-115

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO ONSITE ENGINEERING, INC.

Mayor Urban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Diegnan moved. Mr. Gisser seconded. Mr. Diegnan abstained. All other members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2017-116

ESTABLISHING DATES FOR HUNTING FROM TREE STANDS ON TOWNSHIP OWNED NATURAL AREAS

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

RESOLUTION 2017-117

APPOINTING BONNIE OSCOVITCH PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RECREATION SPECIALIST

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

RESOLUTION 2017-118

APPOINTING BRIAN FOOTE DPW TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER

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

RESOLUTION 2017-119

ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL SALARY BROOKSIDE BEACH STAFF FOR 2017

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

RESOLUTION 2017-120

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

DISCUSSION

Finance – Mr. Cioppettini stated the finance committee went over their goals for 2018 and would be coming out with a schedule of finance meetings at the next Township Committee meeting. He also mentioned they were working on recruiting residents to be on the Finance Committee.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

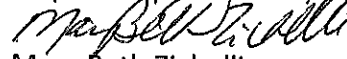
Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Road, expressed his opinion on the capital process and thought there was a lot of useful information from the report

Nick Monahan, 20 West Main Street, asked about a portion of the bond ordinance and the Mayor explained that it would be amended for the August 14th, public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Zichelli

Township Clerk