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**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM  
August 14, 2017  
Regular Session 7:30 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Baumann	Present
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.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

The Mayor read proclamations honoring two library trustee members for their years of service; Deb D'Urso and Eric Mauriello.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Labor Day Parade** starts at 10 AM in the Borough, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The Parade (rain or shine) runs along East Main Street and Mountain Ave. The viewing stand is at the Gazebo. The Mayor encourages all residents to come out for the parade.

**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Clambake** is Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 PM. Rain date is September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**5th Annual Mendham Community 1st responders golf outing** benefiting Mendham's Police, Fire Department and 1st Aid Squad - Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Mendham Golf & Tennis Club Mendham Township, NJ. 11 AM is registration and lunch. See our website for more details.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Ralph Rhodes**, a member of the Environmental Commission sent a letter congratulating the work done on the Ralston Playground by our Department of Public Works and Wicklow and Maurano Landscapers, who volunteered their time.

**Mendham Township Home School Association** wanted to thank families who donated to the HSA. They were able to raise \$25,000 and donate to the district and Board of Education. It was used for smartboards at the elementary school and a field sound system at the middle school.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

July 25, 2017, regular session

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

July 25, 2017, executive session

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

## **ORDINANCE FOR SECOND 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.**

This ordinance was introduced on first reading on July 25, 2017. The Mayor called for a motion to adopt. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Baumann seconded. Mr. Diegnan recused himself since he lives in the area where the treatment plant is run.

**Bob Chittenden, 25 Walsingham Road**, asked if Drakewick residents were aware of the issues of the treatment plant and if the Committee was sure the proper professionals were involved.

**Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Rd**, wanted to confirm that the Drakewick residents were the ones that would ultimately be the ones bearing the cost and not the entire Township.

**Alice O'Mahoney, 21 Langford Drive**, asked what the cost will be and is there a project manager. The CFO, Ms. Fornaro, said the cost is about \$765 per bedroom with an estimated increase of 35%, but the operating costs with the new system may go down. Ms. Bonanno explained that Veolia, the plant manager is also overseeing the project.

All other members voted to approve.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Cioppettini asked the Mayor to table this ordinance to send it back to the Committee for interpretation and revision of language. Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion to table the ordinance. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Diegnan seconded. Mr. Cioppettini asked that the ordinance be tabled until the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Mayor assigned Mr. Mills, Mr. Baumann and Mr. Diegnan to work with Ms. Bonanno on this ordinance.

### **ORDINANCE 2017-11**

**CREATING A NEW CHAPTER NUMBER 259 TO BE KNOWN AS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – DUTIES OF OWNERS, TENANTS OR PERSONS IN POSSESSION WITH RESPECT TO DANGEROUS CONDITIONS IN THE MUNICIPAL RIGHT OF WAY**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION 2017-122**

#### **CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

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

### **RESOLUTION 2017-123**

#### **AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2017 TAXES**

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

### **RESOLUTION 2017-124**

#### **RATIFYING THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE FOR BROOKSIDE BEACH**

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

### **RESOLUTION 2017-125**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM TO ADVERTISE AND EXECUTE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A FIRE TRUCK FOR BROOKSIDE ENGINE**

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Diegnan seconded. The Mayor explained this was to authorize the advertising of an ad for bids to purchase a fire truck. Mr. Gisser abstained. All other members present voted to approve.

### **RESOLUTION 2017-126**

#### **AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

### **RESOLUTION 2017-127**

#### **AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR THE LIEUTENANT OF THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

### **RESOLUTION 2017-128**

#### **AWARDING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN COPPOLA SERVICES, INC AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF LEACHING FIELDS AT MENDHAM SEWER EAST TREATMENT PLANT**

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Gisser seconded. Although it is not to exceed \$1,675,000.00, Mr. Cioppettini stated that the cost may be less depending on the amount of contaminated soil. Mr. Diegnan abstained. All other members present voted to approve.

### **RESOLUTION 2017-129**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TYLER SZAREK TO THE POSITION OF TEMPORARY SEASONAL LABORER**

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

## **RESOLUTION 2017-130**

### **AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES**

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

### **REPORTS**

Mr. Cioppettini stated that revenues were up and expenses were down at the end of July. He announced the finance meeting dates which will be posted on the website and also commented that his goal was for no tax increase in 2018.

### **HEARING PERSONS PRESENT**

**Patricia Zimmerman, 3 West Main Street**, asked if the public could still be present at the meetings that are not open to the public. Mr. Cioppettini said they are not permitted. She also asked for a Pitney update. Mr. Cioppettini explained that there are 3 lots; one for open space, one for auction and one is the municipal portion.

**Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Road**, applauded the action taken on the fire truck and thought it was very prudent of the Committee to table the tree ordinance.

The Mayor explained that there is a lot of due diligence in regards to the tree ordinance, such as an Inventory of ash trees. The Mayor also mentioned that she did not want to introduce an important ordinance when everyone is on vacation.

**Rick Blood, 32 Tingley Road**, suggested certain items should be on the discussion portion of the agenda before it is put on as an ordinance.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Township Committee adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Zichelli

Township Clerk