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**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
September 11, 2017
Executive Session 6:30 PM
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

The Mayor asked to keep in mind while saluting the flag, the victims of September 11, 2001 and also keep in our minds and memories the victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma, the earthquake in Mexico and the wildfires in California.

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

Flu Clinic - Ms. Bonanno announced the upcoming flu clinic on Tuesday, September 19th from 9-11 AM and 4-6 PM open to all Mendham Township residents; 65 years and older is free with medicare card, 18 and older is \$25.

Clambake – Mr. Gisser remarked on the great turnout for the clambake and thanked all that helped and attended.

Shredder Day – Mr. Cioppettini reminded everyone about shredder day Saturday, September 16th from 8:30 to noon in the Township parking lot, sponsored by the library.

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor read a proclamation honoring Jamie Kinsel, a member of the Environmental Commission and Planning Board who moved away. The Mayor praised her commitment and said she would be missed.

RESOLUTION 2017-144

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Diegnan seconded. All members present voted to approve. The Mayor asked Eric Cooper, Brookside Engine Co. Chief to step forward while the Mayor signed the check for their new fire truck.

PRESENTATION - VERIZON NODES

Greg Meese (Principal, Price Meese Shulman & D'Armino) explained that the group had met with the Planning Board in May 2017 to discuss the nodes and the placement in the public right of way. He introduced the panel from Verizon: Kevin Russ (Tri-State Program Manager, Tilson), Suzanne Schnaars (RF Engineer, Verizon Wireless), Adrian Berezowsky (Senior Managing Director, CBRE and historian) and Kathryn Windsor (Senior Site Acquisition Manager, Tilson). There are 29 proposed nodes (list attached). Mr. Gisser asked if the two locations in question were addressed and he was told they were. He also asked if consent from Verizon was needed once the nodes become obsolete. The answer was yes. Mr. Cioppettini was concerned about the look of the nodes and wires as well as the safety hazards. The Mayor asked if the Historic Preservation Commission had any objections. Adrian Berezowsky, from the CBRE stated that the only comment from the HPC was their request for a list of the nodes. The Mayor opened it to the public. The following residents asked questions and expressed their concerns: Amalia Duarte, 22 Brockton Drive, Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Road, Rick Blood, 32 Tingley Road, Richard Cotter, 9 Cooper Road, Bierce Riley, and Vanessa Brown, 2 Shores Road. After the public spoke, Mr. Meese asked what should be the next step since the matter has been pending since February. The Mayor responded that they would have to hear from the HPC, look at the Planning Board resolution and asked the Township Committee to direct any questions they may have concerning the nodes to the Clerk and she will forward them to Mr. Meese. Mr. Diegnan asked Mr. Mills if in fact Verizon was allowed to install the nodes in the Right of Way without the Township's permission. Mr. Mill's was going to investigate whether consent was required.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Mayor announced that the Township has received an increase in school aid. The Mayor asked Mr. Kryger, the Business Manager of Mendham Schools if that would reduce our tax bill. It will not be reducing the tax rate. They will be allocating the additional funds for unforeseen special education needs for new families that moved into the area after their budget was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 14, 2017, regular session

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

August 14, 2017, executive session

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

August 24, 2017, regular session

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

August 24, 2017, executive session

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

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2017-9

AMENDING CHAPTER 21 SECTIONS 21-2.1, 21-2.2 AND 21-4.1: "ZONE DISTRICTS', 'ZONING MAP', 'USES' AND SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion to table this ordinance until October 24th. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Diegnan seconded it. Mr. Mills stated that there should be further study before going forward on a second reading. He encouraged the Committee to reread the Planning Board's recommendations. Mr. Cioppettini suggested Mr. Mills goes over each of the issues to discuss that they did not know about before going on to a second reading. Mr. Cioppettini asked to amend the motion and table it to November 28th, with Mr. Diegnan seconding it.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2017-12

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$340,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$286,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Diegnan seconded. Mr. Cioppettini asked if it was economically better to put the money into the undercarriage of the water tender or buy a new one. Mr. Gisser commented that he had a discussion with Ralston Fire Company, and the equipment has at least ten years of useful life left once it is repaired. Chief Eric Cooper was then called up to comment. Chief Cooper said that Chester Township has the same tender and is currently getting it repaired and are confident that the repair will give them at least ten more years of useful life. Mayor Orban Brown, Mr. Cioppettini and Mr. Diegnan all voted to approve. Mr. Gisser abstained. The Mayor asked the CFO if the Township was borrowing more than was being paid off and Ms. Fornaro stated that the Township is actually paying off more than twice of what they are borrowing
Second reading and public hearing will be September 26, 2017

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSENT AGENDA- 2017-137,138 AND 139 CAN BE VOTED ON TOGETHER RESOLUTION 2017-137

AMENDING 2017 BUDGET INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE FOR "STATE OF NEW JERSEY ALCOHOL EDUCATION REHABILITATION ENFORCEMENT FUND

RESOLUTION 2017-138

**AMENDING 2017 BUDGET INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE
FOR "STATE OF NEW JERSEY – 2017 DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND"**

RESOLUTION 2017-139

**AMENDING 2017 BUDGET INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE
FOR "STATE OF NEW JERSEY - CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT"**

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

RESOLUTION 2017-140

APPOINTING JANET DEMEO TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Diegnan seconded. All members present voted to approve. Ms. DeMeo replaced Jamie Kinsel as a member of the Environmental Commission to sit on the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION 2017-141

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2017 TAXES

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

RESOLUTION 2017-142

QUALIFIED PRIVATE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Mayor asked to table this resolution since the Woodland Lakes Association has not signed the agreement yet.

RESOLUTION 2017-143

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS "NOTE RELATING TO THE INTERIM FINANCING TRUST LOAN PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST", TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,500,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE TOWNSHIP IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST INTERIM FINANCING TRUST LOAN PROGRAM.

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

Ms. Bonanno explained that this was a part of the process of financing for the Mendham Sewer East replacement.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Amalia Duarte, 22 Brockton Drive, was glad to hear that the zoning ordinance was tabled and expressed her thoughts that certain township issues were not advertised to the public well enough.

Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Road, speaking as the President of Brookside Engine Co. #1, thanked the Committee for the new fire truck.

DISCUSSION

The Mayor thanked both fire companies for their work with the fire consultant to come up with a list of items necessary to accomplish for the fire companies.

Mr. Cioppettini complimented the leadership of both fire companies.

Mr. Diegnan acknowledged the finance committee for coming up with a capital plan to reduce debt and put a plan in place.

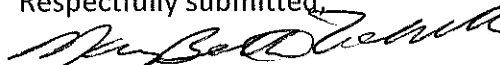
The Mayor along with Mr. Cioppettini noted that the Committee was not trying to pass the zoning ordinance without knowledge to the public.

Mr. Gisser remarked that the Verizon node installations were also not meant to be discussed and decided on without the public's knowledge.

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee recessed back into executive session at 9:16 PM and then adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Zichelli
Township Clerk