

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., Brookrace Pavilion, New Jersey.

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

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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, 2014 and September 10, 2014. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

RECAP ON POST EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS – Mayor Thomas

After the September 8, 2014 executive session resolutions were adopted to establish salaries for the Township employees and appoint Rocco DiGregorio as a new probationary officer to the Police Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to move the regular meeting minutes from September 8, 2014. Mr. Baumann so moved and Mr. Strobel seconded. All members voted to approve.

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to move the executive session meeting minutes from September 8, 2014. Mr. Strobel so moved and Mr. Baumann seconded. All members voted to approve.

DISCUSSION

Pitney Farm - Parking

Mayor Thomas stated that there has been discussion regarding the appropriate use of parking at Pitney Farm. Mrs. Upchurch stated that the initial response from the County indicated that the Township is in compliance with the rules and regulations. Mr. Strobel noted that many grants provide for playing fields on open space.

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Mayor Thomas announced that Mr. Merkt has resigned from the Township Committee to be the Mendham Borough Administrator. The Republican County Committee is now tasked with providing three recommendations to sit on the Committee for the remainder of Mr. Merkt's term. Interested residents can contact Republican Committee Chair Jane Tiger. The Committee congratulated Mr. Merkt on his new position.

To fill Mr. Merkt's subcommittee positions Mr. Baumann was appointed to the Finance Subcommittee and the Pitney Farm Finance Subcommittee. Mr. Strobel was appointed to the Police Subcommittee. Mr. Tolley stated that this is a great opportunity to move forward and work with the Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Baumann stated that Mendham TV met and discussed their challenges. He made recommendations regarding leadership and organization. Volunteers are always needed.

Mr. Tolley suggested a volunteer recognition night to thank all the hard working volunteers and the date was set for October 14, 2014. Mr. Tolley recommended a resolution for Mr. Merkt recognizing his outstanding service.

Mr. Tolley stated that the Library Committee met to discuss the current facility. They reviewed current electrical issues, as well as reopening the entrance in the front stairwell for better functionality. Mr. Upchurch added that she has met with the library and is relocating the files to create space.

Mrs. Upchurch stated that the two-bedroom apartment and archive room at India Brook are complete. She is also exploring utilizing the kennels for storage and meeting rooms. The space requires minimal work and can be ready by spring. She has also reached out to the school for possible storage of Historic Committee records.

Mr. Strobel questioned the India Brook rentals when the Pitney rentals are being discontinued. Mrs. Upchurch noted that the rehabilitation was funded through money received from storm damage. There was a brief discussion regarding the Historic Committee utilizing the school.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Peter Dumovic, 3 Shelton Road

Mr. Dumovic questioned if the Pitney Finance Committee will still reach a decision by October. Mrs. Thomas was confident that the Committee could continue their work and present at the first meeting in November. Mr. Tolley recommended measuring public opinion, perhaps through an online poll. It was noted that the Pitney Farm Public Purpose Study Committee is gathering revenue information and should be ready to present their findings in October.

There being no further comments hearing persons present was closed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were announcements regarding the sports teams.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2014-148

ENDORING THE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS
ESTATE OF DAVID R. ARESTY

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

RESOLUTION 2014-157

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLUTION 2014-158

APPOINTING ROBERT KALWEIT TO THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN
IN THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

DISCUSSION

Union Schoolhouse Bridge will be closed for approximately eight months. The Police Department is monitoring traffic flow. Mr. Baumann requested that the Police Department tell the dump trucks to slow down. For the East Main Street Drainage Project the road will be closed to through traffic but open to local traffic. Approximate closure time is two to three months.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Diana Brown, Ironia Road

Ms. Brown suggested that an online survey be completed scientifically with a consultant in order to frame the questions correctly. She agreed to work with Mrs. Upchurch on the project.

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OPEN ITEMS

Open items were reviewed. A meeting with the County and property owners next to the Main Street Bridge has been scheduled to discuss specifics of utility relocation. Recreation is currently developing a plan to replace the Ralston playground. The Pitney Farm steward has been authorized to complete small repairs in order to address the loss control report. It was

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noted that a boiler in one of the rentals must be replaced and Mr. Strobel suggested offering the India Brook rental to the tenant.

ADJOURN

Upon a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Potter, Township Clerk