TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
February 1, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Baumann	Present
Mrs. Orban Brown	Present
Mrs. Thomas	Present
Mr. Tolley	Present
Mayor Cioppettini	Present

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

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 8, 2016. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Mayor congratulated the Brookside Firehouse for their hundred years of service. He also commented on the great job our DPW and private contractor did clearing the streets during the last snowstorm.

PROCLAMATIONS
The Mayor presented proclamations to Tara Skirzenski and Stephen Barat for their service to the library. (Copies attached)

PRESENTATION
Stephanie Cotton and Amy Vacarro gave a presentation on the accomplishments and benefits of the library. (Presentation attached).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 22, 2015, regular, executive

January 4, 2016, regular

January 11, 2016, regular, executive

Mr. Baumann motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Baumann, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley, Cioppettini,

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

December 29, 2016, regular, executive

Mrs. Orban Brown motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Tolley.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley, Cioppettini,

Nayes: none

Abstain: Baumann

Absent: none

December 14, 2016, regular, executive

These minutes were tabled until the February 23rd meeting

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Taso Konidaris, 6 Ballantine Road, asked if the Committee received the document regarding alternate uses of the Pitney property.

Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Road, suggested the Committee keep certain items on every agenda; Pitney updates and bridge updates until complete.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2016-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM PROVIDING FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION APPROPRIATING $16,000 THEREFORE, FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE

This ordinance 2016-2 was introduced and passed on First Reading at the Township Committee meeting on January 11, 2016

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve Ordinance #2015-12 on second reading, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown

Mayor Cioppettini opened the discussion to the public whereby Richard Cotter, chairman of the EC, spoke in support of this ordinance on behalf of the Commission.
A roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: Baumann Orban Brown, Tolley, Thomas, Cioppettini,
Nayes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

NEW BUSINESS
ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING
ORDINANCE 2016-1
ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING was tabled at 1-1-16 meeting
AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING VARIOUS CHAPTERS AND SUBSECTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE PERTAINING TO: FEES FOR PERMITS AND PENALTIES
After much discussion, it was decided to Table the ordinance again, in order to study the proposed changes.

ORDINANCE 2016-4
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM REGARDING MAILBOX DAMAGE, REIMBURSEMENT
Mr. Tolley moved to approve Ordinance #2015-14 on first reading, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown.
Mrs. Thomas asked how this Ordinance came about. Ms. Bonanno explained that the DPW department had replaced and fixed the mailboxes in the past and she and Mr. Read thought they should save time and money by putting a limit to the mailboxes being replaced.
A roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: Cioppettini, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley,
Nayes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Baumann
This ordinance will be on for second reading and public hearing at the February 23, 2016 Township Committee meeting.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2016-16
AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO NJ STATE TAX COURT JUDGEMENT

Mrs.Thomas motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr. Tolley.
A roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley, Cioppettini
Nayes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Baumann

RESOLUTION 2016-17
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

Mrs. Thomas motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown.
A roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: Baumann, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley, Cioppettini
Nayes: none
Abstain:none
Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2016-18
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GRANT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION EASEMENT BLOCK 107 LOT 1

Mrs. Thomas motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown.
After discussion on the back ground of this easement, it was decided to table it until further information could be received. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs, Orban Brown removed their motions.

RESOLUTION 2016-19
APPOINTING TOWNSHIP HISTORIAN FOR 2016

Mrs. Thomas motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr.Tolley
A roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: Baumann, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley, Cioppettini
Nayes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2016-20
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR H2LOANS
Mrs. Orban Brown motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr. Tolley.
A roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley, Cioppettini
Nayes: none
Abstain: Baumann
Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2016-21
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS
Mr. Tolley motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.
A roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: Baumann, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley, Cioppettini
Nayes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

DISCUSSION
Mayor Cioppettini stated he and Ms. Bonanno met with the Sewer East Committee and they are moving forward with the process of it being replaced.
Mrs. Orban Brown met with Chief Crawford, Lt. Johnson and Ms. Bonanno. She said Their PBA contract expires in December and she and Ms. Bonanno will be involved in the negotiations. Mrs. Orban Brown also discussed an OEM grant that would be available for submission in August to redo the Police building.
Mr. Baumann asked that something be done to prevent residents and contractors from putting snow into the streets. Ms. Bonanno and Mrs. Zichelli presented a draft ordinance to which the Mayor asked Mr. Mills to look into.
Mr. Tolley asked if Mr. Mills had looked into one party taping of discussions and would like to see a ban on this. All agreed this is a possibility and should be looked into further.
The Mayor said he hoped to announce the first budget meeting by the end of February.
Ms. Bonanno announced that she has been working on the questions Sewer West had asked the Committee and would be able to pass the answers to them shortly. She also told the Committee she met with the Morris Housing Authority and hoping to move forward and make some changes.
Mayor Cioppettini told the Committee he received a report that they had requested from Ms. Bonanno and thanked her for getting it done on time.
Mrs. Thomas also requested the To Do List be put back on the Agenda and also requested the budget meeting be scheduled on the same night of the next Township Committee meeting.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Chief Dwyer, Brookside Engine Co., thanked the committee for considering a fire hydrant ordinance and emphasized the importance of hydrant clearing and the wands.

Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Rd, agreed with Chief Dwyer

RESOLUTION 2016-22

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Thomas motioned that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Baumann, Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley, Cioppettini

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel

Contracts

Litigation

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee meeting went into Executive Session at 8:50 PM, which then recessed back to open session at 9:45.

The Mayor asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 2016-5. Mrs. Thomas motioned, with a second by Mr. Tolley.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Baumann, Orban Brown, Tolley, Cioppettini

Nayes: Thomas

Abstain: none

Absent: none

The Township then adjourned at 10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Zichelli
Township Clerk