



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM**

**March 14, 2016 – Executive Session 6:00 p.m.
Regular Session 7:30 PM**

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Baumann	Absent
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.

RESOLUTION 2016-30

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Orban Brown moved. Mrs. Thomas seconded. All members present voted to approve.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel / Contracts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor stated that the committee was deeply saddened by the Pitney Farm fire, but due to the ongoing investigation the future use of the property cannot be discussed at this time.

Mrs. Orban Brown reminded residents to consider donating to the Library for their Annual Fund Drive

Mr. Tolley commented on the Mendies event and how well run and organized it was. He also asked to remember Kathy Light, a longtime member of the Rescue Squad who passed away.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Cioppettini read the proclamation for American Red Cross Month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 23, 2016, regular

Mayor Cioppettini asked that the minutes be tabled until the next meeting.

REPORTS

Administrator- Ms. Bonanno reported that revenues were up and tax collecting was stronger than 2015 year to date. She also said the H2loan application has been completed and Administration is on their way with the Sewer East project.

DPW/Woodland Lakes – Mr. Tolley reported that plows and sanders are being checked and put away for the summer. The DPW will be patching potholes and fixing hydrant signs. He also stated the meeting regarding the hunting season was very productive and there will soon be a presentation and update.

Schools – Mrs. Thomas reported she has reached out to the Board of Ed but have not come to any conclusions. There will be a public hearing in the Borough on April 4th and hope to get some guidance on how they will be handling it on their end. She said they hope to have some answers by our April 11th meeting.

Police – Mrs. Orban Brown stated there was nothing new to report since the last meeting.

Budget – Mayor Cioppettini reported the final pieces of the budget are being put together and a meeting date will be set soon.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Raymond Nadaskay, 303 Menham Road West, read a letter urging the Committee to rehabilitate the Pitney Farm Property. (attached)

Omie Ryan, expressed the Friends of Pitney's support to the Township Committee until the investigation is complete and the FOP still remain committed to preservation of the farm.

Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Road read a letter (attached) regarding the benefits of funding Mendham TV and the filming of the Township Committee meetings.

Tom Kelly, 12 Summit Road, explained the TAG (taping and accountability in government) taping issue and timeline to clear up some questions.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2016-5

AMENDING BEACH FEES

AMENDING ORDINANCE 2-2010

This ordinance 2016-5 was introduced and passed on First Reading at the Township Committee meeting on February 23, 2016

Mr. Tolley moved to adopt Ordinance #2016-5 on second

reading, seconded by Mrs. Thomas. All members present voted to approve

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2016-31

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Thomas moved. Mrs. Orban Brown seconded. All members present voted to approve.

Mr. Tolley asked why the transfers were being done so late in year. Mrs. Orban Brown explained the reasons and said the backup was attached.

RESOLUTION 2016-32

APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE

BROOKSIDE ENGINE COMPANY

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Thomas moved. Mrs. Orban Brown seconded. Mr. Tolley abstained and all other members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2016-33

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MELANIE POLITI TO THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Thomas moved. Mrs. Orban Brown seconded. All members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2016-34

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LYDIA BLIDE TO THE POSITION OF FINANCE ASSISTANT/ TAX CLERK

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Thomas moved. Mrs. Orban Brown seconded. All members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2016-35

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF NISA OZER TO THE POSITION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Thomas moved. Mrs. Orban Brown seconded. All members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2016-36

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS PETONAK TO THE POSITION OF OPERATOR/ DRIVER

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Thomas moved. Mrs. Orban Brown seconded. All members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2016-37

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Tolley moved. Mrs. Orban Brown seconded. All members present voted to approve. Mrs. Thomas noted the Board of Education expenses are a lot.

DISCUSSION

The Mayor announced that the Committee met in Executive Session before the regular meeting to discuss salaries and hiring an adjuster for the Pitney Farm fire.

Mrs. Thomas reminded residents that the food bank is low on food and please donate.

Mr. Tolley asked for an update on the bridge.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Road, asked the Committee to please keep updates on the website and items of interest kept on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee motioned to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Zichelli
Township Clerk