



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
FEBRUARY 27, 2018
Executive Session 6:30 PM
Regular Session 7:30 PM**

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Cioppettini	Present
Ms. Duarte	Present
Mr. Gisser	Present
Mayor Diegnan	Present

Also Present: John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney
Deborah Bonanno, 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, Observer Tribune and Daily Record on January 4, 2018. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Diegnan announced that there was an opening for Deputy Mayor and asked for a motion to nominate someone. Mr. Cioppettini moved to nominate Mr. Gisser. Ms. Duarte seconded. All members voted to approve.

The Mayor congratulated Mr. Gisser and Mr. Mills administered the oath of office to Mr. Gisser. The Mayor also noted that there was also an opening on the Township Committee and the Republican Party Committee met to choose three nominees. The Mayor stated that a decision will be made at the March 12th meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced the passing of Sam Tufts Jr. who served at Brookside Engine Company in 1980 and 1981. He was the father to current member Sam Tufts III and the son of ex-chief and former Mayor Sam Tufts Sr. The Tufts family has a long history of service to Mendham Township and its residents. He offered the Tufts family our deepest condolences.

The Mayor also announced that Doug Black, Mendham TV's Station Manager passed away recently. Doug was instrumental in setting up the station. He used his knowledge to help instruct a lot of the young people in town that had interest in TV broadcasting and he was a familiar face at many of the local sports programs that he filmed in Mendham for many years as well as local events such as graduations and parades. He offered the Black family the Township's sympathy.

Mayor Diegnan announced that Mendham Township has been awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$265,000. This grant is for milling, paving and drainage improvements on Corey Lane from Tempe Wick Road to Hardscrabble.

Lastly, the Mayor thanked the First Aid Squad for hosting a very nice annual awards and dinner dance that he attended along with Ms. Duarte and Mr. Gisser. He thanked them for their continuous hard work as volunteers.

MENDHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE UPDATE ON SCHOOL SAFETY

The Mayor introduced Sgt. Taquinto and Detective Arnesen, Mendham Township's school liaisons to give us a brief update on school safety. Sgt. Taquinto went over Mendham Township Police School Security Preparedness:

1. They have four certified active shooter instructors.
2. All officers go through annual active shooter training which includes simulated live fire.
3. Last year the agency completed just under 200 hours of specific active shooter training.
4. They have conducted active shooter drills at both of our schools as well as the high school.
5. All officers receive additional training during the firearms qualification courses.
6. All officers have complete traumatic bleeding control training and are equipped with bleeding control kits. We have been issued a bleeding control response kit from the county grant that can be used to treat multiple victims.
7. Officers are provided with the necessary equipment for the officer to respond to an active shooter incident.

He then went over school training:

1. On days when the schools are in session the patrol units do a walkthrough of the schools including the high school to familiarize themselves with the school lay out.

2. When the Twp Schools conduct security drills the PD are present. This gives them the opportunity to see the schools procedures and familiarizes the staff and students with the officers. It also allows them to make recommendations to enhance the response to an incident.
3. There is an excellent working relationship between the school and the police department.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

Seeing no one from the public stepped up to speak, the Mayor closed that portion of the meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2018-2

CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 10-46 TO BE KNOWN AS THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

This ordinance was introduced on first reading on February 12, 2018. The Mayor called for a motion to open up for public hearing and to adopt. Ms. Duarte moved. Mr. Gisser seconded. Patricia Zimmerman, 3 West Main Street asked for a few amendments to the ordinance. They are: to increase the membership from 7 to 9 and make all applications available to the HPC. Ms. Duarte motioned to approve the changes. Mr. Gisser seconded it. All members voted to approve.

ORDINANCE 2018-3

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW REUSE OF EXISTING BUILDINGS OVERLAY DISTRICT" IN A PORTION OF THE R-10 ZONE, PERMITTING THE REUSE OF EXISTING BUILDINGS FOR MULTIPLE USES AS A CONDITIONAL USE, AMENDING CHAPTER XXI "ZONING REGULATIONS" OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM WHICH WAS ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 12-2014

This ordinance was introduced on first reading on February 12, 2018. The Mayor called for a motion to open up for public hearing and to adopt. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Cioppettini seconded. Seeing no residents wished to speak, a roll call vote was taken. All members voted to approve.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2018-35

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE GREEN ACRES RELEASE AND COMPENSATION AGREEMENT AND DEED OF RESTRICTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATE HOUSE COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM'S DIVERSION APPLICATION (NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHC #1419002)

The Mayor explained that India Brook Park was purchased with contributions from the State's Green Acres program which would result in restrictions of the use of the property. Mendham Township and Randolph Township applied for a "diversion" to remove existing buildings and the kennels from the restrictions (approx. 3.5 acres) in exchange for preservation and restrictions on

property in Randolph Township (approx. 90 acres). This diversion facilitated Randolph's use of the kennels. This resolution authorizes the release, the compensation agreement and deed restrictions associated with the diversion. A resolution will also be passed by Randolph Township.

Mayor Diegnan called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Cioppettini seconded. Mr. Cioppettini noted that the land was from Randolph, not Mendham Township. All members voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2018-36

AUTHORIZING PREMIUM TO ESCHEAT FROM FWDSL & ASSOCIATES LP TO TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM FOR TAX SALE CERTIFICATE 12-00004 The Mayor noted that 10 Queens Court was sold at tax sale in 2012 and has now been foreclosed. As a result of the foreclosure, the premium paid at the tax sale (\$36,000) is turned over to the Township.

Mayor Diegnan called for a motion. Ms. Duarte moved. Mr. Cioppettini seconded. Mr. Gisser noted that this money will go into the Township's unanticipated revenues. All members voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2018-37

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO NJ STATE TAX COURT JUDGMENT

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

RESOLUTION 2018-38

PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT FOR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY WATER BANK. The Mayor explained that this resolution is to combine bond ordinances for the upgrade to Mendham Sewer East Treatment Plant (2016-9 & 2016-13 - Useful Life of 30 yrs.) and the replacement of Effluent Disposal Systems #1 through #6 of (2017-10 - 40 yr. useful life)

Mayor Diegnan called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Ms. Duarte seconded. All members voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2018-39

DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000,000 BONDS, SERIES 2018, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (F/K/A THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST) AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS AGREEMENTS, ALL PURSUANT TO THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2018 NEW JERSEY WATER BANK . This is also related to the bond issue for all upgrades to Mendham Sewer East plant and effluent disposal systems (leach fields).

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

RESOLUTION 2018-40

APPOINTING A CONFLICT TAX APPEAL COUNSEL

Mayor Diegnan called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Ms. Duarte seconded. Mr. Cioppettini abstained. All other members voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2018-41

APPOINTING A CONFLICT TAX ASSESSOR

Mayor Diegnan called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Ms. Duarte seconded. Mr. Cioppettini abstained. All other members voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2018-42

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Diegnan called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Ms. Duarte seconded. All members voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2018-43

RETAINING THE SERVICES OF ENGINEERING AND LAND PLANNING, INC., TO ASSIST THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM WITH RESPECT TO THE RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING ISSUES CONCERNING THE PITNEY SUBDIVISION (NON-FAIR, NON-OPEN) NTE \$1,500.00

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

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

June Cioppettini, 6 Wright Lane gave a number of announcements regarding the Rotary Club

- March 10th is an end hunger program at the Madison Rotary between 9 and 3 to help make meals,
- The 37th Annual Spring Antiques Show and Sale will take place Saturday April 7, 2017 10am-5pm and Sunday April 8, 2017 11am-4pm at the Mendham High School. The proceeds go to scholarships for seniors.
- Scholarship process for seniors – there is an electronic form for seniors to fill out from which the Rotary pick 8-10 seniors to interview and then at least two \$1000 scholarships are chosen.
- RYLA- Rotary Youth Leadership Award is for juniors to spend a weekend at Drew University for leadership counseling and the application is available in the guidance offices.
- The Ross Redmond trip to Japan is also available to high schoolers and information can be obtained through the Rotary Club.
- There are also \$1000 grants for scouts.

June encouraged anyone interested in finding out more the Rotary Club to come on Wednesday's, 6:30 PM at the Black Horse Tavern.

Christine Myers, 37 Walsingham Road, and Nick Monahan, 20 West Main Street both expressed how saddened and upset they were at what happened at the last meeting and thought it was wrong that the discussion regarding Mr. Blood and his resignation was done in public.

Kimberly Gavagan, 10 Kennaday Road, stated that she did not take pride in asking Mr. Blood to step down and hoped that going forward she asked the Committee to try and be more open minded.

Noreen Staples, 10 Woodland Road, asked if there was a written policy for employees and social media. Ms. Staples said she would ask for a copy at Town Hall tomorrow. She complimented the Police department for making her feel safe to send her children to school. She also asked if the \$10 tree permit could be waived if there is more than one tree.

Virginia Voght, 3 Martins Lane, also spoke about how upset she was with the Township and asked to move beyond the past issues.

Diana Orban Brown, Ironia Road, expressed her sorrow for the shame put on Mendham Township.

Bob Meyer, 3 East Ridge Road, applauded Mr. Blood for stepping down and the Committee for doing the right thing.

DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Duarte stated that she hoped everyone could come together as a community and believes that she did what she thought was the right thing to do. She also mentioned the High School musical on March 15th, 16th and 17th and the Middle School musical which is on March 8th, 9th and 10th. She announced her office hours Friday from 10:30-12, the Brookside Engine Company will do the honor guard at the March 8th Devil's game and finally the Environmental Commission is looking for trail stewards. Contact Rich Cotter or Ms. Duarte for more information.

Mr. Cioppettini commented on the recent actions of the Township Committee and wants to help put things in proper perspective. He asked the Committee to spend their time, resources and efforts on constructive ways to solve issues and problems facing the Township and to put the past behind us, learning from our mistakes.

Mr. Gisser talked about shared service possibilities with the K-8 schools and the productive finance meeting that took place before this meeting.

Mayor Diegnan strategic planning meeting March 1st at the Mendham Township Elementary School Library by the school district. He also mentioned the Recreation Committee will be presenting their plan for the new Ralston Playground.

Mr. Cioppettini told the residents that the Township went before the Board of Adjustment to subdivide the land at Pitney and once the engineer finishes a few items, it will be ready for sale by auction.

Mayor Diegnan announced that the Friends of Pitney will be at the first meeting in April to present their plan on their long term vision for the Pitney property.

Ms. Bonanno announced the Recreation Departments first Girl's Night Out on March 16th and the Emerald Ash Borer presentation will be on March 22nd at 7 pm in Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Zichelli

Township Clerk