

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM  
August 10, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Cioppettini  
Mrs. Orban Brown  
Mrs. Thomas – present by phone  
Mr. Tolley  
Mayor Baumann

Also Present: Thomas Satery, Attorney  
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 6, 2015. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk. Official action may be taken.

**RECOGNIZING NEW FIREFIGHTER**

Patrick Comella, has applied to be a senior firefighter at the Ralston Engine Co. #1. Chief McDonough introduced him. He was a firefighter in Troy, Montana and we welcome him to Mendham.

**HEARING PERSONS PRESENT**

**Nick Monahan**, 20 West Main Street, asked what the due diligence that was done and how did you arrive at the numbers regarding the Pitney Proposal. He was concerned about the lack of transparency and doesn't understand why it was not discussed at the Finance Committee meeting as was planned. He asked for answers regarding the proposal.

**Mr. Konidavis**, 6 Ballantine Road is concerned about options of what can be considered for the Pitney Proposal.

**Peter Dumovic**, 3 Shelton Rd, asked to meet with the TC to discuss the Pitney Proposal.

**Pat Zimmerman**, 3 West Main St. is concerned that Mendham may be getting into the same problem as Harding Township and the purchasing of historic land.

**Michael Merrit**, 73 Mountainside Rd, is disappointed that the Pitney Proposal was not discussed at the Finance meeting as was advertised.

**Warren Gizzer**, 39 West Main St. asked if it was OK with the Committee that he explain his analysis if any of his neighbor's or Friends of Pitney ask him about it. He was told he could.

**RECAP ON POST EXECUTIVE SESSION**-Mayor **Baumann** stated there was no action taken at the last meeting.

#### **DISCUSSION**

**Cell phone use during meetings** – Mrs. Orban Brown discussed her findings on texting in regards to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) and feels texting amongst Committee members during an open meeting is not appropriate. She also asked if the Committee could agree to turn off or put their phone on vibrate. Mr. Tolley agreed.

**Finance Meeting** – Mr. Tolley told residents that the finance committee met and worked on the financial state of the town and the most important financial matters were discussed.

**Mr. Tolley** also wished to acknowledge the passing of Kurt Zander, a very active member of the community and Mary Thomas, the Mother In law of Maribeth Thomas.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **ORDINANCE 9-2015**

##### **Ordinance for First reading**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,004,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

Mayor Baumann opened it up for discussion among the Committee. Mr. Cioppettini asked how much debt this ordinance will put us in. The CFO will give that information.

Mr. Tolley moved to approve Ordinance #2015-9 on first reading, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

This ordinance will be on for second reading and public hearing at the August 25, 2015 Township Committee meeting

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION 2015-112**

#### **APPROVAL OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

Mr. Cioppettini moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

### **HEARING PERSONS PRESENT**

**Michael Merrit**, 73 Mountainside Rd, commented on the difficulty hearing Mrs. Thomas, her not hearing the meeting and suggested it wasn't a good idea for meeting. He also acknowledged that residents have been charged with trying to raise revenues and perhaps organizing a fundraising committee would be helpful.

**Peter Dumovic**, 3 Shelton Rd, asked about an update on the feasibility Study and to please have on the Agenda on the next meeting.

**Nick Monahan**, 20 west Main St. asked about the process of selling, auctioning or leasing. Mr. Satory said they would follow the Public lands Law.

**Michael Merrit**, 73 Mountainside Rd. asked if there was a meeting in August since it was not on the calendar.

**Mr. Konidavis**, 6 Ballantine Road, asked if the Public Lands Law applies to leasing. Mr. Satory stated that he believes it does apply.

**Mr. Tolley** announced the Finance meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM with Pitney as the main topic to discuss the options.

### **RESOLUTION 2015-113**

#### **AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Cioppettini moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Tolley

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

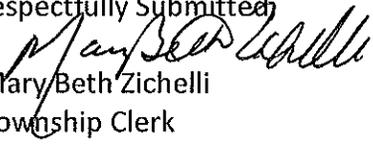
Personnel

Contract negotiations- Phoenix Consulting Group

**ADJOURN**

The Township Committee meeting went into Executive Session at 8:25 PM, which then recessed back to open session at 8:45PM, whereupon a motion to adjourn was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mary Beth Zichelli  
Township Clerk