



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
July 13, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.**

Mayor Baumann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Township Hall, Brookside, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney
Amey Upchurch, 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 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.

PROCLAMATION

100th Anniversary of the Pastime Club , Mayor Baumann read the Proclamation in honor of the Pastime Club

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Baumann called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for:

June 23, 2015 Regular Meeting

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

Mrs. Orban Brown

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

June 23, 2015 Executive Session

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

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain:

Absent: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Tolley stated that the TC and Finance committee were working on restructuring our debt. Mr. Tolley also stated there are some issues regarding LOSAP and the committee hopes to address it at the next meeting.

Recreation – Mrs. Thomas told the residents about a trip to a West Point football game in October and details will soon be on our website.

Police – Mr. Cioppettini told us that the 15th police officer has been hired and started at the Police Academy.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Daniel Wood, 4 West Main St. commented on how beautiful Brookside Fire House looks and is hoping Ralston Fire House will soon look nice. Mr. Tolley assured Mr. Monahan that they are in the process of doing that.

Nick Monahan, 21 West Main St. mentioned that the doors at Ralston are in need of fixing. He also asked about the refunding bond ordinance.

Xiangmin LI, 6 Shelton Rd asked about the rezoning and where the road would be.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance for First reading

ORDINANCE 8-2015

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALLABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP, CONSISTING OF OPEN SPACE BONDS, DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2002, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,285,000, AND/OR ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALLABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP, DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2006, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,210,500 TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND/OR ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALLABLE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP, DATED JUNE 18, 2009, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$10,000,000, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$8,750,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$8,750,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH REFUNDING

Mr. Tolley moved to approve Ordinance #2015-8 on first reading, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

There was a lot of discussion regarding the need for this ordinance and the rates by the committee and the residents. Although it was passed on first reading, it was decided to have our Bond Counsel at the next Finance meeting to further explain.

Final reading and public hearing will be held at the July 28th meeting.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2015-90

FOR CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL AUDIT

Tabled until 7-28-2015 meeting due to the need for clarification from our Auditor.

**RESOLUTION 2015-91
FOR RENEWAL OF CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE
MENDHAM GOLF AND TENNIS CLUB**

Mr. Cioppettini moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Tolley
A roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: Orban Brown, Cioppettini, Thomas, Tolley, Baumann
Nayes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

**RESOLUTION 2015-92
FOR THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE
SAMMY'S YE OLD CIDER MILL**

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Tolley
A roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: Orban Brown, Cioppettini, Thomas, Tolley, Baumann
Nayes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

**RESOLUTION 2015-93
ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL SALARY FOR
BROOKSIDE BEACH STAFF FOR 2015**

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Tolley
A roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: Orban Brown, Cioppettini, Thomas, Tolley, Baumann
Nayes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

**RESOLUTION 2015-94
APPOINTING DOUG LARGE TO THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN
IN THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Cioppettini moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown
A roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: Orban Brown, Cioppettini, Thomas, Tolley, Baumann
Nayes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2015-95

**APPOINTING JASON HENSLEY TO THE PROBATIONARY POSITION OF PATROLMAN
IN THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Cioppettini moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Mrs. Thomas asked the Chief how the candidates were vetted to which he explained That they took the top 100 applications that seemed the most viable, then narrowed It down. The top candidates were interviewed by the Police Committee and it was questioned why the entire committee was not involved in the hiring process.

Mr. Tolley moved a new resolution to require the entire Township Committee to interview candidates for all employee positions in the future, Mrs. Thomas seconded. Before the vote, Mrs. Orban Brown stated for the record that there was never an intention to circumvent policy in the hiring of the new police officer. She asked that Mr. Tolley's verbal resolution be memorialized at a future meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

DISCUSSION

School Feasibility Study –

Mrs. Thomas talked about the informative presentation and stated that they would reconvene in September to further discuss it.

Mr. Cioppettini asked to have Mr. Mills draft a resolution keeping K-8 as is and take the lead and put it to vote for September 2016.

Mrs. Thomas asked that we work together with the other boards and Mr. Tolley agreed with Mrs. Thomas.

Mrs. Thomas raised personal concerns regarding the interactions between members of the Township Committee and staff. Mrs. Orban Brown disputed Mrs. Thomas' assertions. Mr. Cioppettini and Mrs. Thomas debated disconnects between members of the Administrative subcommittee. Mr. Tolley expressed opinions regarding the functionality of the Township Committee. Mayor Baumann asked whether there was further discussion; hearing none, the meeting moved on.

OPEN ITEMS

Mendham East Sewer Utility- A meeting will be planned for September for the Residents.

Ralston Playground – The Recreation department is working on funding and Financing.

Bridge – Preconstruction meeting will be the end of August, with construction beginning the end of September.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Nick Monahan, now understands why our budget is so late, after seeing the Committees unacceptable behavior and is very upset.

Rick Blood, 32 Tingley rd asked about the Bond Ordinance and if the clock starts ticking as soon as it is passed. Mr. Tolley explained this is not the case.

Warren Geizer, explained that the Bond Ordinance further, so residents could better understand.

Daniel Wood, West Main st., commented that the Mayor should take charge and get control of the town.

Nick Monahan, agreed that something should be on the ballot for 2016 regarding Schools.

RESOLUTION 2015-96

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

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

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel

Legal Matter

ADJOURNMENT—9:30 PM

Went into closed session until 10:30 PM