



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
April 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

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.

RECAP ON POST EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS

Mr. Tolley confirmed they are working on the Budget process and plan to have it done by the middle of May. It is important to the committee to reward and enhance the staff, but at the same time work to keep increase at a minimum.

MAYOR BAUMANN RECOGNIZED THE PASSING OF JACK SCHRIER with a brief moment of silence.

Mr. Tolley acknowledged him as a longtime resident who was passionate about Open Space
Mr. Cioppettini said Jack was instrumental in the 9/11 memorial on East Hanover Ave. and he will be missed and condolences to his family

PRESENTATIONS

Main Street Bridge Project Update - Morris County Engineer, Chris Vitz along with Brian Caruso, the project engineer discussed the bridge project. Their plan is to set up a detour, demolish the old bridge and start the new one. Three months is the estimated time starting after July 4th weekend.

Friends of Pitney Farm

A slide show was presented to show their proposal. Since they are a not for profit they will get most of their funding through grants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Regional High School Study Status - Mrs. Thomas stated the committee will be coming back with the final version the last week in April

Police Committee Report - Mr. Cioppettini said it is going well and they will be meeting Thursday April 16th.

Recreation Director Status - Mrs. Upchurch informed the Committee they are working on a resolution

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2015 Executive Meeting

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

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

March 9, 2015 Regular Meeting

Discussion: Mr. Cioppettini asked that the minutes be amended to reflect the discussion regarding the Police Department having the go ahead to start applying for the Grant and Mrs. Brown asked that the minutes mention the flowchart and critical path she had discussed.

Mr. Tolley moved to approve the minutes as amended, 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

Janet Wood of 4 West Main St. spoke on behalf of the First Aid Squad. She asked the Committee to reconsider renewing their lease since it is important to have first responders living close to the Rescue Squad building.

Leslie Dunlevy of 9 Levitan Lane, captain of the rescue squad also expressed her disappointment in the Township not renewing the lease at West Main St.

Mr. Cioppettini asked that this be put on the executive session agenda later this evening.

Dick Monahan of 21 Main St. stated he would wait until the next meeting to hear what was decided in executive session

Danny Wood of 4 West Main St. asked the Committee to rethink their decision since he is such a committed EMT, keeps the property kept nicely and is not in a position to buy a house.

Harriet Thurman of 37 Ironia Rd, also a first aid squad member said he has comfort knowing the woods are close by to respond quickly.

Louis Faralay, spoke in regards to the Pitney land and thinks that transforming it into a major function place is very exciting and thanking the committee for considering it.

Eric Moriella of 6 Woodlawn Terrace, is in need of a gasline easement for his property and asked the Committee for help. Mr. Mills spoke to Mr. Moriella on what he needs to have to make this happen.

Robert Pfundstein of Roxiticus Rd asked that he would be able to put up a fence near his pool even though it would be going into the Conservation property.

Dan Lincoln of Bernardsville believes preserving the Pitney land is a doable project.

Michael Mann of 73 Mountainside Rd expressed his support of the Woods staying in their home.

Margaret Hickey on behalf of Preservation New Jersey asked the committee to consider preserving the Pitney land.

John Smith, a landscape architect agrees that preserving the land is a feasible project.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Cioppettini-Mendham Rotary Club is having their spring sale April 18th and 19th

Maggie Doyn was recognized as hero of the week by CNN

Mrs. Thomas announced that the Mendes on April 11th was a great success.

Mr. Tolley thought presentation by Pitney was interesting but expected a solution to how they could acquire the land. After much discussion, it was decided that the Open Space land should be utilized for walking trails, gardens, etc. and with the remaining 5 ½ acres, look into selling it.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2015-48 - AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Tolley moved to adopt Resolution #2015-48, seconded by Mrs. Thomas

Discussion: Mr. Cioppettini had questions concerning our phone carrier, Roxiticus Water CO. and current fund line from 2013.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2015-49 - AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

Mrs. Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2015-49, seconded by Mr. Cioppettini

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2015-50 - TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

Mr. Cioppettini moved to adopt Resolution #2015-50, seconded by Mr. Tolley

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2015-51 - AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN ADVISORY SERVICES

Mrs. Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2015-51, 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 2015-52 - AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN PAYMENTS TO TEMPORARY RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mrs. Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2015-52, seconded by Mr. Cioppettini

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2015-53 - APPOINTING PETER WRIGHT AS RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mrs. Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2015-53, seconded by Mr. Tolley

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2015-54 - APPOINTING MARY BETH ZICHELLI TO THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP CLERK/REGISTRAR

Mr. Tolley moved to adopt Resolution #2015-54, seconded by Mrs. Thomas

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2015-55 - APPOINTING PAUL FERRIERO AS CERTIFIED FLOOD PLAIN MANAGER

Mrs. Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2015-55, seconded by Mr. Cioppettini,

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

OPEN ITEMS

Mendham East Sewer Utility –Ms. Upchurch informed the Committee she is working on crafting a program and timetable.

Ralston Playground – Mrs. Thomas said the fundraising is underway and the Contractor has been contacted. The trucks from the water company are still in the parking lot and asked that they be removed.

Roxiticus Water – Bid packages are due for April 29th.

Township-Borough Mayor & Administrator Meeting – plans to discuss shared services and establishing dialogue between the two towns.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Michael Mayer of 73 Mountainside Rd asked why the rental property issue had to be discussed in closed session. Mr. Mills said it was a contract matter.

Robert Jacobus of 150 Mendham Road East stated his support of saving Pitney Farm.

RESOLUTION 2015-56

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Cioppettini moved to adopt Resolution #2015-56, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Contracts, Litigation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN

The Township Committee meeting went into Executive Session at 10:00 PM, which then recessed back to open session at 10:32, whereupon a motion to adjourn was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Zichelli
Township Clerk