



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
June 23, 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.

PRESENTATION

Budget presentation by Ms. Upchurch, Administrator
Power Point attached

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Mayor Baumann read a Proclamation honoring Douglas Kris, a Library Trustee who gave many years of service to the Library.

RECAP ON POST EXECUTIVE SESSION- Deputy Mayor Cioppettini stated there was a personnel matter discussed, but since two members were absent, it was decided to wait until tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

June 8, 2015 Regular Meeting

Mrs. Orban Brown motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Mr. Cioppettini.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Thomas, Tolley, Baumann

Nays: none

Abstain: Tolley, Baumann

Absent: none

June 8, 2015 Executive Session

Mr. Cioppettini motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Thomas

Nays: none

Abstain: Tolley, Baumann

Absent: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION—

- Mrs. Thomas announced that the race was a great success with a record number of racers.
- The swim team now has enough children to make a swim team.
- There will be a bus trip to West Point for a football game on October 17th for anyone interested in experiencing a military football game.

FINANCE—Mr. Tolley stated the Finance report would be later in the meeting when the Budget would be adopted.

POLICE—Mr. Cioppettini stated there was not a Police report since they had not met since the last meeting.

Mayor Baumann stated he and Mr. Cioppettini met with both firehouses to discuss the state of the finances and felt the two Captains understood the situation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a Memorial Service for Jack Schrier on June 27th at the Brookside Community Club
- Mrs. Thomas announced that the School Study was finally done and there would be a presentation on June 30th in Township Hall.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT- Mayor Baumann invited anyone up wishing to speak on any topic except the budget. Since there was not anyone wishing to speak, he moved onto New Business.

**NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTION 2015-80**

SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve Resolution # 2015-80, seconded by Mr. Cioppettini.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

2015 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Before moving forward with the public speaking, Mayor Baumann and Mr. Cioppettini explained to the residents that they had worked long and hard on the budget, and asked that personal donations would be appreciated from the residents to help the groups that were cut.

The 2015 Municipal Budget was approved by the Township Committee on May 26, 2015. A summary of the budget was published in the Daily Record on June 4, 2015. Copies of the budget were made available for public inspection in the Mendham Township Library, and in the Township Clerk's Office.

Mr. Tolley motioned that the Hearing be open to the public, seconded by Mrs. Thomas

Public Comments

Amey Vaccaro, 1 Stoney Hill Road, thanked the Finance Board for attending their meeting last week and thanked the TC to agree to start the budget process earlier next year. Ms. Vaccaro is upset about the \$20,000 cut, which has caused the Library to reduce its hours. She made an appeal for donations by July 30th to help.

Rick Blood, 32 Tingley Road, asked why the property values are being driven down. Mr. Cioppettini stated it had to do with tax appeals and Mr. Tolley stated it also is due to sales of homes running low. He also wanted to know what the debt plan was. Mr. Tolley stated they had an aggressive plan, but due to the budget shortfalls, it did not work for this year. Mr. Tolley assured him they would reevaluate the plan. Mr. Blood ask what the Townships collection rate is and was told it is about 98%.

Sarah Flaherty, 7 Woodland Road, stated that although she appreciates the hard work and difficult decisions the TC had to make, she feels the residents would have been OK with a small increase to support the Library and parade.

Cecelia Donato, 38 Ironia Road, told the TC that 2400 residents received requests for parade donations, with only 152 responses at an average of \$25.

Suzanne Short, 4 Browning Court, appreciates the thankless job of the TC, but also feels sad that a library is not a municipal library. Ms. Short asked if it was ever considered to put it to a referendum. Mr. Tolley doesn't believe it was ever considered. Mrs. Orban Brown reminded the representatives from the library that they also get supplies, cleaning supplies, insurance and a building from the Township in addition to the money.

Amy Vacarro, 1 Stoney Hill Road, thought Mrs. Short's idea about a referendum is a great idea and said she will look into it.

Jane Homesteader, 24 Brockton Drive, expressed her concern about not funding a library, since she feels library time cannot be replaced by internet time.

Mark Caddigan, 10 Kennaday Road, thanked all for their hard work, and asked to be taxed a little more rather than cutting to the bare bones.

Nick Monahan, 20 West Main Street, feels the Township gives too much to the High School and would like to see more revenue come in possibly from farmland assessment.

RESOLUTION 2015-81

ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Mr. Tolley commented that he had given the budget a lot of thought, but felt there could not be any changes even after hearing what residents had to say.

Mr. Tolley moved to adopt the budget, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

AMENDMENT TO BUDGET

Mr. Cioppettini moved to amend the budget, seconded by Mr. Tolley.

Ms. Upchurch, Township Administrator explained that there was an increase in our Garbage Contract that was not originally allotted for in the budget, therefore requiring an amendment.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING:

**ORDINANCE 6-2015 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
AMENDING CHAPTER 21 SECTION 2.2 'ZONING MAP'**

Mr. Cioppettini moved to approve Ordinance #2015-6 on first reading, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2015-82

**ALLOWING TRANSFER OF ACCUMULATED SICK DAYS FOR THE BENEFIT OF
LOU ANN FINLAY**

Action was taken on this at the June 8, 2015. This resolution serves to memorialize the Action.

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

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Orban Brown, Cioppettini, Thomas,

Nayes: none

Abstain: Tolley, Baumann

Absent: none

RESOLUTION 2015-83

**DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR TOWNSHIP FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES
ON TOWNSHIP CHECKS**

Mrs. Thomas 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 2015-84

**TO AWARD VARIOUS CONTRACTS FOR THE COREY LANE RESURFACING
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mrs. Thomas 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 2015-85

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

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

RESOLUTION 2015-86

AWARD OF CONTRACT – COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND TRASH

Mrs. Thomas 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

RESOLUTION 2015-87

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mrs. Orban Brown 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

OPEN ITEMS

MENDHAM EAST SEWER UTILITY – Ms. Upchurch stated there will be a meeting with the stakeholders to discuss the issues.

RALSTON PLAYGROUND – Mrs. Thomas explained that the recreation committee would like to use the same layout as the old playground, just replace with new. The Recreation Director is working on ways to raise money.

PITNEY- Mr. Mills, Township Attorney explained that the ordinance introduced tonight changing two acre residential zoning to 6 half acre lots which would then be auctioned off.

DISCUSSION

Summer Office Hours – Mrs. Orban Brown asked the Committee to rethink the office hours. It was decided that logistically it would be better to have office hours change from 8-5 to 8:30 – 4:30. Mr. Tolley asked that we continue to monitor the traffic and if we find there are complaints about opening later, we would rethink the hours.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Rick Blood, 32 Tingley Road asked when the next reevaluation will be. It has not been determined, but Mr. Blood was explained the cost of doing an appeal and possibly it be put off at this time. He also asked what the cost for Main Street improvements were. He also acknowledged that the Committee dropped their stipend/salary from the budget and commended them on it.

Robert Jacobus, 150 Mendham Road East, asked if the zoning ordinance introduced this evening will prohibit Friends of Pitney from buying the property. Mr. Mills, stated it would not affect them and if they were the successful bidder, they were free to purchase the property.

RESOLUTION 2015-88

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

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

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel - minutes attached

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee meeting went into Executive Session at 9:15, which then recessed back to open session at 9:40 PM, whereupon Mr. Cioppettini made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing a 15th Police Officer be hired, seconded by Mrs. Orban Brown.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Orban Brown, Cioppettini, Baumann

Nayes: Thomas, Tolley

Abstain: none

Absent: none

A motion to adjourn was passed at 9:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Zichelli
Township Clerk