



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
August 25, 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	Absent
Mayor Baumann	Present

Also Present: John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township 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.

PRESENTATION

New Jersey American Water- Kevin Watsey and Tom Shroba, representing NJ American presented their plan and desires to acquire a global franchise for the water in Mendham Township. Their reason for the whole town at once is due to the fact that the process of going before the Board of Public Utilities takes about six months. They also discussed their desire to take over our Sewer Treatment Plants and explained they presently service 60,000 residents in other towns. The Mayor said the Committee would discuss it and it would be important to meet with the residents effected by the Sewer Plant. Mr. Watsey also suggested residents writing letters to the BPU in support of NJAW purchasing Roxiticus Water.

Mrs. Orban Brown asked what other properties they planned for water. Mr. Watsey stated they are developer driven.

Jeff Toia, a developer for the St. John's property asked the committee to strongly consider their proposal because it is critical for his company to develop the land.

DISCUSSION

Summer office hours – It was decided to keep the hours at 8:30-4:30 unless we began hearing complaints.

School Feasibility study – Mrs. Thomas said the study team will reconvene in September when school starts up again.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

July 13, 2015

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

Mrs. Orban Brown

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Thomas, Baumann, Orban Brown

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Tolley

July 28, 2015

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

Mrs. Orban Brown

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Thomas, Baumann, Orban Brown

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Tolley

August 10, 2015

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

Mrs. Orban Brown

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Cioppettini, Thomas, Baumann, Orban Brown

Nays: none

Abstain: Thomas

Absent: Tolley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please note that the September 8th meeting is not the usual day, since Monday, the 7th is Labor Day. The meeting will be on Tuesday, the 8th and starting at 6 PM.
- Due to staffing issues, the pool will be closing for the season this Sunday, August 30th. We apologize for any inconvenience.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Omie Ryan, 11 Glen Cary Drive, speaking on behalf of Friends of Pitney. She would like to meet on September 8th to respond to the proposal and present their business plan.

Cecelia Donato, Ironia road, is concerned about roads not being repaired.

Mr. Konidavis , 6 Ballantine Road, asked about the September 1st deadline for Friends of Pitney and the Mayor explained that they had responded already, but were not meeting to talk in detail until September 8th.

Chief Dwyer, explained that the original purchase of the fire truck they are trying to sell was not from a Grant and asked if the Fire Department could please buy the engine back for \$1 and the FD could in turn sell it on their own, using the other money towards a new truck.

Mr. Cioppettini made a motion to sell the engine back for \$1, with Mayor Baumann seconded it.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Tolley

ORDINANCE ON FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 9-2015

Ordinance 9-2015 was introduced and passed on first reading on August 10th

ORDINANCE 9-2015

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 the floor for discussion

Rick Blood, 32 Tingley Road, asked about the timing of the ordinance. He stated there may not be enough time to get the paving done and may reconsider waiting until 2016.

Mrs. Orban Brown questioned the period of usefulness for the fire truck, and Mr. Mills explained that the period of usefulness for bond ordinances has certain parameters.

Warren Gisser, 39 West Main Street, wanted to clarify that the Fire vehicle replacement may be tight for ten years, the period of usefulness is an average of all the items.

Mr. Cioppettini moved to adopt ordinance 9-2015 on second reading, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Orban Brown, Thomas, Tolley, Baumann

Nayes: Cioppettini

Abstain: none

Absent: Tolley

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 10-2015

COREY LANE CROSSWALK

Motion to adopt, discussion, roll call vote

This ordinance will be on for second reading and public hearing at the September 8, 2015 Township Committee meeting

Mr. Cioppettini asked that this Ordinance be tabled until the next meeting, seconded by Mrs. Thomas. The reason for the tabling was because Mr. Cioppettini did not feel he had time to understand it. Mr. Mills stated it came as a recommendation from our engineer and was a safety issue.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Orban Brown, Thomas, Baumann

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Tolley

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2015-114

APPOINTING TWO OFFICE STAFF THROUGH ACCOUNTEMPS (amended)

Amended from 8/10 meeting

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

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Tolley

RESOLUTION 2015-115

APPOINTING REBECCA ROTH AS A PART TIME TAX COLLECTOR (amended)

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: Tolley

RESOLUTION 2015-116

CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION

Mr. Geizzer explained that this resolution is basically a cleaning up of bookkeeping that came from the advice of our CFO.

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: Tolley

RESOLUTION 2015-117

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mrs. Orban Brown and Mr. Cioppettini had questions about four bills, which are being held until further inspection at the suggestion of Mr. Mills.

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

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Tolley

DISCUSSION

Brookside Bridge- Preconstruction meeting will be August 31st and all details regarding traffic, signage, etc. will be discussed. Mr. Cioppettini stated

BILL'S LIST- Mrs. Orban Brown requested the bill's list go back to twice a month. It was agreed that this is a good idea.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Omie Ryan, 11 Glen Cary Drive, wanted to confirm that the Friends of Pitney could be on the September 8th agenda.

Rick Blood, 32 Tingley Road, asked if we were planning on keeping the organizational chart the same and perhaps think about hiring a part time administrator.

RESOLUTION 2015-118

AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC

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: Tolley

Contract negotiations

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee meeting went into Executive Session at 9PM, which then recessed back to open session at 9:20 PM.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 9:20.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Beth Zichelli

Township Clerk