

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOROUGH OF MENDHAM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

March 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner called the March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner led a moment of silence and then proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham was published in the Daily Record and the Star Ledger, and was posted on the Phoenix House bulletin board in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner
Councilman Steven Andrew
Councilman John Andrews
Councilman Brad Badal
Councilman Kelly
Councilman David Sharkey

ABSENT:

Councilman Brennan Reilly

Also present were:

Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
Fred Semrau, Esq.
Michelle Masser, RMC

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Minutes – None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Banner Request: Mendham Borough Mayor's Office: Small Business Week – 5/5/19 – 5/11/19

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sharkey

Second: Councilman Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

PROCLAMATION:

National Donate Life Month

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner read the proclamation. She asks Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator to hang the Proclamation on the Phoenix House bulletin board and possibly make a link on the website this month so the public can view the proclamation.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION – (2nd reading/Public Hearing April 22, 2019)

Ord.#01-2019 Calendar year 2019 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Fred Semrau, Esq. explains the Ordinance to the Council.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Andrew

Second: Councilman Badal

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION – (2nd reading/Public Hearing April 10, 2019)

Ord. #02-2019 Ordinance of the Borough of Mendham, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, to Amend Chapter 183, Solid Waste, Article I, Recycling, to Restrict the Dumping of Recycling Materials in the Borough for Collection.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Andrew

Second: Councilman Sharkey

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING / ADOPTION

None

RESOLUTIONS:

65-2019 Resolution to Introduce the 2019 Municipal Budget (Adoption: April 22, 2019)

Fred Semrau, Esq. asked the Mayor, as part of this Motion regarding the Resolution Introducing the Budget, it would also be to authorize the Waiver of the Reading of the Budget in Full, in other words to read the Budget by “title” only.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Badal

Second: Councilman Andrews

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

67-2019 Resolution to Amend the Temporary Budget

Motion to Approve: Councilman Andrew

Second: Councilman Sharkey

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Passed unanimously, Councilman Andrew abstained on line item #45, Councilman Andrews abstained on line item #36.

68-2019 Resolution to Amend the Temporary Sewer Budget

Motion to Approve: Councilman Andrew

Second: Councilman Badal

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

69-2018 A Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Appropriation Reserves

Motion to Approve: Councilman Badal

Second: Councilman Sharkey

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

70-2019 Resolution of the Borough of Mendham, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Mendham Township, Chester Borough, Chester Township, and Washington Township, to Permit Sharing of DPW Equipment and Personnel

Motion to Approve: Councilman Andrew

Second: Councilman Sharkey

Discussion: Fred Semrau, Esq. said that all the other participating towns have consented to this. It is more like a Mutual Aid type of agreement. The other parties are also in the same insurance fund as the Borough. Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner adds that they are not necessarily adding anything with this agreement. The Borough has already been operating with shared services. They are just formalizing the relationship with the other towns.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

71-2019 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Distracted Driving Enforcement Grant Application with the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety

Motion to Approve: Councilman Andrews

Second: Councilman Andrew

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator asked if there were any questions concerning her Administrator's report.

Councilman Badal comments on the Petsch House. He would like to put it on for a discussion item at a future meeting to discuss the lease and the amount they are paying each month. Currently they are paying \$700.00 a month plus utilities. He goes over some financial information with the Council and asks them to think about it. The Mayor asks if it should be discussed at the Finance Committee level first. Councilman Badal thinks that the whole Council should decide whether or not they would like to continue in essence, subsidizing a nursery school that is charging the same rates as every other nursery school/day care center that is paying market rates for their buildings. He requested the Administrator to call or have someone call and find out what the enrollment is by town and also what they charge for enrollment. He suspects that the Borough is subsidizing the building and they are making a large profit. Fred Semrau, Esq said that it might be a good idea for the Finance Committee to talk about it first. Councilman Badal will bring this topic to the Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Badal said that he already spoke about one topic, the Petsch House. The other topic is the budget. Public hearing will be on April 22, 2019.

Councilman Andrew said the Recreation Committee met on March 14, 2019 and the recreation booklets have been delivered. Interviews are taking place for summer day camp, the Memorial event will be held for the first time on Monday, May 27, 2019. June 15, 2019 will be the Food Truck and Music Festival which will be coordinated with Mendham Township to combine their 5K race and fun run. He adds that the "Walk of Fame" is being worked on, the 2019 Labor Day theme will be, "Growing the Spirit of Mendham." The tennis courts are awaiting the approval of the budget so work can commence, and the playground is being worked on. The Mendham Borough School Board met on March 19, 2019. He could not attend but they had their budget presentation and currently are looking at a one percent increase. They had received a 10.64 percent in their funding from the State which comes to \$32,224.00. West Morris Regional High School has not met since the last meeting but their budget is \$57,952,547.00 with a 1.75 percent tax increase.

Councilman Andrews welcomes Sgt. Joe Pirillo to the meeting. He was "pinch hitting" for Chief Camoia. The OEM Critical Incident meeting took place tonight over at the Fire House between Fire, Police and EMS. They are currently and continually updating the Borough's Emergency Operation Plan which will be turned into the County and the State. He then lists announcements for upcoming events.

- Annual Fishing Derby, Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 10:00am until 1:00pm at Mountain Valley Park
- Hope One – Morris County Sherriff Office Van will be at the Borough Shopping Center, Monday, April 29, 2019 from 9:00am until 2:00pm
- Stigma Free Initiative at the Mendham Township Library. The subject: Teen Suicide will be held Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00pm
- MASH will host a safe and smart seminar for seniors on March 26, 2019 at 10:30am. Participants will be the Borough Police Department, Fire and EMS. Detective Irons and Councilman Andrews will be speaking as well. They will be speaking about the File of Life, Fire Extinguishers and other safety items for seniors.
- The Distracted Driving Grant was approved. The Police Department is going to be observing "Disconnected Day" on April 12, 2019. You text, your drive, you pay.

He adds that last Sunday the Squad did a training class for Troop One Scouts. They did hands only CPR, splinting and bleeding control. He asked them to be present on Memorial Day to present the "colors." He asks if anyone may know someone who can sing the National Anthem for Memorial Day. The Mayor will help him make a connection at the High School. Lastly he lets everyone know that the Rescue Squad had one new member who just passed the EMT exam and one new member who is now enrolled in the EMT class.

Councilman Sharkey said that the Personnel Committee had a brief meeting to discuss a few items to stay informed. He mentions that they have a new Borough Clerk on board and he thanks Michelle Masser, RMC for helping out. The Open Space Committee will have its first real organizational meeting on April 1, 2019. Councilman Sharkey is looking forward to it. It will include Open Space, Environmental and Shade Tree. The committee is now being called ECOSST.

Councilman Kelly said that the DPW was busy. Catching up on a lot of maintenance around the shop. They have been checking to see if people from out of town are dumping. Jeff Cooper, DPW Superintendent said the electrician was here and doing items on the punch list. Jeff also said that they have been checking the ID of the people coming in to dump. They had 91 people this past Saturday. People are turning around when they see the sign that ID is required. They are averaging around 10 percent of non-Borough residents using the facility. They are not turning people away, they are still allowing them to come in because the ordinance has not yet been passed.

ATTORNEY'S ITEMS

Fred Semrau, Esq. tells the Mayor that they have been working on issues with the Administration regarding private roads and putting together the recycling ordinance as well, which is on the agenda tonight for introduction. Fred said that he sent a memorandum regarding the marijuana legislation that is out right now. In the event it goes forward, the Borough is in a good position. Some towns have already taken positions to ban, and for those communities that have acted, they will have to go back and repeal those ordinances and then take new action. If and when they adopt this legislation the clock will reset, and then at that point the Borough can make their decision, which you will then be bound by for five years.

MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner said she had her first "Mayor's Hours" this evening. Unfortunately no one came but she will continue with the "Mayor's Hours" and hopefully over time some resident will come in. They will look to do more to promote it for the future. The Mayor feels the Mendham Messenger is off to a good start this year. She will be coming to everyone for input because they have a section for committee reports. She is continuing with interviews for staff. The Mayor adds that she has been speaking to Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator about creating a "senior" page on their website.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Melissa Young, 24 Guenther Street talks about doing a better job at getting the word out regarding the Mayor's Hours as well as screenings and flu shots. At their Board of Health meeting they were brainstorming on how to get the word out. She knows that Mendham does not have an official Facebook page but it seems that is where most people get their information. She asks what everyone's feeling is about putting things like this on the Mendham page. The Mayor replied, saying they have a strong policy about not using those pages. She feels that unfortunately with any Facebook, unless someone controls it, most of the participants don't live in Mendham Borough and now they have many business owners who live several towns away, using that as a platform. The town is in the process of updating the technology. They would like to do more with the Board of Health page and have more information on it. They are also talking with OEM about trying to coordinate all of the pages so they are a lot more proactive about getting the information out. Melissa comments that she approached Kyle Schikner who is publishing Mendham Neighbors monthly, about putting Board of Health items in there. He is willing to list screening and other items that are coming up. He might also be willing to list other items such as Mayor's Hours and other meeting dates to get the word out.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Motion to Approve: Councilman Badal

Second: Councilman Andrew

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Passed unanimously, Councilman Andrew abstains on check #5886 and Councilman Andrews abstains on check #5878.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor asks for a motion to adjourn. Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will convene on April 10, 2019 at 8:00p.m. at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Masser, Deputy Clerk, March 28, 2019

Robin R. Kline

Robin R. Kline, Acting Deputy Clerk