

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

September 29, 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner called the September 29, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE

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

MAYOR'S OPENING STATEMENT

Mayor Serrano-Glassner read the following statement:

Notice of this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham was published in the Daily Record and the Star Ledger, posted in the Phoenix House, and was filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner
Council Member Steven Andrew
Council Member John Andrews
Council President Brad Badal
Council Member James Kelly
Council Member Mary Sue Martin [via Zoom conferencing]
Council Member Brennan Reilly

Also present were:

Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
Fred Semrau, Esq., Borough Attorney [via Zoom conferencing]
Robin R. Kline, Borough Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be acted upon by the Borough Council by a single vote unless a member of the Governing Body requests that an item be removed and considered separately.

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** September 9, 2020 Regular Meeting and Executive Session
- 2. Raffle License Application:** Mendham Independent Hook & Ladder Co.
Off-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle
Drawing December 20, 2020, 7:00PM
- 3. Social Affairs Permit** David Gibson Memorial Scholarship Applicant
for the Mendham Borough Food Truck Festival
October 3, 2020, 11:00am to 7:00pm

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

None

ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

#10-2020 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING SECTION 35-9 OF THE BOROUGH CODE

A legal notice was published indicating that Ordinance #10-2020 was introduced and passed on first reading at the September 9, 2020 meeting and further indicated that the second reading and public hearing would be held on September 29, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public and posted in accordance with the law.

Mayor Serrano-Glassner opened the public hearing and invited any interested person an opportunity to speak on this Ordinance.

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Serrano-Glassner closed the public hearing.

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

RESOLUTIONS

#135-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #2017-2

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#136-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#137-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#138-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FALCON ASPHALT HOT PATCHER

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#139-2020 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2019

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#140-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF BOROUGH PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE THROUGH GOVDEALS.COM PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#141-2020 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE #1418-44-002-003

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#142-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF REBECCA BRAUN AS A CLASS 3 – PUBLIC SAFETY CROSSING GUARD IN THE MENDHAM BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#143-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5 KNOLLWOOD DRIVE (BLOCK 903, LOT 6)

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#144-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF BONDS AND ESCROW TO SECTORSITE, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 84-86-88 EAST MAIN STREET (BLOCK 801, LOT 20)

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#145-2020 RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BID FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIAL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Reilly
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

Council President Badal recused himself on Resolution #145-2020.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Bushman distributed a copy of her Administrator’s Report dated September 29, 2020. She further reported that the new version of the Borough website went live next week, and that the Day Camp website will be migrated over to the Borough website soon. She also mentioned that the CCTV inspection of sewer lines has been completed and that three areas of concern were found, which will be addressed. Ms. Bushman thanked the interns who have been scanning records to the Borough server in efforts for the Borough go paperless.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council President Badal had nothing new to report.

Board of Health

Council Member Andrew that the Bernards Township Health Department continues to monitor and report on COVID-19 cases in Mendham Borough and further reported that the health department has had to delay the seasonal flu shot clinics originally scheduled for September and October due to the vaccine not being available from the manufacturer. Updated flu shot clinic dates will be posted on the Borough website.

Recreation and Parks [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrew reported that the Food Truck Festival is scheduled for October 3rd from 11:00am until 7:00pm. Attendees and participants will be required to wear face masks and hand-sanitizing stations will be prominently available. He also reported that on October 31st the Recreation Committee will host a Halloween Pet Parade.

Board of Education

Council Member Andrew had nothing new to report.

Public Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrews reported that the Public Safety Committee met on September 28th and advised that the “Your Speed is” radar sign has been moved to Hilltop Road and further reported that the Police Department has ordered two additional “Your Speed is” radar signs for use in the Borough. He also reported that American Water Company has scheduled a water main project on Cold Hill Road in October.

Lastly, Council Member Andrews reported that an official Ballot Drop Box will be installed outside the Police Department by the Morris County Board of Elections. Voters can choose to return their completed ballot to the Ballot Drop Box, which is available 24/7.

Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Martin had nothing new to report.

Public Works and Utilities [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly was absent.

Land Use [Standing Committee of the Council] and ECOSST Committee

Council Member Reilly had nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY'S ITEMS

Mr. Semrau advised that Mendham Borough's affordable housing Compliance Hearing was held on September 18th before Judge Gaus in Superior Court. At the conclusion of the hearing, he advised that the Court entered an opinion finding that Mendham Borough had provided a compliant Third Round Affordable Housing Plan and confirmed that Judge Gaus had entered a Judgment in favor of Mendham Borough at the conclusion of the hearing.

Mr. Semrau further advised that Judge Gaus recognized the Borough's commitment to affordable housing and was very complimentary with how Borough officials continued the process and public hearing throughout the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and having to conduct remote meetings.

Mr. Semrau thanked the Mayor, Council and Administrator for their thoughtful and reasonable approach in addressing the Borough's Third Round Plan and thanked Jessica Caldwell for her role and experience as a professional planner in handling this matter on behalf of Mendham Borough.

MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Serrano-Glassner reported that new bid specifications will be prepared for solid waste, bulk waste and recyclable material collection. She also reported that she attended a meeting with the President and Chief Executive Officer of Daytop and mentioned that Daytop facility in Mendham is planning on re-opening as an adult addiction recovery facility. An application will likely be presented to the Planning Board next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Serrano-Glassner opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Serrano-Glassner closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List dated September 29, 2020.

Resolution #059-2020, passed at the March 18, 2020 Special Meeting, provided the Borough Administrator authorization to approve vouchers subject to the availability of funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, Mayor Serrano-Glassner asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Andrew made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council President Badal. Upon a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Mendham Borough Mayor and Council will be held on October 14, 2020, 8:00PM, the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin R. Kline

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Borough Clerk
BOROUGH OF MENDHAM