

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JULY 24, 2023 7:00PM
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano Glassner called the July 24, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

Council Member Kelly acknowledged the passing of long time Borough resident and community supporter Ms. Mary Alice Horn.

OPENING STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham was published in the Daily Record and 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. Official action will be taken at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

Mayor Serrano Glassner
Council President Brennan Reilly
Council Member Steve Andrew
Council Member John Andrews
Council Member Brad Badal – Resigned 7/13/2023
Council Member James Kelly
Council Member Neil Sullivan

Also present were:

Fred Semrau, Esq., Borough Attorney
Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
Carolynn Budd, Borough Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Approval of Minutes:** June 26, 2023, Regular Meeting
2. **Special Event Application:** Harvest Hustle

5K Run/Walk and Kids 1 Mile Fun Run
Saturday, October 14, 2023

Chabad of Mendham and Chester
Shofar in the Park
Borough Park
Sunday, September 17, 2023
4:00pm – 6:00pm

- 3. Road Closure Applications:** Florie Farm Road
Saturday, September 16, 2023
Rain date Sunday, September 17, 2023
5:00pm – 10:00pm

Garabrant Street
Saturday, October 14, 2023
3:00pm – 10:00pm

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrews
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Andrew, Reilly
Recue from Minutes: Andrew

DISCUSSION ITEM – COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY – CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS – OATH OF OFFICE

1. Request for motion to accept Council Member Brad Badal’s resignation from the Borough Council effective July 13, 2023.

Council Members Andrew and Andrews thanked Council Member Badal for his time and service to the Borough.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Reilly
Ayes: Andrew, Kelly

2. Candidate interviews for filling unexpired term of Council Member Brad Badal.

Mayor Serrano Glassner advised Council the Republican Committee chose 3 candidates to fill the vacancy. The three candidates chosen were Ms. Marilyn Althoff, Mr. William Russo and Mr. John Egerter. Mayor Serrano Glassner advised that Mr. Russo and Mr. Egerter were unable to be present at the meeting. Mayor Serrano Glassner asked Ms. Althoff to move up to the microphone and asked Council to present Ms. Althoff with any questions. Council President Reilly asked Ms. Althoff about taking on the position and what she will bring to Council, Ms. Althoff responded.

Mayor Serrano Glassner asked Council if there were any other questions for Ms. Althoff or the other candidates, Council had none. Council Member Andrew made a motion to appoint Ms. Althoff.

RESOLUTION #110-2023 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARILYN ALTHOFF TO THE MENDHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrews
Second: Council President Reilly
Ayes: Andrew, Kelly

3. Oath of Office for new Council Member. Mayor Serrano Glassner performed the Oath of Office for appointed Council Member Marilyn Althoff.

Mayor Serrano Glassner invited Council Member Althoff to be seated at the dais.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Mayor and Council discussed the Combs Hollow Road bridge detour (Spring 2024) – Mountainside Road. Council raised concerns regarding large trucks traveling on Mountainside Road. Chief John Camoia will discuss alternative routes with Morris County.

RESOLUTIONS

#111-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSION AND THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM FOR THE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Althoff, Andrews, Reilly

#112-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2023 SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PURCHASE OF CONFINED SPACE ENTRY EQUIPMENT FROM USA BLUEBOOK ON A ‘NON-FAIR AND OPEN’ BASIS PURSUANT TO THE ‘PAY-TO-PLAY’ LAW

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Althoff, Andrews, Reilly

#113-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME LABORER/SEASONAL EMPLOYEE AT THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Reilly
Ayes: Althoff, Andrews, Kelly

#114-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A \$2,500 DONATION FROM THE IRENE FAMILY IN MEMORY OF WIFE, ANNE IRENE TO THE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT DONATIONS RIDER ACCOUNT

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrews
Second: Council Member Andrew

Ayes: Althoff, Kelly, Reilly

#115-2023 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE MENDHAM BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Reilly
Ayes: Althoff, Andrews, Kelly

#116-2023 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE MENDHAM BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Reilly
Ayes: Althoff, Andrews, Kelly

#117-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 27 LOWERY LANE, BLOCK 1401, LOT 64

Motion to Approve: Council President Reilly
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Andrews

#118-2023 RESOLUTION INSERTING AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2023 BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159 (STATE OF NEW JERSEY CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT)

Motion to Approve: Council President Reilly
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Althoff, Andrews, Kelly

#119-2023 RESOLUTION RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrews
Second: Council President Reilly
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly

#120-2023 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR FLEET CAMERAS AND RELATED SERVICE

Mayor and Council had questions for Chief John Camoia regarding the details of the amendment. Until additional information is obtained Council Member Andrews asked the Resolution be tabled. Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to table.

Motion to Table: Council Member Andrews
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Reilly

#121-2023 RESOLUTION CREATING A MAYOR'S AD HOC HISTORIC COMMITTEE

Motion to Approve: Council President Reilly
Second: Council Member Andrews
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly

**#122-2023 RESOLUTION INSERTING AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2023 BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY
N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159 (STATE OF NEW JERSEY WATER RESOURCES PLANNING
MANAGEMENT - STORMWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT)**

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrews
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Reilly

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Lane Use Board [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrew had nothing to report.

Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrews had nothing to report.

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly reported the Borough has re-established accounts with Peapack Gladstone Bank.

Recreation and Parks [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council President Reilly reported Day Camp is doing well. Two Concerts in the Park have been cancelled due to weather. Multiple bands have been booked for Mendham Fest. Council President Reilly suggested the Borough create a Day Camp survey that would go to all attendees and staff to get feedback.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Joyce Bushman reported Passaic Valley purchased the Borough's BAN at an interest rate of 4.73%. The Borough purchased their own note at an interest rate of 1%. Congratulations to Casey Lakicevic for his promotion to Assistant Superintendent of Public Works. The Borough was awarded two Morris County Historic Grants for each the Phoenix House and Carey Barn at Scott Farm. The Borough will be submitting a Trail Grant for a section of Patriots Path, this is a grant for the design.

ATTORNEY'S ITEMS

Mr. Fred Semrau, Esq. had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Serrano Glassner reported there is talk the State will be increasing health insurance rates again in 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Serrano Glassner opened public comment.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Serrano Glassner closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council President Reilly
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Andrews
Recuse: Andrews from any First Aid payments.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Reilly
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Andrews

Meeting adjourned at 7:52p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carolynn Budd

Carolynn Budd, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk
Borough of Mendham