



The Borough of Mendham

Meeting of the Mayor and Council

February 7, 2024

7:00PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jim Kelly called the February 7, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

2. FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Kelly led a moment of silence and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 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.

4. ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

Council President James Kelly
Council Member Marilyn Althoff
Council Member Steve Andrew
Council Member Brennan Reilly
Council Member Will Russo
Council Member Neil Sullivan

Also present were:

Sue Sharpe, Esq., Dorsey & Semrau, LLC
Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
Lauren McBride, Acting Borough Clerk

Absent:

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes: a. December 15, 2023, Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve:	Council Member Reilly
Second:	Council Member Althoff
Ayes:	Althoff, Kelly, Reilly, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstain:	Andrew, Russo

b. January 5, 2024, Reorganization Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly, Russo, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

c. January 17, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: Russo

**2. Raffle License Application: a. Hilltop Christian Nursery School, 3/16/2024
b. Mendham Borough Home School Association, 4/5/2024**

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly, Russo, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

6. PRESENTATION

West Morris Regional High School District School Board Robert Strobel, President and Thomas Brooks, Chairperson of Finance gave an overview of the upcoming school March 12th election Bond Referendum for Chester Borough, Chester Township, Mendham Borough, Mendham Township, and Washington Township. President Robert Strobel stated that the State would pay \$8 million towards the \$26 million in improvements at West Morris Central and West Morris Mendham. President Strobel highlighted some of the improvements planned for West Morris Mendham. This included installing AC in areas of the high school that do not have it. Technology lab and kitchen updates. Culinary arts room renovations, adding six new workstations. Locker room showers and installation of stall showers for the boy's locker room. Needed roofing and paving. Thomas Brooks, Chairperson of Finance explained that they need the majority vote across all five towns for it to pass. The council and public continued discussion with questions and answering. Mark Van Den Hende of 11 Coventry Rd questioned the timeline of renovations and operating cost. President Strobel felt the installation of AC throughout the school was one of the largest parts of the project.

7. ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

#01-2024 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORIS, STATE OF NE JERSEY, REPEALING SECTION 90-3, FIRE LIMITS, OF THE BOROUGH CODE

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Reilly
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly, Russo, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

7. RESOLUTIONS

42-2024 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF THE LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2024

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly, Russo, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

43-2024 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PERMISSION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER ACCOUNT FOR DONATIONS TO THE JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE & SHADE TREE COMMISSION (ECCOST) PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly, Russo, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

44-2024 RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION #159-2023 TO PROVIDE FOR SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGE RATES TO BE PAID TO BOROUGH-APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN 2024

Discussion: Member Reilly pointed out that there was an error in camp director wages.

Motion to Approve as Amended: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly, Russo, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

45-2024 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN CERTAIN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2023 CURRENT FUND BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Russo
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly, Russo, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

46-2024 RESOLUTION HIRING MARGARET TIMONEY AS TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Sullivan
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly, Russo, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

47-2024 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FLASHING PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK SIGNS ALONG EAST MAIN STREET AND WEST MAIN STREET

Discussion: It was noted that the change order is within the budget for the project.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly, Russo, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

48-2024 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) TO THE CONTRACT WITH TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR THE FLORIE FARM ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CLOSE OUT

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly, Russo, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

8. ADMINISTRATOR OPERATIONS REPORT

Administrator Bushman stated that the budget process has begun. The Phoenix House is in the process of being packed up. The building will be empty to start renovations next week.

9. COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works and Utilities– Chair Steve Andrews

The chair reported:

DPW: The DPW is busy filling potholes, repairing catch basins, and moving the Phoenix House.

Sewer: Pre-con meeting for WRF.

Land Use - Chair Neil Sullivan

JLUB meeting is scheduled for next week.

Personnel/Volunteer Projects Liaison - Chair Will Russo

Nothing to report.

Finance - Chair Jim Kelly

Nothing to report.

Recreation and Parks/School Boards Liaison - Chair Brennen Reilly

Stated to vote for the March 12th Rerendum. Suggested adding to the message board in town.

Public Safety/Board of Health Liaison - Chair Marilyn Althoff

The Chair reported that the Borough is looking into flashing signs at Dean and Bowers. The NJSA assessment is completed.

10. BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

11. MAYOR'S ITEMS

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS -AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Frank Lupo of 17 Dean Rd stated we need to know what the priority for referendum renovations is. What has greater importance? AC renovations or Bathrooms?

13. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List Dated February 5, 2024

Motion to Approve: Council Member Althoff
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Andrews, Kelly, Reilly, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, President Kelly asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Andrews
Ayes: Althoff, Andrews, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly, Sullivan
Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren McBride
Acting Borough Clerk
The Borough of Mendham