

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
October 11, 2023 7:00PM
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano Glassner called the October 11, 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.

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 –Absent
Council Member Marilyn Althoff
Council Member Steve Andrew
Council Member John Andrews
Council Member James Kelly
Council Member Neil Sullivan

Also present were:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Approval of Minutes:** September 25, 2023, Regular Meeting
September 25, 2023 Executive Session Meeting

2. **Peddler/Solicitor Applications:** Bakhityorjon Madiev
Window Washing Service

Alyssa Lidman
Renewal by Anderson
Windows and Door Installation Service

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

Discussion Items

The council discussed the 2024 Labor Day Parade Grand Marshall selection. All members agreed to nominate Father Michael Drury.

Council Member Sullivan submitted a Road Closing Application for Florie Farm Rd. scheduled for 10/31/23. Police Chief John Camoia expressed concerns about the length of time the road would be closed. There were also concerns about traffic control to provide residents access to their homes. Council Member Sullivan withdrew his application.

RESOLUTIONS

#134-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELIJAH AGER AS A JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE MENDHAM BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

#135-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JACK R. MEENAN AS A PROBATIONARY MEMBER OF THE MENDHAM BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

#136-2023 RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR BID #23-01 2000 GPM RESCUE PUMPER

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

#137-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ACTING CLERK

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrews

Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Althoff, Kelly, Sullivan

#138-2023 RESOLUTION WAIVING THIRD QUARTER 2023 SEWER LATE FEES

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

#139-2023 RESOLUTION DLGS DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR MENDHAM FEST EVENT

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works/ Sewer [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Althoff reported the hiring of a new DPW Laborer Derek Simmons.

Land Use [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrew had nothing to report.

Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrews reported that the open Clerks position has been advertised. He also stated there are eight new Hometown Hero's Banners. There are now close to fifty banners in total.

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly reported the committee discussed the Resolution that was adopted at the meeting for donations from the Mendham Fest.

Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Sullivan reported that Police Chief Camoia is getting quotes for flashing pedestrian signs at Lake Dr & West Main St and East Main St & Orchard. The owner of the Dunkin Donuts may help fund the sign at East Main St & Orchard.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Joyce Bushman reported the bid opening for the Sewer Plant rebid is scheduled for October 24, 2023. She also stated that the Affordable Housing Feasibility study is in the works.

MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Serrano Glassner had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Serrano Glassner opened public comment.

Mr. Frank Lupo of 17 Dean Road stated the cell phone tower located behind King's is 142 feet based on federal regulations. Mr. Lupo asked Ms. Sharpe for an update on the V-Fee litigation and the hearing set for November 6th. Ms. Sharpe will follow up with Mr. Lupo.

Mr. Lupo also inquired when the online sewer payment will be made available. Administrator Bushman stated that there is an ongoing vendor issue. And the Borough waived the third quarter 2023 sewer late fees.

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 Member Althoff
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Sullivan
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 Member Andrews
Second: Council Member Sullivan
Ayes: Althoff, Andrew, Kelly

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren McBride

Lauren McBride, CMR

Borough Clerk

Borough of Mendham

Adopted: October 23, 2023