

### The Borough of Mendham

Meeting of the Mayor and Council June 24, 2024 7:00 PM

### **MINUTES**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano Glassner called the June 24, 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

Mayor Serrano Glassner 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 Bowers Building, 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:

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner

Council President James Kelly

Council Member Marilyn Althoff

Council Member Steve Andrew

Council Member Brennan Reilly

Council Member Neil Sullivan

### Also present were:

Ed Pasternack, Esq., Dorsey & Semrau,

LLC Joyce Bushman, Borough

Administrator Lauren McBride, Acting

Borough Clerk

The following were not present:

Council Member Steve Andrew Council Member Will Russo

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes: a. June 12, 2024

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

Nays: None Abstain: Reilly

### 6. DISCUSSION ITEM – COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY – CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

1. Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to accept Council Member Brennan Reilly's resignation from the Borough Council.

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

Nays: None Abstain: Reilly

Council Members thanked Council Member Reilly for his time and service to the Borough.

Mayor Serrano Glassner presented Council Member Brennan Reilly with the Mayor's Recognition of Service Award.

2. Candidate interviews for filling unexpired term of Council Member Brennan Reilly.

Mayor Serrano Glassner advised Council the Republican Committee chose three candidates to fill the vacancy. The three candidates chosen were Mr. Matthew Bruin, Ms. Alexandra Henry Traut, and Mr. John Egerter. Mayor Serrano Glassner advised that Mr. Egerter was unable to be present at the meeting. Mayor Serrano Glassner asked Mr. Bruin and Ms. Henry Traut to each come up to the microphone and to make a statement to Council. The Mayor asked the Council to present each candidate with any questions. Each candidate responded to all of the Council's questions. The Mayor and Council asked Mr Bruin and Ms. Henry Trout to please step out. Each member of Council stated who they felt was best to fill the unexpired Council member term. All were in favor of appointing Mr. Matthew Bruin. The mayor stated that both candidates have so much to offer. Mr. Matthew Bruin will be sworn in at the next Council meeting.

### 7. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

#10-2024 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE 05-2023 PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PHOENIX & KNOWLLWOOD DRIVES IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND REAPPROPRIATING \$178,119.76 THEREOF FROM AVAILABLE GENERAL CAPTITAL FUNDS AND \$35,000.00 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

Mayor Serrano Glassner opened the public hearing. No one from the public wished to speak.

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

### 8. RESOLUTIONS

### #106-2024 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF A LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2024- 2025 LICENSING TERM

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

# #107-2024 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO DLS CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE PHOENIX & KNOLLWOOD DRIVES ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM LA-2023

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

# #108-2024 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THREE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM AND THE MENDHAM COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL FOR USE OF THE "PETSCH" HOUSE LOCATED AT 8 ORCHARD STREET

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

### 9. ADMINISTRATOR OPERATIONS REPORT

Administrator Bushman reported that the New Jersey Preservation Trust is coming for a site visit to Scott Farm on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

### 10. COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works and Utilities-Chair Steve Andrew

Was not present.

Land Use - Chair Neil Sullivan

JLUB: Met on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Meeting was well attended.

ECCOST: Nothing to report.

HPC: Nothing to report.

Personnel/Volunteer Projects Liaison - Chair Will Russo

Was not present.

Finance - Chair Jim Kelly

The Chair reported: The finance committee met this week to review the PETSCH lease.

Recreation and Parks/School Boards Liaison - Chair Brennen Reilly

The Chair reported: Thanked retiring crossing guard Wayne Leblond for his service to the Borough.

Public Safety/Board of Health Liaison - Chair Marilyn Althoff

The chair reported: They are working on a succession plan for Chief Camoia.

### 11. BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Nothing to report.

### 12. MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Serrano Glassner reported that she received a complaint from a resident about lawn mowing on Sundays. She stated we encourage our residents not to use loud equipment on Sundays.

### 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Serrano Glassner opened the public session.

No one from the public wished to speak.

### 14. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List Dated June 24, 2024

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

### 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to move into executive session. No action will be taken after executive session.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Sullivan

Ayes: Kelly, Althoff, Reilly, Sullivan

Nays: None Abstain: None

### 16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion to Adjourn: Council Member Althoff

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren McBride Acting Borough Clerk The Borough of Mendham