



**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 15, 2025, 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano Glassner called the January 15, 2025, 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. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE

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

3. MAYOR'S 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

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner
Council President Neil Sullivan
Council Member Matthew Bruin
Council Member Alexandra Henry Traut
Council Member Jim Kelly
Council Member Will Russo

Also present were:

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

Not Present:

Council Member Althoff

5. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** *(Items considered routine, Council will act on by a single motion and vote unless a member request that an item be removed and considered separately)*

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. **Minutes:** a. **December 11, 2024**
2. **Banner Application:** a. **Hilltop Nursery School 2/3/25-2/7/2025**
3. **Raffle License Application:** a. **Minutemen Sports Club: 2/20/2025**
b. **Hilltop Nursery School: 3/15/2025**

Motion to Approve: Council Member Bruin
Second: Council Member Russo
Ayes: Sullivan, Bruin, Henry Traut (Recuse from Minutes), Kelly, Russo
Nays: None

6. **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Serrano Glassner presented a Mayor's Service Award to Stephanie Fourie and presented Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winner, Michael Rotella with a prize.

7. **RESOLUTIONS**

#37-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 1999 PEIRCE DASH PUMPER AND A 2003 PIERCE DASH RESCUE FIRE TRUCKS THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FERRARA CINDER PUMPER RESCUE FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Bruin
Ayes: Sullivan, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo
Nays: None

#38-2025 AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR TAX OVERPAYMENT FROM BLK 602, LOT 1

Motion to Approve: Council Member Sullivan
Second: Council Member Henry Traut
Ayes: Sullivan, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo
Nays: None

#39-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO PAUL FERRIERO, PE, OF BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR ADDITIONAL WORK RELATED TO THE KNOLLWOOD & PHOENIX ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Motion to Approve: Council Member Henry Traut
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Sullivan, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo
Nays: None

#40-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETROACTIVE SALARY COMPENSATION AND A FUTURE SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR CASEY LAKICEVIC, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SUCCESSFULLY ATTAINING CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

Motion to Approve: Council Member Bruin
Second: Council Member Russo
Ayes: Sullivan, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo
Nays: None

#41-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2025

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Russo
Ayes: Sullivan, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo
Nays: None

8. ADMINISTRATOR OPERATIONS REPORT

Administrator Bushman reported that the Recreation Committee placed advertisements in the town calendar for the 2025 recreation events and summer camp.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Public Works & Utilities- Chair Neil Sullivan

DPW- The chair reported that the DPW salted roads on the 6th, 7th, and 11th. Mountain Valley Pond is open for ice skating.

Land Use - Chair Alexandra Henry Traut

HPC- Will meet on January 22nd.
JLUB- Reported they will meet next week at the Grace Lutheran Church.

Finance - Chair Jim Kelly

Nothing to report.

Recreation and Parks/School Boards Liaison – Matthew Bruin

The chair reported that the committee met last week. The Committee will meet on January 16th and will have guest 3rd and 4th grade students give their review of the Borough Summer Camp.

The Chair also reminded voters to vote on the referendum on January 28th.

Personnel Committee/ Volunteer Projects Liaison- Will Russo

Nothing to report.

10. ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None

11. MAYOR’S ITEMS

Mayor Serrano Glassner appointed Jim Kelly as 2025 Joint Land Use Board Designee.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for the public to comment on any matter or concern. To ensure that every citizen has an opportunity to speak, the Mayor will recognize the individual and ask them to state their name and address for the record. **THE SPEAKER DOES NOT NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR ADDRESS IF THEY HAVE BEEN VERIFIED BY THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRIVACY AS A COVERED PERSON IN THE BOROUGH UNDER DANIEL’S LAW.** Speakers are asked to limit their comments to four minutes. Please note that Public Comments do not follow a question-and-answer format; however, a member of the Governing Body may offer a brief response when it is helpful to do so.

13. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List dated January 14, 2025

Motion to Approve: Council Member Bruin
Second: Council Member Henry Traut
Ayes: Sullivan, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo
Nays: None

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#42-2025 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b #7 AND ROUND FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Motion to Approve resolution and go in to executive session: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Bruin
Ayes: Sullivan, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo
Nays: None

Motion to exit executive session

Motion to exit executive session: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Bruin
Ayes: Sullivan, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo
Nays: None

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

Motion to Approve: Council Member Bruin
Second: Council Member Henry Traut
Ayes: Sullivan, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo
Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully

Submitted:

Lauren

McBride
Acting Borough Clerk
The Borough of Mendham