



**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 27, 2025, 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Neil Sullivan called the January 27, 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

Council President Neil Sullivan 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

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:

Mayor Serrano Glassner

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. **January 3, 2025**
 - b. **January 15, 2025**
2. **Banner Application: a. Twin Boro Bears, April 14- April 28, 2025**
3. **Special Event Application: a. NBC/Universal, March 6 or 7, 2025**

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly

Second: Council Member Russo

Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff (Recuse from Minutes), Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo

Nays: None

6. **RESOLUTIONS**

#43-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS FOR PET LICENSE FEES

Motion to Approve: Council Member Althoff

Second: Council Member Russo

Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo

Nays: None

#44-2025 RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SIDEBAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM AND MENDHAM BOROUGH PBA LOCAL 384

Motion to Approve: Council Member Henry Traut

Second: Council Member Russo

Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo

Nays: None

#45-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE BOROUGH'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE NEED OBLIGATIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 THRU JULY 1, 2035 IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 2024 c.2, AND RESERVING ALL RIGHTS.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly

Second: Council Member Henry Traut

Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo
Nays: None

#46-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO JOSEPH S. KOSINSKI, PG, OF BOSWELL ENGINEERING, FOR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE MENDHAM BOROUGH PARK & ARBORETUM TRAIL PROJECT

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

Borough Attorney Fred Semrau asked for a motion to amend the January 3rd, 2025, consent agenda to state that Gregory Behringer, Esq., is the municipal prosecutor.

Council Member Kelly made a motion and Council Member Henry Traut seconded it, the vote was all ayes.

Council President Sullivan asked for a motion to the appointment of Peter Rooney, Alternate Member, of Mendham Borough Board of Health, whose Term Expires 12/31/25

Council Member Althoff made a motion and it was seconded by Council Member Henry Traut, the vote was all ayes.

7. ADMINISTRATOR OPERATIONS REPORT

Administrator Bushman reported that the final hearing for V-Fee will be on January 29th at the Grace Lutheran Church.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Public Safety- Chair Marilyn Althoff

The Chair reported that two pedestrians were hit by a motor vehicle while crossing West Main Street. Officer in Charge Sgt. McNichol, Public Safety Director Craig, DPW Superintendent, and Borough Engineer met with the County to discuss pedestrian safety and lighting study to improve the flow of traffic. The Chair stated that there has been a 50% increase in car accidents this year.

Officer in Charge Sgt. McNichol reported that he went to the Police Academy on Friday and interviewed alternate route candidates.

Public Works & Utilities- Chair

Neil Sullivan

DPW- The chair report the DPW has been very busy plowing and salting with the recent snow storms.

Land Use - Chair Alexandra Henry Traut

HPC- Met on 1/22 for the reorganization meeting.

ECCOST- Will next meet on 2/3.

JLUB- Reported there will be a special meeting on January 29th the final meeting on V-Fee at the Grace Lutheran Church.

Finance - Chair Jim Kelly

Nothing on Finance. The chair reported that heat is now running in the Phoenix House.

Recreation and Parks/School Boards Liaison –

Matthew Bruin

The chair reminded residents to get out and vote on tomorrow's school board Bond Referendum.

Recreation Committee met on January 16th, to continue planning for the Summer Day Camp and Summer events. A representative from the Rotary Club attended the meeting and expressed interest in upcoming recreation projects.

The Chair scheduled a meeting with the BOE president to establish an open line of communication with the School Board. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Personnel Committee/ Volunteer Projects Liaison- Will Russo

Nothing to report.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

11. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List dated January 27, 2025

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly

Second: Council Member Bruin

Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo

Nays: None

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

Motion to Approve: Council Member Russo

Second: Council Member Henry Traut

Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Bruin, Henry Traut, Kelly, Russo

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren McBride
Acting Borough Clerk
The Borough of Mendham