



The Borough of Mendham

Meeting of the Mayor and Council

OCTOBER 28, 2024

7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano Glassner called October 28, 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 Matthew Bruin
Council Member Will Russo
Council Member Neil Sullivan

Also present were:

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes: a. October 9, 2024

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

6. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

#17-2024 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 206 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON A DESIGNATED PORTION OF IRONIA ROAD

THE PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2024.

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

7. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

#16-2024 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO ESTABLISH NEW CHAPTER 180 ENTITLED "SOIL/FILL IMPORTATION"

Public Hearing: Mayor Serrano Glassner opened the public hearing and stated any interested person will be given an opportunity to be heard on this Ordinance. You must clearly 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.

No one from the public wished to speak.

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

8. RESOLUTIONS

#148-2024 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF PETER J. ROONEY III AS A PROBATIONARY MEMBER OF THE MENDHAM BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion to Approve: Council Member Russo
Second: Council Member Bruin

Ayes: Kelly, Althoff, Andrew, Bruin, Russo, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

#149-2024 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR RESERVATION OF ALLOCATED SEWAGE CAPACITY OF MENDHAM BOROUGH REGARDING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT HERITAGE DRIVE, BLOCK 801, LOT 25

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

#150-2024 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEALS AT BLOCK 2601 LOT 2.15

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

#152-2024 RESOLUTION HIRING ELIZABETH MARTINEZ AS TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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

#153-2024 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF AUBREY EGERTER AS RECREATION AND COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 8, 2024

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

9. Discussion Item

Administrator Bushman reported that the Borough completed the Annual 2024 NJ Best Practices Survey. The Borough needed a score of 35 or higher so its final Energy Tax Rebate payment of \$24,023 is not affected. The Borough received a score of 45.5.

10. ADMINISTRATOR OPERATIONS REPORT

Administrator Bushman gave an update from Code Enforcement on lighting issue at 69 E Main St. Code enforcement officer and school district manager of facilities worked together to put a lighting plan together to accommodate resident. They adjusted lights and are looking into timers. Code enforcement will reach out for feedback from resident.

11. COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use - Chair Neil Sullivan

JLUB: The chair reported: The JLUB will meet on Tuesday the 15th at 7:30 pm at the Grace Lutheran Church.

Finance - Chair Jim Kelly

Nothing to report.

Recreation and Parks/School Boards Liaison – Matthew Bruin

The chair reported: The Recreation Committee is excited to welcome Aubrey Egerter to the Borough. The December meeting will be held at the Garabrant Center.

Public Safety/Board of Health Liaison - Chair Marilyn Althoff

The chair reported: Bill Craig has been hired as the Public Safety Director. Officer in Charge, Sergeant McNichol is interviewing 7 candidates for the police officer position.

Public Works & Utilities -Chair Steve Andrew

The chair reported: WRF had NJDEP interim construction inspection with no reported problems. DPW- Busy with fall clean up and getting winter equipment ready.

Personnel Committee/ Volunteer Projects Liaison- Chair Will Russo

The chair reported: Thanked the committee for their hard work to hire a Public Safety Director.

12. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Borough Attorney Fred Semrau commended the Mayor and Council on their swift and effective efforts to hire a Public Safety Director.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS -AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Serrano Glassner opened the public session.

Brian Cavanaugh of 610 Cherry Lane discussed his request for a fence permit and distributed an outline of his statement to the Mayor and Council.

14. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List Dated October 26, 2024

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion to Adjourn: Council Member Bruin

Second:	Council Member Russo
Ayes:	Kelly, Althoff, Bruin, Sullivan
Nays:	None

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren McBride
Acting Borough Clerk
The Borough of Mendham

