BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 27, 2020
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner called the January 27, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE
Mayor Serrano-Glassner led a moment of silence and then proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Phoenix House and was filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL
The following officials were present:
Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner
Council Member John Andrews
Council President Brad Badal
Council Member Mary Sue Martin
Council Member Brennan Reilly

Council Member Steven Andrews was absent.
Council Member James Kelly was absent.

Also present were:
Fred Semrau, Esq., Borough Attorney
Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
Robin R. Kline, Borough Clerk

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT
Gary S. Lynch, Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Mendham Term of Office: 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2022

Mayor Serrano-Glassner announced her appointment of Gary Lynch as Mendham Borough’s OEM Coordinator and administered his Oath of Office.

MENDHAM BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS
Police Lieutenant Joseph Pirillo
Police Chief John Camoia introduced Lieutenant Joseph Pirillo and provided a summary of his educational and professional experience in law enforcement.

Mayor Serrano-Glassner administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Joseph Pirillo, who was accompanied by his wife and two sons.

Lieutenant Pirillo was congratulated by the Mayor and Council and all in attendance.

Sergeant Christopher Irons
Police Chief John Camoia introduced Sergeant Christopher Irons and provided a summary of his educational and professional experience in law enforcement.

Mayor Serrano-Glassner administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Irons, who was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Sergeant Irons was congratulated by the Mayor and Council and all in attendance.

#033-2020 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROMOTING SERGEANT JOSEPH PIRILLO TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT WITH THE MENDHAM BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT
Motion to Approve:    Council Member Andrews
Second:               Council President Badal
Ayes:                 Andrews, Badal, Reilly, Martin
Nayes:                None
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROMOTING DETECTIVE CHRISTOPHER IRONS TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT WITH THE MENDHAM BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrews
Second: Council Member Reilly
Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Reilly, Martin
Nayes: None

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
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. Approval of Minutes: January 3, 2020 Reorganization Meeting
2. Raffle License Applications: #2020-01 - Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle Minuteman Sports Club (for Girls Competition Cheerleading) February 15, 2020
   #2020-02 - On-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle Mendham Township Inc. February 29, 2020
   #2020-03 - Casino Night HSA Mendham Township Inc. February 29, 2020

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Martin
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Reilly, Martin
Nayes: None

DISCUSSION ITEM
None

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION
None

RESOLUTIONS

#016-2020 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 [Tabled to February 12, 2020]

Resolution #016-2020 was tabled to the February 12, 2020 meeting. No action was taken by the Council.

#035-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR THE OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17 DRAKE ROAD, BLOCK 1704, LOT 7

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Martin
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Reilly, Martin
Nayes: None

#036-2020 RESOLUTION APPROVING BRUCE P. HELLEIGEL’S APPOINTMENT AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE MENDHAM BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Reilly, Martin
Nayes: None

#037-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING AND APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN MAHONEY AS A PART TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR

There was no Council discussion.
Motion to Approve: Council Member Martin
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Reilly, Martin
Nayes: None

#038-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY GENERATION SUPPLY SERVICES BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM AND IDT ENERGY, INC.

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council President Badal
Second: Council Member Andrews
Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Reilly, Martin
Nayes: None

#039-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN CERTAIN BUDGET RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2019 CURRENT FUND BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

[Requires not less than a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the full membership]

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Martin
Second: Council President Badal
Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Reilly, Martin
Nayes: None

#040-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRANSITION AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH TELECOM

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council President Badal
Second: Council Member Andrews
Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Reilly, Martin
Nayes: None

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Bushman provided a copy of her Administrator’s Report dated January 27, 2020. She further reported that the structural analysis report for the Phoenix House has been received and will be distributed to the Council.

Council Member Reilly inquired about the status of the Dean Road speed study. Chief Camoia reported that Dean Road traffic data is reviewed week-to-week. Statistical data is provided in the Police Department’s monthly report. Chief Camoia further reported that two digital “Your Speed Is” display signs are requested in the 2020 operating budget and if approved, will be permanently installed on Dean Road, one in the westbound direction and the other in eastbound direction.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council President Badal reported that a Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled to the new fee and rates schedule. He further reported that the committee will be reviewing and analyzing policing services agreements and data of other municipalities.

Board of Health

Mayor Serrano-Glassner reported that the Board of Health met on January 8th. Maureen Walker was appointed Board President and Nancy Rodrigues was appointed Board Vice President.

Recreation and Parks [Standing Committee of the Council]

Mayor Serrano-Glassner reported that a “Stigma Free” 5K run event is being proposed and further reported that the Mendham Borough schools will be initiating new mental health awareness programs for students and parents. She also reported that the construction of the Westfield carriage house has begun and the demolition of the tennis courts is underway. The Food Truck Festival is being planned for the fall.

Board of Education

There was nothing new to report.

Public Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrews congratulated Lt. Pirillo and Sgt. Irons on their promotions and thanked Chief Camoia for his efforts in the promotional process. He also thanked Gary Lynch for serving as OEM Coordinator for Mendham Borough.

Council Member Andrews announced that he and Chief Camoia will be available to meet with residents before the Wednesday Council meetings each month to discuss public safety concerns.
In his report, Council Member Andrews provided the following 2019 first responder statistics: the Police Department responded to 18,003 calls (a decrease from 17,697 calls in 2018); the Emergency Squad responded to 447 calls and logged in 13,486 volunteer hours (call responses, training and meetings); the Fire Department responded to 233 calls and logged in 4,776 volunteer hours.

Lastly, Council Member Andrews reported that he will be leading a “Hometown Heroes” veteran banner initiative in Mendham Borough. A fundraising goal of $750 has been established to purchase 10 customized banners honoring Mendham Borough veterans. Banners will be displayed along Main Street from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. Mr. Semrau was asked to draft an authorizing resolution setting forth an enacting policy for the Hometown Heroes Veteran Banner program.

**Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]**

Member Martin reported that the job advertisement for a part-time tax collector had been posted.

**Public Works and Utilities [Standing Committee of the Council]**

Council Member Kelly was absent.

**Land Use [Standing Committee of the Council]**

Council Member Reilly had nothing new to report.

**ECOSST Committee**

Council Member Reilly reported that the ECOSST Committee is planning a technology shredding day and is working with a potential vendor for on-site shredding of computer hard drives, cell phones and personal devices. More information to be provided.

**ATTORNEY’S ITEMS**

Mr. Semrau advised that the Court approved Mendham Borough’s affordable housing settlement agreement. His office will prepare the required action items to establish and implement the affordable housing plan.

**MAYOR’S ITEMS**

Mayor Serrano-Glassner reported that information will be posted on website providing tips on how to stay healthy through the flu and cold season. She further reported on a recent meeting attended by female mayors in neighboring towns. One of the topics discussed was the 100th anniversary of the Women’s Suffrage Movement this year. A July 4th parade float will be organized by the Girl Scouts.

**Appointment to the Board of Health** [requires Council approval]

Laura Montenegro Regular Member Term of Office: 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2022 (3 years)

Mayor Serrano-Glassner appointed Laura Montenegro to a 3-year regular member position and asked the Council for a motion to approve.

Council Member Andrews made a motion to approve the appointment of Laura Montenegro to the 3-year regular member position. Motion seconded by Council Member Reilly. Upon a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

**Appointment to the Recreation Committee** [Mayoral appointments]

Lucie Antonius (Class of 2021) Student Member Term of Office: 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020 (1 year)

Mayor Serrano-Glassner appointed Lucie Antonius to the Recreation Committee for a 1-year term as a student member.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mayor Serrano-Glassner opened the meeting for public comment and invited any member of the public to be heard. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Serrano-Glassner closed public comment and proceeded with the next agenda item.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**


Motion to Approve: Council President Badal

Second: Council Member Martin

Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Reilly, Martin

Abstain: Council Member Andrews abstained on vouchers concerning “Aid to Volunteer Ambulance Squad.”

The Bills List dated January 27, 2020 was approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**#041-2020 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A CLOSED SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT N.J.S.A. 10A:4-12b**

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham will adjourn into closed session to discuss the following subject matter without the presence of the public in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act exemptions, N.J.S.A. 10A:4-12b:
1. Attorney-Client Privilege: Litigation update

Motion to Approve: Council President Badal
Second: Council Member Andrews
Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Reilly, Martin
Nayes: None

The Mayor and Council adjourned in to Executive Session at 9:07 p.m.

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The Mayor and Council returned to Open Session at 9:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Council Member Andrews made a motion to adjourn. Council President Badal seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 8:00 PM in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin R. Kline
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Borough Clerk
BOROUGH OF MENDHAM