

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOROUGH OF MENDHAM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

April 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner called the April 10, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 8:00 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

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham was published in the *Daily Record* and the *Star Ledger*, and such notice was posted on the Phoenix House bulletin board in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

- Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner
- Council Member Steven Andrew
- Council Member John Andrews
- Council Member Brad Badal
- Council Member James R. Kelly
- Council Member Brennan Reilly
- Council President David Sharkey

Also present were:

- Susan Sharp, Esq.
- Robin R. Kline, Deputy Clerk

MAYOR'S ITEM

Mayor Serrano-Glassner reported that as a follow up to her proclamation for National Donate Life Month issued on March 25th, she invited Ms. Sarah [*inaudible*], a high school student and Girl Scout helping to raise awareness on the life-saving importance of organ donation, and Ms. Michele Dable, a volunteer for the NJ Sharing Network and liver transplant recipient, to briefly speak about the NJ Sharing Network.

The local Girl Scouts have tied green ribbons on trees in the Borough for National Donate Life Month in April and recently toured the NJ Sharing Network's facility where they had the opportunity to learn more about organ donation and organ donors whose names are displayed on the Wall of Remembrance.

Ms. Dable encouraged everyone to learn more about the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation and to talk with family members, friends and co-workers about the benefits of organ donation and to consider becoming an organ donor.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 or public request that an item be removed and considered separately.

Items listed on the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes: March 13, 2019 Regular Meeting
- March 13, 2019 Executive Session Meeting
- March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting
- Board of Adjustment 2018 Annual Report
- Banner Request - Cub Scout Pack 133, June 10 – 17, 2019
- Morris County Freewheelers 11th Annual Revolutionary Ramble Cycling Tour, June 8, 2019
- Peddler Application - Maria De Paguay, Ice Cream Mobile Vendor
- Raffle License Application - Chester Mendham Little League 50/50 Raffle, April 13, 2019
- Raffle License Application – PTO Harding Township 50/50 Raffle, May 10, 2019

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Badal
Second: Council Member Andrews
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Reilly, Sharkey
Nays: None
Abstention: Council Member Reilly abstained on the approval of the March 25, 2019 minutes.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Michael Ben-David, Superintendent for the West Morris Regional High School District, Mr. L. Douglas Pechanec, Business Administrator, Mr. Steve Ryan, West Morris Mendham High School Principal, and Mr. Thomas Brooks, a Member of the Board of Education, were in attendance for the presentation of the West Morris High School District's 2019-2020 Budget.

Superintendent Ben-David presented the West Morris High School District's (the "District") 2019-2020 Budget, which includes a 1.75% increase in the District's tax levy (approximately \$69 for the average assessed home in Mendham Borough. He noted that student enrollment has been declining and is currently at 2004 enrollment levels and further mentioned that the 2019-2020 Budget, as well as future years budgets, would maintain all school programs without the need for a referendum. He reported that District's budgeting challenges continue to be costs associated with transportation, special education and workforce benefits.

Superintendent Ben-David further reported that out of the 46 regional school districts in the state, the West Morris Regional High School District is the only school district authorized in New Jersey to award both the International Business (IB) Diploma and the Career-related certificate. He also mentioned that West Morris Mendham High School ranks #1 in offering Advanced Placement courses and enjoys a reputation for excellence in all areas. He noted that the Washington Post named the West Morris Mendham High School as "America's Most Challenging #1 Ranked Public High School Nationwide."

Mayor Serrano-Glassner inquired about student PARCC testing scores and how they may influence school rankings and mentioned that the public's perception of a community's schools is a great influence for families when buying a home. She further mentioned that Mendham Borough is currently developing a marketing profile and invited the school district officials to share any ranking and programming offerings for inclusion in the marketing profile brochure. Superintendent Ben-David responded that PARCC testing scores are not focused on student growth programs, such as the IB program, and offered to assist Borough officials in developing a market profile for the community.

Superintendent Ben-David clarified several questions from the Council and concluded his report.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE #03-2019

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING PAY RANGES FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEE POSITIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a minimum and maximum salary range for certain positions in the Borough of Mendham for the calendar year 2019.

Mayor Serrano-Glassner announced that the public hearing on this Ordinance is scheduled for April 22, 2019 and asked if there was any Council discussion.

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council President Sharkey
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Reilly, Sharkey
Nays: None

Ordinance #03-2019 was introduced and passed by the Mendham Borough Council. The Council will further consider this Ordinance for a second reading, public hearing and final passage at the Mayor and Council meeting to be held on April 22, 2019. The Deputy Clerk was requested to publish the proper legal notice and Ordinance in accordance with law and to make copies available to members of the general public.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING / ADOPTION

ORDINANCE #02-2019

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 183, SOLID WASTE, ARTICLE I, RECYCLING, TO RESTRICT THE DUMPING OF RECYCLING MATERIALS IN THE BOROUGH FOR COLLECTION

A legal notice was published indicating that Ordinance #02-2019 was introduced and passed on first reading at the March 25, 2019 meeting. The legal notice further indicated that the second reading and public hearing would be held at 8:00 p.m. on April 10, 2019 for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public and posted in accordance with the law.

Mayor Serrano-Glassner opened the public hearing for Ordinance #02-2019. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Serrano-Glassner closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Andrews
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Reilly, Sharkey
Nays: None

Ordinance #02-2019 was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

72-2019 Resolution Appointing a Class II Special Law Enforcement in the Mendham Borough Police Department

Council Member Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution 72-2019. Motion seconded by Council Member Badal. A roll call vote was taken and Resolution 72-2019 was approved unanimously.

73-2019 Resolution Authorizing Release of a Performance Bonds, Cash Deposits and Escrows in Connection with the Roxiticus Clubhouse Expansion (Block 2601, Lot 3)

Council Member Badal made a motion to approve Resolution 73-2019. Motion seconded by Council Member Reilly. A roll call vote was taken and Resolution 73-2019 was approved unanimously.

74-2019 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Performing Required Sewage Treatment Discharge Monitoring Tests to Garden State Laboratories, Inc.

Council Member Kelly made a motion to approve Resolution 74-2019. Motion seconded by Council President Sharkey. A roll call vote was taken and Resolution 74-2019 was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There was no Administrator's report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use Committee

Council Member Reilly reported that the April Planning Board meeting has been cancelled. The newly-established ECOOST Committee (Environmental, Open Space and Shade Tree) held its 2019 Reorganization Meeting on April 1st. He further reported that the annual Mud Hole Cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th.

Public Works and Utilities Committee

Council Member Kelly reported that a pre-construction meeting was held for the Hilltop Road Water Line Replacement Project. Public Works Superintendent Jeff Cooper and Police Chief John Camoia provided a brief summary of the meeting and project. The Hilltop Road Waterline Replacement Project is scheduled to commence during the months of May/June and projected to take 10 weeks to complete. Construction crews would work evenings from 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. to minimize impacts to commuter and school traffic. New water lines are to be installed along Hilltop Road from Main Street to Pleasant Valley Road and would include Talmadge Road, Coventry Road, Cherry Lane and Corey Lane. Road closures will be provided to impacted residents

Personnel Committee

Council President Sharkey reported that the listing of sites for new shade tree plantings is being finalized.

Public Safety Committee

Council Member Andrews reported that the month of April is National Distracted Driving Month. The Police Department has received a grant for enforcement of distracted driving during the period of April 1st through April 22nd. An announcement concerning the distracted driving enforcement campaign have been posted on the Borough website and social media. Council Member Andrews further reported that the Borough's OEM Coordinator, Gary Lynch and the Critical Incident team are finalizing Mendham Borough's Emergency Plan and that he and other Borough officials gave a presentation to the seniors at the Mendham Area Senior Housing complex regarding the importance of properly functioning smoke alarms and fire extinguishers, File of Life, and the property disposal of unwanted medications. He mentioned that the Police Department's mobile "Your Speed is ..." sign has been relocated to Mountain Avenue and that Sgt. Brian Hostler will be receiving training from the Morris County Sheriff on the Hope One Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative to help individuals struggling with opioid and heroin addition receive much-needed recovery services

Finance Committee

Council Member Badal had nothing new to report. The 2019 Budget has been scheduled for public hearing and adoption at the April 22nd meeting.

Recreation Committee

Council Member Andrew reported that the Recreation Committee would be meeting on April 11th and will discuss the Borough's 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival to be held in June, as well as the Memorial Day Ceremony in Borough Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Henry Niemczyk, 55 Dean Road, commented about potholes and continuing drainage issues in front of his home. Mr. Jeff Cooper was asked help determine the cause and ascertain whether the problem may be caused by a leaking water line.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Council Member Andrews made a motion to approve the vouchers. Motion seconded by Council Member Badal. A roll call vote was taken and the vouchers were approved unanimously. Council Member Andrews abstained on Mendham First Aid Squad vouchers #5916, #5966, #5958, and #5975.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

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 seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will convene on April 22, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin R. Kline

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Deputy Clerk
BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

Minutes adopted April 22, 2019