BOROUGH OF MENDHAM MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

October 14, 2020 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Brad Badal called the October 14, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE

Council President Badal led a moment of silence and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S OPENING STATEMENT

Council President Badal read the following statement:

Notice of this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham was published in the Daily Record and the 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:

Council President Brad Badal
Council Member Steven Andrew

Council Member John Andrews

Council Member James Kelly

Council Member Mary Sue Martin [via Zoom conferencing]

Council Member Brennan Reilly

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner was absent

Also present were:

Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator

Fred Semrau, Esq., Borough Attorney [via Zoom conferencing] Susan Sharpe, Esq., Borough Attorney [via Zoom conferencing]

Robin R. Kline, Borough Clerk

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: September 24, 2020 Special Meeting

September 29, 2020 Regular Meeting

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

2. Public Project Proposal: Tyler Stroup – Eagle Scout Project

Scott Farm Trail Connector

Tyler Stroup, residing at 11 Knollwood Drive, presented his proposed Eagle Scout project to the Governing Body. His project consists of building a ½-mile connecting trail from the Pastime ball fields to the Scott Farm property. The project will include three trail markers/signs and a cut grass loop around Scott Farm. The trail project will be sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America and upon completion Tyler will earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program. Construction on the trail project will begin on October 17th.

Council President Badal and the Borough Council thanked Tyler Stroup for is presentation and offered their best wishes and success on attaining the Eagle Scout rank.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

Council President Badal requested that the Borough Administrator and Public Works Superintendent coordinant with Tyler Stroup before commencing the trail project.

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ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

#11-2020 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF WATER INTO PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND STREETS

Council President Badal announced that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #11-2020 is scheduled for the October 26th meeting of the Mayor and Council.

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

#12-2020 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW

JERSEY, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 151, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, OF THE

BOROUGH CODE

Council President Badal announced that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #12-2020 is scheduled for the October 26th meeting of the Mayor and Council.

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

None.

RESOLUTIONS

#146-2020 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRADLEY CAVTO, MICHAEL DELUCA, DAVID

JANNSEN AND COLE PATRICK AS REGULAR MEMBERS TO THE MENDHAM BOROUGH FIRE

DEPARTMENT

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

#147-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5 COLD HILL ROAD SOUTH, 11C [BLOCK 2701, LOT 5, C011C]

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

#148-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6 KERBY LANE [BLOCK 2201, LOT 10.10]

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

#149-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9 COUNTY LINE ROAD [BLOCK 2401, LOT 5]

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There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

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#150-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16 PROSPECT STREET [BLOCK 1901, LOT 19]

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

#151-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF HURST JAWS OF LIFE FROM STATE LINE FIRE & SAFETY, INC.

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

#152-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME SEASONAL WORKER/LABORER

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

#153-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO PAULUS, SOKOLOWSKI & SARTOR, LLC FOR CAPITAL/WRF IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2A (MLR SERVICES)

Ms. Bushman confirmed that funding for the Phase 2A improvements are covered under the I-bank financing.

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

#154-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO CONNOLLY & HICKEY HISTORICAL ARCHITECTS, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH SCOTT FARM BARN HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

Council Member Reilly requested that the ECOSST's Scott Farm Workgroup and himself

There was no further Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

#155-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO CONNOLLY & HICKEY HISTORICAL ARCHITECTS, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PHOENIX HOUSE STRUCTURAL UPGRADES

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

#156-2020 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR HVAC REPLACEMENT AT THE GARABRANT CENTER TO ECHELON SERVICES, LLC

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There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Bushman distributed a copy of her Administrator's Report dated October 14, 2020.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council President Badal reported that Departments Heads will be submitting capital budget and operating budget requests for the 2021 calendar year and had nothing new to report.

Board of Health

Council Member Andrew reported that the Bernards Township Health Department continues to monitor and report on COVID-19 cases in Mendham Borough and had nothing new to report.

Recreation and Parks [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrew reported that the Food Truck Festival held on October 3rd was well-attended and also reported that the Recreation Committee will be planning Halloween activities.

Council Member Andrew further reported that a high school student is seeking permission to organize and hold a Breast Cancer Fundraising Walk on October 25th between the hours of 6:00pm and 8:00pm. The fundraiser would satisfy the student's service project requirement for the IB Programme at the Mendham High School. The walk would begin at Borough Park and proceed along Park Avenue to Orchard Street then on to Main Street to Mountain Avenue and end back at Borough Park. He reported that the Borough Clerk has forwarded the request to the Chief of Police, Recreation Director and Public Works Superintendent for their review and comments. Because the event is scheduled to occur before the next meeting of the Mayor and Council, he recommended that the Council provide their conditional approval.

Motion: Council Member Kelly made a motion to approve the Breast Cancer Fundraising Walk scheduled for October 25th between the hours of 6:00pm and 8:00pm contingent on the receipt of all required paperwork and approvals by the appropriate municipal departments.

Second: Council Member Andrew

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

Motion approved.

Board of Education

Council Member Andrew had nothing new to report.

Public Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrews reported that two permanent "Your Speed is" radar signs have been installed along Dean Road and thanked Chief John Camoia and Public Works Superintendent Jeff Cooper and his crew for their prompt installation. He further reported that he and Councilman Andrew are planning a Veterans Day celebration at the Gazebo in Borough Park. More information will be forthcoming.

Council Member Andrews also reported that the Hometown Hero Banner program is on track and the first set of banners have been ordered to honor the following Mendham Borough veterans: Al Bocchino, Lou Serrano, Sal Grievo, Robert Collins, Pete Cillo and William Kelly.

Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Martin had nothing new to report.

Public Works and Utilities [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly reported that the basketball courts have been relined and reported that the DPW crews are repairing stormwater basins located in the Mendham Commons. DPW crews are readying trucks and equipment for snow plowing operations.

Land Use [Standing Committee of the Council] and ECOSST Committee

Council Member Reilly reported that Girl Scout Troop 95084 has submitted a proposal to create a new yoga area at Mountain Valley Park and to repair and clean up the horseshoe pit and place cut log benches near the bridge as part of their Silver Award Project. The Girl Scouts would also be planning an opening event to introduce their Silver Award project, which would need to be completed before December 1st. He reported that the Borough Clerk has forwarded the project proposal to Recreation Director, Public Works Superintendent and Administrator for their review and comments and recommended that the Council provide their conditional approval so that the Girl Scouts can take advantage of the fall seasonal weather.

Motion: Council Member Reilly made a motion to approve Girl Scout Troop 95084 Silver Award project at Mountain Valley Park contingent upon approvals by the appropriate municipal departments.

Second: Council Member Kelly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

Motion approved. ECOOST and the Public Works Superintendent to coordinate with the Girl Scouts and oversee the project to completion.

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ATTORNEY'S ITEMS

Mr. Semrau advised that attorney Susan Sharpe from his office prepared the new solicitation ordinance that was introduced upon first reading at tonight's meeting and thanked her for efforts. He further advised that a meeting is being planned with residents to share information on the Prospect Street walkway easement. Notices will be mailed to all neighborhood property owners.

Mr. Semrau also advised that the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL) will be sponsoring a 45-minute video webinar on best practices. Elected officials attending the seminar earn a \$250 credit towards the town's MEL premium. Mr. Semrau will follow up with more information and details.

MAYOR'S ITEMS

Council President Badal announced Mayor Serrano-Glassner's following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

[Members appointed by the Mayor with approval by the Borough Council]

John Egerter Regular Member 10/15/2020 to 12/31/2020 [fill vacancy due to a resignation]
Neil Sullivan Regular Member 10/15/2020 to 12/31/2020 [fill vacancy due to a resignation]

Dave Sprandel Alternate I Member 10/15/2020 to 12/31/2020 [fill unexpired term]

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly Second: Council Member Reilly

Ayes: Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council President Badal opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak, Council President Badal closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List dated October 14, 2020.

Resolution #059-2020, passed at the March 18, 2020 Special Meeting, provided the Borough Administrator authorization to approve vouchers subject to the availability of funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, Council President Badal asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Kelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Reilly. Upon a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Mendham Borough Mayor and Council will be held on October 26, 2020, 8:00PM, the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Robin R. Kline

Robin R. Kline, MAS, RMC, CMR Borough Clerk BOROUGH OF MENDHAM