

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

November 1, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Henry called the November 1, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 8:03 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Henry led a moment of silence and then proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING STATEMENT

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor Neil Henry
Councilman John Andrews
Councilman Brad Badal
Councilwoman Christine Serrano-Glassner
Councilman David Sharkey
Council President John Andrus

ABSENT:

Councilman Stanley Witzak

Also present were:

Fred Semrau, Esquire
Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
Mimi M. Marlor, RMC, Borough Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting of October 18, 2018
2. Application for Blue Light Permit – Kevin R. Wood
3. Banner Request - Mendham High School Cheer Team sponsoring Vendor Fair from 12/3/2018 through 12/10/2018

Motion to approve: Councilman Andrus

Second: Councilman Sharkey

Roll Call:

In favor: Andrews, Badal, Glassner, Sharkey, Andrus

Opposed: None

Recusal: Andrews (for Blue Light Permit only)

Absent: Witzak

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

ACTION TAKEN – RESOLUTIONS

179-2018 Resolution to Authorize a Bingo License for Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Motion: to Approve: Councilman Andrus

Second: Councilwoman Glassner

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

In favor: Andrews, Badal, Glassner, Sharkey, Andrus
Opposed: None
Recusal: None
Absent: Witczak

180-2018 Resolution Authorizing Change in Working Hours for Health Benefits

Motion: to Approve: Councilwoman Glassner

Second: Councilman Andrews

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

In favor: Andrews, Badal, Glassner, Sharkey, Andrus

Opposed: None

Recusal: None

Absent: Witczak

181-2018 Resolution to Hire a Seasonal Laborer/Driver/Operator Part-Time Class II –
Public Works

Motion: to Approve: Councilman Badal

Second: Councilwoman Glassner

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

In favor: Andrews, Badal, Glassner, Sharkey, Andrus

Opposed: None

Recusal: None

Absent: Witczak

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Councilwoman Glassner stated that the newly installed Gazebo looks great. Mayor Henry asked if the Roe Farm issues were all squared away. Administrator Bushman stated that it would be resubmitted next week.

Hearing no additional questions or comments Mayor Henry moved on.

COUNCIL REPORTS, OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Committee

Councilman Witczak was absent.

Finance Committee

Council President Andrus stated that he and the finance committee together with Administrator Bushman, Doug Wright, Sue Giordano and the Borough Auditor, Bud Jones met last week to review a 15-18 year proposed sewer plant capital expenditure plan. He stated they also looked at an 8-10 plan for the Borough. He noted that he would like to get the finance committee back together with the Police Department, First Aid Squad, and DPW before the end of his tenure to review the long range plans and the expected reduction of debt that will begin after 2019 payments. He asked the Administrator to set up a meeting after he returned from vacation on November 15th. He concluded his report.

Land Use Committee and Environmental Commission

Councilman Sharkey stated that all the Committees are ready to move forward on the consolidation. He asked Attorney Semrau next steps. Attorney Semrau stated that he could prepare a draft of a new Ordinance and the Council could review it at the next meeting. Attorney Semrau further clarified that if they could conclude their comments on November 15th they could still pass the Ordinance in 2018 and move forward into 2019 under the new umbrella of the combined Open Space and Environmental Committees. Councilman Sharkey thanked everyone that worked on the Scott Farm project and concluded his report.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Andrews shared that in response to last meetings resident concern for excessive speed on Dean Road, Chief Camoia had the speed trailer deployed to remind motorists of their speed. He reported that the First Aid Squad took delivery of a new Stryker auto load /unload stretcher system.

He stated the squad was trained and the rig is in service. He shared the call report and noted 59 calls for October and YTD equaled 421. He shared that it compared to 2017 YTD of 355 call. There was a 66 call increase which translated to 19%. He added this was all with less volunteers.

He noted that the Borough and Township Police Departments will be drop off locations for Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign. Additionally he reported that the new lights in the Police Department parking lot have been installed and there is a noticeable difference, He stated the Borough plan's to advertise this location as a good place to make online purchase exchanges. Councilman Andrews had nothing else and concluded his report.

Personnel Committee and Local Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Glassner reported that the Personnel Committee is still working on the personnel manual updates. They plan to meet again soon to continue their review. Councilwoman Glassner also shared that the Ad-hoc Economic Committee has received and is looking at the market profile. They are hoping to get better photography for the layout and stated she would keep them informed. She concluded her report.

Public Works and Utilities Committee

Councilman Badal reported that DPW helped with the lights at the Police Department and replaced the outside light on the back of the Garabrant Center. They have replaced the seats at the park and finished putting in the pad for the gazebo and Superintendent Cooper has received a new quote for tennis courts at \$133,000. The practice wall is not included in this amount. That would be an additional \$35,000. Jeff Cooper is also working on quotes for the heating system in this building. He concluded his report.

ATTORNEY ITEMS

Attorney Semrau stated that he had nothing to add at this time. He concluded his comments.

MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Henry stated he attended an open house at the High School with the school district and the town. He shared that the lights at the high school are being well received and communication remains positive. He also commented that he attended a meeting with Joyce and Mike Zedalis to review the Black Horse Application. Two items remain open: roof and paint color. The Historic Preservation Commission is working hard to retain the integrity of the Historic District and the Black Horse is working with the Committee and they are all making progress. He concluded his comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Henry opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Laura Montenegro, 8 Linden Lane, asked if Councilman Andrews had specific data regarding the increase in the EMS calls. John Andrews answered he did not. Additionally Laura Montenegro asked was the quote for the tennis courts for one court or two and where was the location? Councilman Badal answered it was for both courts at the Orchard Street complex. She thanked the Council and concluded her comments.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Henry closed the public session.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bill Lists dated November 1, 2018.

Motion to approve: Councilman Andrus

Second: Councilman Sharkey

Roll Call:

In favor: Andrews, Badal, Glassner, Sharkey, Andrus

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Witczak

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. There being no other business to be conducted, on a motion duly made by Councilman Andrews, seconded by Councilman Sharkey, and unanimously carried by a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will convene on November 15, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mimi M. Marlor, RMC, CMR Borough Clerk
BOROUGH OF MENDHAM