

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Neil Henry called the December 11, 2010 special meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 9:00a.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Henry offered a moment of silent meditation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance .

OPENING STATEMENT

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

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Neil Henry

Council President David Murphy
Councilman Louis Garubo
Councilman Brad Badal
Councilman Stanley Witczak
Councilman John Andrus
Councilman David Sharkey

Also present: Ellen Sandman, Borough Administrator
Sue Giordano, Chief Financial Officer
Bud Jones, Borough Auditor

Absent: None

DISCUSSION:

Francis J. Jones, of Nisivoccia & Co., LLC:

Bud Jones was present at the Budget meeting and discussed the tax levy and appropriations CAP. He noted that all the details of the 2011 budget have not been firmed up by the State as of this date. He estimated that our fund balance at the end of 2010 will be flat and approximately the same as it was at the end of 2009.

2011 Budget Presentations:

• **Fire Department -Chief Mike Bruin/Richard DeNicola**

Discussion was held with regard to insurance coverage for the fire department through the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund. The Fire Department has an umbrella policy through a private carrier to cover their members for areas that are not covered through the JIF. The Fire Department representatives requested a representative from the JIF to meet with them to explain exactly what coverage they have and if the additional umbrella policy is needed.

Chief Bruin recommended getting all of their members titer tested at the same time for the hepatitis B vaccine.

Councilman Witczak suggested a shared services agreement for fit testing with Morris County.

The sharing of the cost of an ID creator with Mendham Township and the Police Department was presented.

- **Police Department -Chief John Taylor**

Chief Taylor answered specific questions with regard to his budget. It was noted that Judge Troxell has been appointed judge to the Madison-Chatham courts.

- **Department of Public Works-Ken O'Brien**

Superintendent O'Brien responded to questions with regard to the Department of Public Works budget. Discussion on fencing around some of the parks and purchasing of a used roller instead of a new one were discussed. The Council requested that Superintendent O'Brien prioritize his capital projects.

- **First Aid Squad -Captain Barbara Nelson**

Captain Nelson represented the First Aid Squad at the budget meeting, since the newly elected Captain Paula Oswald was out of the town. Insurance coverage for the First Aid Squad was discussed. It was specifically noted that members responding to First Aid calls in their personal vehicles were not covered by the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund.

Councilman Andrus requested that the small capital items be listed in the Squad's operating budget, instead of in the Capital budget.

Councilwoman Elect Veronica Daily asked if ambulances and fire trucks have an established useful life. It was determined that they do not. It was noted that the Borough Fire Department is in the planning stage of getting a new fire truck, which led to a lengthy discussion on this purchase.

It was announced that Adrian Humbert is retiring July 1, 2011. There was discussion with regard to sharing the services for a professional planner with the anticipation of establishing a lower hourly rate for this service.

Discussions were held on possible cuts to the operating budget and the prioritizing of the Borough's capital projects.

Councilman Witczak requested the prioritizing of the streets scheduled for paving throughout the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business scheduled for the consideration of the Mayor and Council at this time, on a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 Noon, next to convene at the Regular Meeting to be held on December 20, 2010 at 8:00 PM at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, NJ 07945.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Massey, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk