

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

JANUARY 7, 2021 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner called the January 7, 2021 Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Serrano Glassner led a moment of silence and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mayor Serrano Glassner read the following statement:

Notice of this Reorganization 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. Official action will be taken at this meeting.

During a declared state of emergency when meetings of the Mayor and Council are held remotely, written comments to be read during the public hearings or public comment period listed on the agenda may be submitted in writing to our Borough Clerk electronically by email, or by letter, no later than 4:00PM on the date of the meeting. Only one public comment, whether oral or written, from each person at each public comment period will, as with all public comments, be heard or read. The reading of the written comments will, as with all public comments, be limited to five minutes and the reading will end after five minutes.

INVOCATION

Mark Tosso, Youth Minister, St. Joseph Catholic Church gave the invocation.

STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS

The Borough Clerk presented the official Statement of Determination issued and sealed by the Morris County Board of Canvassers confirming the re-election of Brad Badal and John W. Andrews to the Mendham Borough Council at the November 3, 2020 General Election.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATHS OF OFFICE – ELECTED OFFICIALS

Brad Badal, Mendham Borough Council

Mayor Serrano Glassner administered the oath of office to Brad Badal. Councilman Badal was accompanied by his wife and family.

John W. Andrews, Mendham Borough Council

Mayor Serrano Glassner administered the oath of office to John W. Andrews. Councilman Andrews was accompanied by his wife.

ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

- Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner
- Council Member Steven Andrew
- Council Member John Andrews
- Council President Brad Badal
- Council Member James Kelly
- Council Member Mary Sue Martin [via Zoom conferencing]
- Council Member Brennan Reilly was absent.

Also present were:

- Susan Sharpe, Esq., Borough Attorney [via Zoom conferencing]
- Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
- Robin R. Kline, Borough Clerk [via Zoom conferencing]

MAYOR'S WELCOME

Mayor Serrano Glassner welcomed everyone to the 2021 Reorganization Meeting and thanked the following elected officials who were in attendance: Assemblywoman Aura Dunn, Morris County Commissioner Tafun Selen, Morris County Surrogate Heather Darling, and Morris County GOP Chair Laura Ally.

Mayor Serrano Glasser gave the following welcoming message:

“While 2020 was a challenging one for many of the residents of our town, for our governing bodies and for our outstanding first responders – the Borough of Mendham government, our residents and our business owners rose to every new occasion and triumphed in many ways. We are now stronger, we are wiser, and we are certainly more prepared for adversity than we ever thought we would need to be. I am happy to be with you all again here tonight and am looking forward to this new year with confidence, hope and optimism.

Mayor Serrano Glasser proceeded with Resolution #001-2021:

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL BY-LAWS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

001-2021 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BY-LAWS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Motion to Approve: Council Member Badal
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin
Absent: Reilly

Mayor Serrano Glassner made the following Council Standing Committee appointments for calendar year 2021 and asked for a motion from the Council:

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

[Mayoral appointments with Council approval pursuant to Article V of the Council By-laws]

- a. **Finance Committee**
Brad Badal, Chair John Andrews Steve Andrew
- b. **Public Safety Committee**
[including liaison to the Board of Health]
John Andrews, Chair James Kelly Mary Sue Martin
- c. **Recreation Committee**
[including liaison to the Regional and Local School Boards]
Steve Andrew, Chair Brennan Reilly Mary Sue Martin
- d. **Personnel Committee**
Mary Sue Martin, Chair John Andrews James Kelly
- e. **Public Works & Utilities**
James Kelly, Chair John Andrews Mary Sue Martin
- f. **Land Use Committee**
[including liaison to the Joint Land Use Board, Historic Preservation Commission and ECOSST]
Brennan Reilly, Chair Brad Badal Steve Andrew

Council Member Badal made a motion to approve the Mayor’s appointments to the Council Standing Committees for calendar year 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Andrew. A voice vote was taken with all in favor, none opposed.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

[Nomination and Election to be made by Council motion]

Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for nominations for the election of a Council President for calendar year 2021.

Council Member Badal nominated Council Member Andrews as Council President. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Andrew.

There being no other nominations for Council President, Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner called for a voice vote on the nomination of Council Member Andrew as Council President.

A voice vote was taken with all Council Members in favor, none opposed.

Council Member Andrews was appointed Council President for calendar year 2021.

Mayor Serrano-Glassner announced the following appointments to the Board of Health and asked the Council for a motion to approve:

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Appointments to the Board of Health [Council Motion Required]

Name	Position	Term of Office
John Nosta	Regular Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2023 [3-year term]
Melissa Young	Alternate II Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022 [2-year term]

Council Member Badal made a motion to approve the referenced appointments to the Board of Health. The motion was seconded by Council Member Andrew.

A voice vote was taken with all in favor, none opposed. Council Member Andrew recused himself from the vote.

Mayor Serrano Glassner made the following appointments to the ECOOST Committee:

Appointments to the Environmental, Open Space & Shade Tree Committee (ECOOST) [Mayoral appointments]

Name	Position	Term of Office
Eric Arena	Regular Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2023 [3-year term]
Thomas Wells	Alternate I	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [fill unexpired term]

Mayor Serrano Glassner made the following appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission:

Appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission [Mayoral appointments]

Name	Position	Term of Office
Michael Zedalis	Regular Member - Class B	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2024 [4-year term]
Addie Shafran	Regular Member – Class C	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2024 [4-year term]
Nancy Rodrigues	Alternate II	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022 [2-year term]

Mayor Serrano-Glassner made the following appointments to the Joint Land Use Board:

Appointments to the Joint Land Use Board [Mayoral appointments]

Name	Position	Term of Office
Christine Serrano Glassner	Class I - Mayor	Concurrent with office
Joyce Bushman	Class II	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [1-year term]
Sam Paone	Class IV Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2024 [4-year term]
Richard Smith	Class IV Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2024 [4-year term]
David Sprandel	Class IV Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2023 [3-year term]
Bryan Dick	Class IV Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2023 [3-year term]
Robert Ritger	Class IV Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [1-year term]
John Egerter	Class IV Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [1-year term]
Keith Kay	Alternate 1A	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022 [2-year term]
James Bradley	Alternate 2A	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022 [2-year term]
Margaret Timoney	Alternate 3A	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [1-year term]
Fred Corona	Alternate 4A	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [1-year term]
Neil Sullivan	Alternate 1B	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [1-year term]
Debbie D’Urso	Alternate 2B	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [1-year term]

Council Appointment of Class III Member to the Joint Land Use Board [Council Motion Required]

Council Member Brennan Reilly Term of Office: 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

Council Member Badal made a motion to approve Council Member Reilly as the Class III Member to the Joint Land Use Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Andrew.

A voice vote was taken with all in favor, none opposed.

Appointments to the Recreation Committee [Council Motion Required]

[Members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council]

Name	Position	Term of Office
Joseph “Bud” Murphy	Regular Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021
Stephanie Fourie	Regular Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021
Kevin Lanahan	Regular Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022
Dianne Ackerman	Regular Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022
Ned Panfile	Regular Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2023
Tim McChesney	Alternate I Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022
Brianne Tuthill	Alternate II Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2023
Colleen O’Mahoney	Junior Member (Senior)	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021
James Fourie	Junior Member (Junior)	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022

Council Member Badal made a motion to approve the Mayor’s appointments to the Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Andrew.

A voice vote was taken with all in favor, none opposed.

Mayor Serrano-Glassner made the following appointments to the Hometown Heroes Banner Committee:

Appointments to the Hometown Heroes Banner Committee [Mayoral appointments]

[Five members appointed by the Mayor. One member must be an elected official. Membership preference is given to U.S. military veterans and family members.]

Name	Position	Term of Office
James Cillo	Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [1-year term]
James Hendron	Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [1-year term]
James Laughlin	Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [1-year term]
Patricia Serrano	Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [1-year term]
John W. Andrews	Member - Elected official	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 [1-year term]

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS [Council Motions Required]

Appointment of the Captain of the Mendham Borough First Aid Squad for Calendar Year 2021

[Pursuant to §22-3 of the Code of Mendham Borough]

Jon Alperin Term of Office: 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022

Council Member Badal made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Council Member Andrews. A voice vote was taken with all in favor, none opposed.

Appointment of the Fire Official/Fire Marshall for the Borough of Mendham for Calendar Year 2021

[Pursuant to §106-5 of the Code of Mendham Borough]

John Zaragoza Term of Office: 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022

Council Member Badal made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Council Member Andrews. A voice vote was taken with all in favor, none opposed.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Serrano-Glassner made the following appointments:

Appointment of the Fire Chief for the Mendham Borough Fire Department for Calendar Year 2021

[In accordance with §20-2 of the Code of Mendham Borough]

Michael Bruin Term of Office: 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022

Appointment of the Emergency Management Office (OEM) Coordinator for the Borough of Mendham

[Pursuant to N.J.S.A. Appendix A: 9-33 et seq. and Directive 22 Issued by the State Office of Emergency Management]

Anthony Maresca Term of Office: 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2023

Appointment of Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators for the Borough of Mendham

[Pursuant to N.J.S.A. Appendix A: 9-33 et seq. and Directive 22 Issued by the State Office of Emergency Management]

- John Camoia, Mendham Borough Police Chief
- Jeff Cooper, Mendham Borough Department of Public Works Superintendent
- Jon Alperin, Mendham First Aid Squad Captain
- Michael Bruin, Mendham Fire Department Chief
- Paul Cascais

Appointment of Officials to the Municipal Emergency Management Council for the Borough of Mendham

[In accordance with N.J.S.A. Appendix A: 9-41, as amended]

- Mendham Borough OEM Coordinator - Chair
- Mendham Borough Mayor
- Borough Administrator
- Department of Public Works Superintendent
- Mendham Borough Police Chief
- Mendham Borough Fire Chief
- Mendham Borough First Aid Captain
- Bernards Township Health Department representative
- West Morris Regional High School District representative
- Mendham Borough Board of Education representative

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATHS OF OFFICE – APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Jon Alperin, Captain for the Mendham First Aid Squad

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner administered the Oath of Office to First Aid Squad Captain Jon Alperin. Captain Alperin was accompanied by his wife and son.

RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION

002-2021 FLETCHER LIBRARY TRUST [Resolution to be read in full]

Mayor Serrano-Glassner read Resolution #002-2021 in full and asked for a motion to approve.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Badal
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin
Absent: Reilly

003-2021 ANDREW FLETCHER THREE FIELDS MEMORIAL TRUST [Resolution to be read in full]

Mayor Serrano-Glassner read Resolution #003-2021 in full and asked for a motion to approve.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Badal
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin
Absent: Reilly

004-2021 TEMPORARY GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Motion to Approve: Council Member Badal
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin
Absent: Reilly

005-2020 TEMPORARY UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Motion to Approve: Council Member Badal
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin
Absent: Reilly

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Serrano Glassner announced that the items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are to 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.

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting and Executive Session Meeting
RESOLUTIONS:

- 006-2021 ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**
- 007-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**
- 008-2021 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MUNICIPAL HOLIDAYS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**
- 009-2021 RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE POLICY OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM TO TREAT THE PUBLIC, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, APPOINTEES, VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH ALL APPLICABLE CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**
- 010-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTEREST RATE AND PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS AND DELINQUENT SEWER UTILITY PAYMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**
- 011-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO HOLD A TAX LIEN SALE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2021**
- 012-2021 RESOLUTION CANCELING OVERPAYMENT OR UNDERPAYMENT OF TAXES, SEWER FEES AND OTHER CHARGES AND FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10.00 OR LESS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**
- 013-2021 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**
- 014-2021 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORIES FOR PUBLIC MONIES AND OTHER FUNDS COLLECTED BY MENDHAM BOROUGH FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**
- 015-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHECK AND VOUCHER SIGNATURES FOR THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**
- 016-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO DORSEY AND SEMRAU LLC FOR MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY SERVICES**
- 017-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO NISIVOCCIA LLC FOR MUNICIPAL AUDITING SERVICES**
- 018-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO FERRIERO ENGINEERING, INC. FOR MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**
- 019-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO JAMES R. WANCHO, P.E. OF PAULUS, SOKOLOWSKI AND SARTOR, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY**
- 020-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT**

COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI, JACOBS LLC FOR MUNICIPAL LABOR ATTORNEY SERVICES

- 021-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO HAWKINS, DELAFIELD AND WOOD, LLC FOR MUNICIPAL BOND COUNSEL SERVICES
- 022-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO SKYLANDS RISK MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES
- 023-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR MUNICIPAL PLANNER SERVICES
- 024-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO STORMWATER COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR NJDEP STORMWATER PERMITTING COMPLIANCE CONSULTING SERVICES
- 025-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO MOREHOUSE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE SCADA SYSTEM AT THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY
- 026-2021 RESOLUTION APPOINTING CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021
- 027-2021 RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRIAN VALLIERE AS ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF THE WATER RECLAMATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
- 028-2021 RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOYCE BUSHMAN AS COMMISSIONER AND JEFF COOPER AS ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER TO THE MORRIS COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021
- 029-2021 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JEANNE PUGSLEY AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021
- 030-2021 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL AND A SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL FOR THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021
- 031-2021 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FEE AND RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Council Member Badal
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin
Absent: Reilly

OTHER RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION

032-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS M. HESPE AS TAX COLLECTOR AND AS TAX SEARCH OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

Motion to Approve: Council Member Badal
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin
Absent: Reilly

033-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOYCE E. BUSHMAN AS BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Motion to Approve: Council Member Badal
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin
Absent: Reilly

034-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF REOCCURRING EXPENDITURES BY THE BOROUGH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Motion to Approve: Council Member Badal
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin
Absent: Reilly

035-2021 RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY MODIFYING CERTAIN OUTDOOR DINING REQUIREMENTS TO ENABLE LOCAL RESTAURANTS TO IMPLEMENT SOCIAL DISTANCING AND FACILITATE SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Motion to Approve: Council Member Badal
Second: Council Member Andrew
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin
Absent: Reilly

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Serrano Glassner gave the following Annual Message:

“Welcome and thank you all for joining us this evening.

“A year ago, we gathered dressed in our Roaring Twenties finery and had great hopes for 2020. That party was over quickly but the hangover felt like it went on forever with the many challenges that we faced. I am grateful that we have left last year behind, and hopeful for the clean slate a new calendar brings. We did not pass through the year completely unscathed. We lost friends and family in much greater numbers than should be reasonable to expect. As we move forward and away from the trials of 2020, we should never forget the Mendham Borough residents that we left behind in that storm. Let us take just a couple of seconds here to keep them in our thoughts...

“We did, however, weather the pandemic storm and power outage here in Mendham Borough because we worked together. We have a dynamic group of individuals who sign up and show up for duty regardless of the circumstances -- and they stay on duty until calmness rules. Of course, this includes our professional staff, who after 2020 can now say they have seen it all. This also includes our many professional volunteer residents. All that were involved had to operate in an environment of constantly changing rules, that like so many towns, damaged our local small businesses and stretched our finances beyond what is normal. Our entire OEM Team, which includes our:

- Police
- First Aid Squad
- Fire Department
- DPW
- Water Reclamation Facility
- Department of Health
- And, our Administrator and staff

“I have come to believe these people are some of the most creative and determined people I know. We found PPE when there was none to be had, cared for our residents at the risk of our own health, and found new solutions for complicated problems. My thanks go out to all of you, our everyday heroes, who put in the extra hours, put on the Tyvek suits, listened in on long conference calls, and helped our residents in every way possible.

“I also want to mention our residents and business owners. We have many people who rose to the new challenges of the day. It is our Mendham Borough folks like John Kim of Robinson’s who came to our rescue in helping us purchase PPE, and so many others who sewed for new friends, delivered groceries, donated to food banks, and delivered meals to front line workers. You all make up the tone of Mendham, this peaceful place we call home.

“We try to offer the kind of day-to-day life that brings people here to Mendham, a place that represents safety and familiarity. Together we all work towards providing the best services we can and a place that helps us find balance.

“The unrest we saw in our Capitol yesterday is not the kind of balance or democracy we all hope for in America. Yesterday and last night was an echo of the same behavior that we have seen in cities across the country like Portland, Seattle, and New York City, and in Portland’s case has gone on for months without end. Here in Mendham Borough, I believe we strive for a life where all members of our community can express their political views in a respectful way that keeps the spirit of democracy alive. The kind of democracy where residents can disagree politically, then get together at the Pub for a beer and give political talk a rest.

“What can we all expect in Mendham in 2021? Hopefully little more uneventful. Some of the projects we are looking to:

- Phoenix House restoration
- Day camp resuming
- More recycling events
- Expanding our tree planting program
- Making improvements to our parks
- Reconstituting our Economic Development Committee
- Merging our land use boards

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Mendham Borough Mayor and Council will convene on January 13, 2021 at 8:00 PM in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham and remotely via Zoom webinar.

Respectfully Submitted:

/ Robin R. Kline /

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