

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

**January 13, 2021
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner called the January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey and remotely by Zoom webinar, Meeting ID 850 9987 1841.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE

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

MAYOR'S OPENING STATEMENT

Mayor Serrano Glassner 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. 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 four minutes and the reading will end after four minutes.

ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

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

Also present were:

Fred Semrau, Esq., Borough Attorney [via Zoom conferencing]
Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
Robin R. Kline, Borough Clerk [via Zoom conferencing]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Anthony Maresca Mendham Borough OEM Coordinator
Term of Office: 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2023

Mayor Serrano Glassner administered the oath of office to Anthony Maresca. Mr. Maresca was accompanied by his wife.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Serrano Glassner announced the following appointments:

Appointment to the Environmental, Open Space & Shade Tree Committee (ECOOST)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Thomas Wells	Alternate I Member	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2023 [3-year term]

Appointments to the Joint Land Use Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Debbie D'Urso	Alternate 2B	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022 [2-year term]

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

None.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

None.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

None.

RESOLUTIONS

#036-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO FERRIERO ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE DEAN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS SECTION 1 & 2 PROJECT

Mayor Serrano Glassner noted that the New Jersey DOT awarded two grants to Mendham Borough for the Dean Road Improvement Project.

There was no Council discussion.

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

#037-2021 RESOLUTION AWARDDING A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL AND BULK WASTE (TYPE 13) TO BLUE DIAMOND DISPOSAL, INC.

The Borough Administrator provided a summary of the bidding regulations for residential solid waste and recycling collection services, as well as the process and timeline undertaken by Mendham Borough's administration. Blue Diamond was the sole contractor submitting a sealed bid for the disposal of recyclable material and Type 13 bulk waste. The 5-year contract amount of the submitted bid is \$1,347,375 (\$269,475 annually over the contract term). Overall, costs increased 40% over the prior 5-year contract. Collection services will include residential curbside collection once a week. The recycling dumpsters at the DPW will no longer be available to the public.

Mr. Semrau further advised that the bid had been advertised throughout the state and posted on the internet in efforts to reach the largest pool of vendors. In addition, he advised that the administration had contacted licensed haulers directly in efforts to solicit interest.

Mayor Serrano Glassner confirmed that in speaking with other mayors throughout Morris County, she learned that it is common for a municipality to receive only one bid. Waste management services are largely territorial.

The Council inquired whether residents must provide their own containers and whether electronics recycling and yard waste collection would continue. The Borough Administrator confirmed that residents will continue to provide their own recycling and bulk waste containers and that the DPW will continue to accept electronics, as well as leaves and grass clippings at the DPW yard from Borough residents.

There was no further Council discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Serrano Glassner opened the meeting for public comment on Resolution #038-2021.

Janet Cicareillo-Cook, 21 Phoenix Drive, inquired what factors caused a 40% increase in the 5-year contract for the disposal of recyclable material and 13 bulk waste.

Conrad Steeneck, 39 Franklin Road, inquired what date the contract would go into effect. Administration answered that February 1 is a tentative date, but the effective date of service would be determined upon the execution of contract documents and surety bonds.

Lauri Stroup, 11 Knollwood Drive, questioned if the Morris County Municipal Utility Authority (MCMUA) was considered for recycling collection. Administration informed that MCMUA provided a cost of \$229,000 per year for recycling only, while Blue Diamond's bid of \$269,000 per year included the collection and disposal of recyclable and bulk waste materials.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to comment, Mayor Serrano Glassner closed public comment on resolution #038-2021 and asked for a motion from the Council.

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

Council Member Badal recused himself from the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Serrano-Glassner closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

There were no electronic or written comments received by the Borough Clerk from the public in advance of the public meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#038-2021 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A CLOSED SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham will adjourn into closed session to discuss the following subject matter(s) without the presence of the public in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act exemptions, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

Matters to be discussed: Attorney-Client Privilege Matter - Sidewalk Maintenance
Attorney-Client Privilege Matter: Prospect Street Easement
Personnel Matter: Police Hiring

Following the closed session, no other matters will be discussed or acted upon in public session by the governing body. The Mayor and Council will reconvene into public session only for purpose of adjourning the public meeting.

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

The Mayor and Council convened into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

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The Mayor and Council reconvened into public session at 9:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to adjourn. Council President Andrews made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Upon a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Mendham Borough Mayor and Council will be held January 25, 2021 at 8:00 PM, the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham and remotely by Zoom webinar.

Respectfully Submitted:

/ Robin R. Kline /

Robin R. Kline, MAS, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk
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