

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

**February 10, 2021  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner called the February 10, 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 841 3578 7813.

**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 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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)**

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting and Closed Session Meeting

There was no Council discussion.

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

**PRESENTATION**

**Whippany River Watershed Action Committee**

Mayor Serrano Glassner welcomed Ms. Alison Deeb, WRWAC Facilitator, and Mr. Siva Jonnada, Outreach Chair, for the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee ("WRWAC"), who joined the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Ms. Deeb thanked the Governing Body for the opportunity to present information regarding the mission and accomplishments of the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee ("WRWAC"). She mentioned that WRWAC is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in promoting environmental stewardship of the Whippany River watershed and provided copies of the organization's Annual Report, which featured the many programs, activities, and accomplishments. She further mentioned that this year on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> the WRWAC will be hosting an inaugural BioBlitz Event at the Lewis Morris County Park. During the event volunteers will work with naturalist teams in collecting flora and fauna data of the area and preparing environmental inventories.

Ms. Deeb further reported that WRWAC recently was awarded the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award in the Water Resources Category. She encouraged the public to visit [www.wrwap.org](http://www.wrwap.org) to learn more about the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee.

Mr. Jonnada, the WRWAC's Outreach Chair and a member of the Morris Township Environmental Commission, briefly spoke about the organization's different activities, which he mentioned are designed to engage each of

the 13 communities situated within the watershed. River clean up and water quality monitoring programs, as well as educational seminars featuring prominent guest speakers are offered free to the public.

Following the presentation, the Governing Body thanked Ms. Deeb and Mr. Jonnada for their informative presentation. Council Member Reilly requested additional information about the WRWAC's Rain Garden project and grant funding.

#### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

None.

#### **ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**

##### **#01-2021 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING AN NJDEP MODEL ORDINANCE FOR STORMWATER CONTROL**

Mayor Serrano Glassner announced that a legal notice was published indicating that Ordinance #01-2021 was introduced and passed on first reading at the January 25, 2021 meeting and further indicated that the second reading and public hearing would be held on February 10, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the public and posted in accordance with the law.

Ordinance #01-2021 requires review and comment by the Joint Land Use Board. Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to table the public hearing/adoption to the February 22, 2021 Council meeting.

##### **Motion to Table:**

Council Member Andrew made a motion to table the public hearing/adoption to the February 22, 2021 Council meeting to allow review and comment from the Joint Land Use Board.

Second: Council President Andrews

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

The public hearing and consideration of the adoption of Ordinance #02-2021 was tabled to the February 22, 2021 Council meeting.

##### **#02-2021 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ARTICLE XVII, RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO CONSOLIDATE RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

Mayor Serrano Glassner announced that a legal notice was published indicating that Ordinance #02-2021 was introduced and passed on first reading at the January 25, 2021 meeting and further indicated that the second reading and public hearing would be held on February 10, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the public and posted in accordance with the law.

Mayor Serrano Glassner reported that this Ordinance would be tabled so that additional research may be completed.

##### **Motion to Table:**

Council Member Andrew made a motion to table the public hearing/adoption to the February 22, 2021 Council meeting to allow further review and recommendation by the Public Safety Committee.

Second: Council President Andrews

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

The public hearing and consideration of the adoption of Ordinance #02-2021 was tabled to the February 22, 2021 Council meeting.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

##### **#043-2021 RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR BIOASSAY TESTING SERVICES AT THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT TO AMERICAN AQUATIC TESTING, INC.**

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew

Second: Council President Andrews

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

##### **#044-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO PAULUS, SOKOLOWSKI & SARTOR, LLC FOR INTERIM S-3 LICENSED WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATOR SERVICES AND C-2 LICENSED COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATOR SERVICES AT THE BOROUGH'S WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY**

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew

Second: Council President Andrews

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

**#045-2021 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH SAME**

There was no Council discussion.

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

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

A copy of the Administrator’s Report dated February 10, 2021 was distributed to the Governing Body. The administrator also reported that a meeting was recently held with the ECOSST Committee to review the Scott Farm Preservation Grant project.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]**

Council President Badal reported that the 2021 Budget would be introduced at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting.

**Board of Health**

Council Member Andrew had nothing new to report.

**Recreation and Parks [Standing Committee of the Council]**

Council Member Andrew reported that the Recreation Committee is sponsoring a Valentine Door Decorating Contest and encouraged residents to participate.

**Board of Education**

Council Member Andrew had nothing new to report.

**Public Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]**

Council President Andrews reported that he attended the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Health meeting and informed everyone that the Bernards Township Department of Health is being approved as a COVID-19 vaccination site, which will be located at the St. James Church in Bernards Township. It is anticipated that the vaccination site will be up and running in early March.

Council President Andrews also reported that the police department ordered a new “Stop for Pedestrians” sign for the crosswalk at Mountain Avenue and Mountain Valley Pond near Patriots Path. Lastly, he reported the Public Safety Committee will be meeting on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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 DPW crews have been kept busy with the recent snowstorms. 300 tons of road salt has been ordered. He further reported that expenses related to the February 1-2, 2021 snowstorm event are eligible for FEMA grant reimbursement.

Mayor Serrano Glasser thanked public works, police, and water reclamation facility employees for their efforts during the recent snowstorms.

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

Council Member Reilly had nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY’S ITEMS**

Mr. Semrau advised that his office would be presenting the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL) seminar on best practices to the governing body next month before the Council meeting begins. Elected officials attending the seminar earn a \$250 credit towards the town’s MEL premium.

**MAYOR’S ITEMS**

Mayor Serrano Glassner announced Mendham Borough will be implementing the Everbridge Nixel alert system. Residents can register to receive alert notifications by phone, text messaging or mobile app. More information will be provided once the system is operational.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

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

Priscilla Beck, 16 Coventry Road, commented that she was able to remotely join tonight’s Council meeting by Zoom and thanked the Municipal Clerk for her assistance.

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

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Bills List dated February 10, 2021.

The Bills List dated February 10, 2021 had been posted on the website for full disclosure to the public.

The Council did not act on the approval of vouchers. Resolution #034-2021, passed by the Council at the January 7, 2021 Reorganization, authorized the Borough Administrator to disburse and/or authorize payment, subject to the availability of funds, for reoccurring necessary expenses during the Public Health Emergency.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**#046-2021 A 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 adjourned into closed session to discuss the following subject matter without the presence of the public in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act exemptions, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

- Matters discussed:
1. Personnel Matter: Request for short-term medical leave of absence.
  2. Attorney-Client Privilege: Sisters of Charity
  3. Attorney-Client Privilege: Vape Shop Legislation

Following the closed session, no other matters were to be discussed or acted upon in public session.

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

The Mayor and Council convened into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

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The Mayor and Council reconvened into public session at 10:00 p.m. only for purpose of adjourning the public meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to conduct, Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Andrews made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Kelly. Upon a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Mendham Borough Mayor and Council is scheduled for February 22, 2021 at 8:00 PM, the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham and virtually by Zoom webinar.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Robin R. Kline*

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