

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

February 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner called the February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner 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 the Star Ledger, and was posted on the Phoenix House bulletin board in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner
Councilman Steven Andrew
Councilman John Andrews
Councilman Brad Badal
Councilman Kelly
Councilman Brennan Reilly
Councilman David Sharkey

ABSENT:

None

Also present were:

Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
Fred Semrau, Esq.
Michelle Masser, RMC

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Minutes Unavailable

CONSENT AGENDA:

Raffle Application 2019-04: PTO Mendham High School, 50/50 Off Premises, May 2, 2019

Raffle Application 2019-05: PTO Mendham High School, Prom Raffle, Off Premises, May 2, 2019

Raffle Application #2019-06: PTO Mendham High School, Tricky Tray, May 2, 2019

Raffle Application #2019-07: The Home and School Association of Somerset Hills, On-Premises Merchandise, March 22, 2019

Banner Request: Mendham Business Association: Sidewalk Sales, May 24, 2019 – June 9, 2019

Banner Request: Mendham Business Association: Holly Trail, November 22, 2019 – December 8, 2019

Banner Request: PTO Mendham High School: Project Graduation, April 19, 2019 to May 3, 2019

Resolution 53-2019: Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2018-2, 58 Mountain Avenue, Block 403, Lot 20

Resolution 54-2019: Resolution Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of 2016, 2017 and 2018 Property Taxes, John & Robyn Brown, 26 Kerby Lane, Block 2201, Lot 10.07

Resolution 55-2019: Resolution Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 Property Taxes, Stephen and Laura Toma, 50 Spring Hill Road, Block 2401, Lot 19

Resolution 56-2019: Resolution Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of 2018 Property Taxes, Xuming Wang & Bei Hua Zhu, 271 Hilltop Road, Block 2201, Lot 5

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sharkey

Second: Councilman Andrew

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

MOTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

57-2019 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham, Morris County, in Support of Submission of a Grant Application to Receive Funding for Preservation of the Scott Farm Barn.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Andrews

Second: Councilman Andrew

Discussion: Councilman Sharkey and Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator both state that Darby Scott will have more information on the preservation plan.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

58-2019 A Resolution of the Borough of Mendham, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Amending the Borough of Mendham Banner Policy to Designate Borough-Sponsored Events as Tier One Priority.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Badal

Second: Councilman Sharkey

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

59-2019 Resolution of the Borough of Mendham Authorizing Submission of the 2018 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Andrew
Second: Councilman Sharkey
Discussion: None
Roll Call: Passed unanimously

60-2019 Resolution of the Borough of Mendham, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, to Temporarily Supersede Certain Portions of the Borough Code as it Pertains to the Environmental Commission, Open Space Committee and Shade Tree Advisory Committee.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Reilly
Second: Councilman Kelly
Discussion: Councilman Reilly asks if students would be a part of this. Fred Semrau, Esq. replies No, that it would just be informative.
Roll Call: Passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator gives her report. (see report attached)

Councilman Sharkey has questions regarding the personnel manual. He states that it is difficult to write and asks if there is a model manual to follow. Fred Semrau Esq. replies that the Borough is in compliance but the Borough should try to make policies specific to them.

Councilman Badal asks when they will be receiving the lease for the Petsch House. Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator replies that she will send it out to everyone tomorrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Badal explains they are working on combining Shade Tree, Open Space and Environmental Commission. He talks about Historic Preservation signage guidelines and adds that the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment did not meet.

Councilman Kelly speaks about Public Works and the maintenance around the Borough. He gives an update on the generator explaining that maintenance has been postponed because it is in need of a part. He adds that there had been a sewer back up by Mountain View School where the sewage was overflowing. Harrington Construction came out to assist and made repairs to the existing line and also cleared the roots away.

Councilman Sharkey states that they are working on personnel items. Specifically Recreation and the Borough Clerk positions. He adds that Shade Tree will be bringing in seedlings.

Councilman Andrews explains that the Public Safety Committee met last Tuesday, February 19, 2019. He refers to the Administrator's report where it touched briefly on and Ordinance update to the Police promotion process. The Chief is currently working with Fred Semrau, Esq. and it will eventually be on for Council discussion at a meeting in the near future. The Critical Incident Team met tonight where the Mayor was in attendance. One of the many topics they spoke about was power outages and the Borough's response to such an event and communicating with the public. The Mayor will be addressing this via Mendham Messenger, Facebook, Twitter, E-mail and Smart 911. He lets the Chief know that the speed sign was moved over to Dean Road. The Chief is happy with the use of the speed sign. He lets everyone know that the members of the Fire Department were recently recertified in CPR by members of the First Aid Squad. He also adds that the Rapid Intervention Crew was deployed recently to Chester for mutual aid at a residential structure fire.

Councilman Andrew reminds everyone that the Recreation booklet is due. He also lets everyone know that the bands have been decided for 2019 as well as the Grand Marshall. Council confirms that it is Dottie Fleming and the Garden Club. He adds that the Food Truck Festival will be held on June 15, 2019. Councilman Andrews asks if they will be making a donation this year. Councilman Andrew replies that they will if they can. It will depend on the amount of money made at the festival.

Councilman Reilly brings up the paving of the parking lot by the playground. He feels that the entrance especially, needs some attention. He also stopped at King's after the last meeting to look at the lighting. The lights are definitely pointing out towards residential homes. The Mayor adds that she had connected with the owner as well.

ATTORNEY'S ITEMS

Fred Semrau Esq. explains that he has nothing at this time but he will have an updated report on a few items that he will go over in Executive Session for the next meeting of March 13, 2019.

MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner states that she attended her first OEM meeting. She compliments them on how well organized they are and they have a great team in place if ever something in the Borough should arise where they would need their services.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Motion to Approve: Councilman Badal

Second: Councilman Sharkey

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Passed unanimously, Councilman Andrew abstains on check #5772, Councilman Andrews abstains on check #5775.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor asks for a motion to adjourn. Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will convene on March 13, 2019 at 8:00p.m. at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michelle Masser, RMC