

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

**May 12, 2021  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner called the May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey and remotely by Zoom webinar, Meeting ID 869 5731 2667.

**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:

Please take notice that the start time for regular meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham shall begin at 7:00PM. 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:** April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting
- 2. Peddler & Solicitor Applications:** Rosemary D'Urso, Mendham Creamery  
Ice Cream Bicycle Sales, 90-day licensing period  
  
Robert D'Urso, Mendham Creamery  
Ice Cream Bicycle Sales, 90-day licensing period
- 3. Road Closure Requests:** Dawn Nutt/Jen Gallo  
12 Deerfield Road to 16 Deerfield Road  
May 22, 2021, 1:00pm to 6:00pm  
  
Kristin Stanley  
Hoffman Road, from Bowers to Mountain Avenue  
June 26, 2021, 2:00pm to 9:00pm
- 4. Special Event Application:** Wheels of Love USA Bike Ride  
May 23, 2021, 8:00am to 4:00pm  
  
Girl Scout Senior Troop 95084  
Silver Award, Grand Opening of "Welcoming Woods"  
May 23, 2021, 1:00pm to 4:00pm (Rain date June 6)

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

Recusals: Council Member Badal recused on the approval of the April 26, 2021 minutes.  
Council Member Reilly recused on the approval of the Peddler & Solicitor applications.

**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

**#10-2021 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 215, ZONING, OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM CODE**

Summary: On February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act”, which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing program for commercial adult use recreational cannabis operations, use and possession, and establishes six (6) marketplace classes of licensed businesses.

Due to present uncertainties regarding the potential future impacts allowing one or more classes of cannabis business might have on New Jersey municipalities in general, and on the Borough of Mendham in particular, the Mayor and Council have determined that in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of Mendham Borough’s residents and members of the public who visit, travel, or conduct business in Mendham Borough to amend Mendham Borough’s zoning regulations to prohibit all manner of cannabis-related land use and development within the geographic boundaries of Mendham Borough.

Public Hearing scheduled for May 24, 2021.

Mayor Serrano Glassner asked the Council if there were any comments or questions on Ordinance #10-2021.

There was no Council discussion.

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

**ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION**

**#09-2021 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 206, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, TO REVISE THE NO-PARKING TIME LIMIT ON EAST MAIN STREET**

Summary: This ordinance amends the No Parking time limit on East Main Street proceeding westerly from the Firehouse driveway to the intersection with Mountain Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Legal Notice Statement: A legal notice was published indicating that Ordinance #09-2021 was introduced and passed on first reading at the April 26, 2021 meeting and further indicated that the second reading and public hearing would be held on May 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the public and posted in accordance with the law.

Public Hearing: Mayor Serrano Glassner opened the public hearing and invited any interested person an opportunity to be heard on this Ordinance.

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Serrano Glassner closed the public hearing and asked the Council for any further comments on Ordinance #09-2021.

There was no Council discussion.

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

Ordinance #09-2021 was adopted.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#067-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A CASH BOND FOR A ROAD OPENING PERMIT CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 86 MOUNTAIN AVENUE [BLOCK 101, LOT 8] [tabled from April 26, 2021]**

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

**#078-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS BOROUGH PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE THROUGH GOVDEALS.COM PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION**

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

**#079-2021 RESOLUTION AWARDING NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR MONITORING WELL TESTING**

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

**#080-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF PAYMENT RECEIVED FROM ROCHELL KIAM-ABRAHAM FOR THE CANCELLATION OF ATTENDANCE IN THE 2021 MENDHAM DAY CAMP PROGRAM**

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

**#081-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM AND THE MENDHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF A CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR PURPOSES OF SCHOOL SECURITY FOR THE MENDHAM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

**#082-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM AND THE MENDHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF A CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR PURPOSES OF SCHOOL SECURITY FOR THE MENDHAM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

**#083-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A DUPLICATE PAYMENT RECEIVED FROM SCOTT NEIGEL FOR THE 2021 MENDHAM DAY CAMP PROGRAM**

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

**#084-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A DUPLICATE PAYMENT RECEIVED FROM MARY TULLY FOR THE 2021 MENDHAM DAY CAMP PROGRAM**

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

**#085-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIGITAL SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM TO THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST PRESERVE NEW JERSEY PROGRAM FOR A 2020 GRANT FOR STRUCTURAL STABILIZATION OF THE PHOENIX HOUSE OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM**

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

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

A copy of the Administrator's Report dated May 12, 2021 was distributed to the Governing Body.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Council Member Badal had nothing new to report.

**Board of Health**

Council President Andrews had nothing new to report.

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

Council Member Andrew reported the Recreation Committee recently met and discussed themes for this year's Labor Day parade. Summer camp registrations continue to come in.

**Board of Education**

Council Member Andrew had nothing new to report.

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

Council President Andrews reported that this is National Police Week and thanked the police chief and members of the Mendham Borough Police department for their dedicated service to our community. He also reported this past Sunday the PBA hosted a Fishing Derby. 150 kids participated in the fishing derby and there were 325 residents in attendance.

Council President Andrews further reported that next week is EMS Week and thanked the dedicated group of volunteers at the First Aid Squad. He mentioned the past year has been very challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also reported that the Hometown Heroes Banners will be going up along Main Street at the end of the week and will be displayed through the Memorial Day holiday. Six more banners have been added. Council President Andrews mentioned that the committee is always looking for veterans to honor and reminded everyone that the program is not funded by taxpayer dollars.

Lastly, Council President Andrews reported that Memorial Day flags will be placed on veterans' graves at both St. Joseph's Church and the Hilltop Presbyterian Church cemeteries on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He thanked Ryan Takamaya, Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 1, for his work researching, mapping, fund-raising, and purchasing American veteran medallions for over 550 veterans laid to rest here in Mendham.

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

Council Member Martin reported the committee will be meeting to discuss an additional police officer position in the police department.

**Public Works and Utilities [Standing Committee of the Council]**

Council Member Kelly reported that DPW is attending to spring maintenance and mulching of the playgrounds and playground equipment.

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

Council Member Reilly reported the ECOSST Committee will be co-hosting another Styrofoam recycling event to be at the Mendham Township DPW yard on June 5, 9:00am to 1:00pm.

**ATTORNEY'S ITEMS**

Mr. Semrau had nothing new to report.

**MAYOR'S ITEMS**

Mayor Serrano Glassner reported that she will be issuing commendations and community service awards to recognize residents, organizations, or businesses who through their volunteering or generous donations do good works to help make Mendham Borough a lively, healthy, and happy community. She further mentioned that the last proclamation request will be for Pride Month in June.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

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

Melissa Rawley-Payne, 23 Drake Road, requested a proclamation for LBGTQ+ Pride Month and asked that the Pride flag be flown during the month of June at the Phoenix House or Borough Park in celebration of Pride Month.

Dr. Anthony Evan Payne, 23 Drake Road, voiced his support for a proclamation for LBGTQ+ Pride Month.

Melissa Young, 24 Gunther Street, voiced her support for a proclamation for LBGTQ+ Pride Month and commented that Morris County and Mendham Township have issued a proclamation.

Maddie Adinolfi, a West Morris Mendham High School student, voiced her support for a proclamation for LBGTQ+ Pride Month.

Caitlin Gillmet, a teacher who oversees the Gender and Sexuality Alliance at West Morris Mendham High School, voiced her support for a proclamation for LBGTQ+ Pride Month.

Debbi Dolce, 11 Hampshire Drive, voiced her support for a proclamation for LBGTQ+ Pride Month.

Tavishi Chappopabhyay, a West Morris Mendham High School student, voiced her support for a proclamation for LBGTQ+ Pride Month.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Serrano-Glassner closed the public comment portion of the meeting and mentioned that the Borough Council will further discuss the request for a proclamation for LBGTQ+ Pride Month.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Bills List dated May 12, 2021.

The Bills List 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Mendham Borough Mayor and Council will be held May 24, 2021 at 7:00 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  
BOROUGH OF MENDHAM