

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

**June 9, 2020
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner called the June 9, 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.

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.

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
Council Member Brennan Reilly

Also, present were:

Susan Sharpe, Esq., Borough Attorney
Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
Robin R. Kline, Borough Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following Consent Agenda item was considered and acted on:

Approval of Minutes: May 24, 2021, Regular Meeting

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

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021 AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

Mayor Serrano Glassner read the proclamation recognizing the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride month in Mendham Borough. The proclamation was presented to Ms. Melissa Rawley-Payne who was in attendance and accepted the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

Mendham Borough Citizen Service Award presented to Janis Slutsky.

Mayor Serrano Glassner presented the Citizen Service Award to Janis Slutsky in recognition of her work on behalf of "Mom's Demand Action for Gun Sense in America" to prevent gun violence in our communities and advocating for actions that encourage a culture of responsible gun ownership to keep our families safe.

Mendham Borough Citizen Service Award presented to Tyler Stroup.

Mayor Serrano Glassner presented the Citizen Service Award to Tyler Troup in recognition of the completion of his Eagle Scout project planning, designing, and building a half-mile long trail from Patriots Path to Scott Farm, which captures the natural beauty along streams, wooded areas, and the fields of the Scott Farm property.

Mendham Borough Citizen Service Award presented to Jennifer McManus.

Mayor Serrano Glassner presented the Citizen Service Award to Jennifer McManus in recognition of the completion of her Girl Scout Gold Award project digitizing artifacts, papers and photographs contained in the Mendham Borough Library Historic Archive Collection and uploading the digitized data to a website for research and enjoyment of future generations.

Mendham Borough Citizen Service Award presented to Robert Willett.

Mayor Serrano Glassner presented the Citizen Service Award to Robert “Bob” Willett in recognition of serving over 35 years on the Juvenile Conference Committee for Mendham Borough, under the authority of the Family Division of Superior Court and helping to steer our children away from crime and the court system to lives of fulfillment and prosperity.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

None

RESOLUTIONS

#093-2021 RESOLUTION AWARDDING A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO PEGNET COMPUTERS

There was no Council discussion.

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

#094-2021 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2021-2022 LICENSING TERM

There was no Council discussion.

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

* Council President Andrews and Council Member Andrew recused themselves on the approval of the Pastime Club liquor license.

#095-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$520,756 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

There was no Council discussion.

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

#096-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 CATERPILLAR 420XEIT BACKHOE LOADER

There was no Council discussion.

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

#097-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A DUPLICATE PAYMENT RECEIVED FROM SUZANNE MARKWICK PARR FOR THE 2021 MENDHAM DAY CAMP PROGRAM

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 June 9, 2021, was distributed to the Governing Body. The Administrator confirmed that 284 children have been enrolled in the Summer Day Camp program to date.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Badal reported that the Finance Committee recently met to review cost of materials for the approved capital items in the budget for the 2021 calendar year. He further reported the committee is reviewing COVID-19 economic stimulus reimbursement funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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 Borough’s annual Memorial Day ceremony was held on May 31st and was well attended. He further reported that the Summer Day Camp program begins on June 21st and the Summer Movie and Concert series schedule has been finalized with the first concert scheduled for June 27th. Council Member Andrew also reported that a free “Yoga in the Park” program will be offered on four Tuesday evenings at Borough Park. Information is available on the Borough website.

Board of Education

Council Member Andrew had nothing new to report.

Public Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council President Andrews thanked everyone who participated in the Borough’s Memorial Day ceremony. He reported that the Water Main Replacement project will be proceeding along Main Street. He also confirmed that the new bridge on Mountainside Road has been completed and is open to vehicles.

Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Martin reported that summer seasonal jobs are available in Mendham Borough and have been posted on the high school’s website.

Public Works and Utilities [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly reported that the milling and paving of local streets will begin June 21st and that the bid opening for the DPW building is scheduled for June 16th. He further reported the new HVAC system for the Garabrant Center is in progress and that 31 new street trees have been planted in throughout the Borough.

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

Council Member Reilly reported that the Borough Engineer has reviewed the proposed connector trail. The application for grant funding will be calendared for next year.

ATTORNEY’S ITEMS

Ms. Sharpe reported that the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which provides grant funding for county and municipal use for COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery is being carefully reviewed. A legal memo will be prepared for the governing body detailing guidance on what expenses may qualify, or may not qualify, for reimbursement and will also provide recommendations for Council consideration.

MAYOR’S ITEMS

Mayor Serrano Glassner reported that all members of Mendham Borough’s governing body have been invited to Mendham Township’s July 4th parade. She also reported that Morris County will receive COVID-19 economic stimulus funding and that the Morris County Chamber of Commerce will use some of the funding to help small businesses. She further reported that the Mendham Borough Economic Development Committee will be hosting a Commercial Real Estate Roundtable. The date to be established.

Mayor Serrano Glassner also reported that two additional historic markers and plaques in town will include Westfield Park and the Phoenix House.

Lastly, Mayor Serrano Glassner reported that JCP&L will be preparing a power outage report for the Mendham Commons with respect to the recent storm outages that occurred in the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

Deborah Dolce, 11 Hampshire Drive, thanked Mayor Serrano Glassner and the Council for issuing the proclamation recognizing the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride month in Mendham Borough. She expressed her disappointment that the governing body denied a request to display the Pride flag at the Phoenix House and was hopeful that this may be reconsidered in the future.

Melissa Rawley-Payne, 23 Drake Road, thanked Mayor Serrano Glassner and the Council for issuing the proclamation recognizing the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride month in Mendham Borough. She shared her story as a mother of a transgender child having to worry about some of the health risks her son must be concerned with in his day-to-day activities

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 June 9, 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 meeting 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

None

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 Andrew. Upon a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Mendham Borough Mayor and Council will be held June 28, 2021, at 7:00 PM, the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin R. Kline

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Borough Clerk
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