

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

June 22, 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner called the June 22, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 8:00 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 then 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.

ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

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

Also present were:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be acted upon by the Borough Council by a single vote unless a member of the Governing Body requests that an item be removed and considered separately.

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| 1. Approval of Minutes: | June 10, 2020 Regular Meeting and Executive Session |
| 2. Special Event Application: | Mendham H.S. Project Graduation
July 9, 2020, 4:00 to 8:00PM
[rain date: July 10, 2020 1:00 to 4:00PM] |

Item 2., Special Event Application, was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and Council action.

Motion to Approve Item 1. on the Consent Agenda.

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

Discussion of Item 2., Special Event Application.

Mayor Serrano-Glassner introduced Kathy Ellman and Alyse McMenamin representing Mendham High School Project Graduation and PTO.

Ms. Ellman and Ms. McMenamin provided a brief summary of Mendham High School's Project Graduation event scheduled at the Blackhorse Tavern on July 9th, the day of the high school's senior class graduation (rain date of July 10th). The event will be staged at rear parking lot of the Blackhorse Tavern. Attendees traveling to the event would use the municipal parking lots, St. Joe's parking lot and on-street parking.

Mr. Semrau advised that although the Blackhorse Tavern is hosting the event, Council approval of the application should be conditioned on the organizers conferring with the Chief of Police on matters concerning public safety.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

None

ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

None

RESOLUTIONS

#097-2020 RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING MENDHAM BOROUGH’S WELCOMING NATURE AND SHARED VALUES FOR THE PROTECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL, CIVIL, AND HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL CITIZENS

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#098-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #2019-002

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#099-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY OF MORRIS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CURBING AS PART OF THE HILLTOP ROAD REPAVING PROJECT

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#100-2020 RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEANNE PUGSLEY AS MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

#101-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT TO PURCHASE A PORTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY (BLOCK 601, LOT 5) AS OPEN SPACE PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM FOR THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

Council Member Reilly inquired about who is preparing the grant application and whether additional funding would be appropriated from Mendham Borough’s Open Space Trust Fund.

Ms. Bushman reported that Jessica Caldwell, Mendham Borough’s Planner, is preparing the grant application and confirmed that funds would be appropriated from the Borough’s Open Space Trust account.

There was no further Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Nays: None

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Bushman provided her written Administrator’s Report dated June 22, 2020 to the governing body.

Council Member Reilly inquired about the status of the 6 E. Main Street application presented to the Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Bushman responded that the Historic Preservation Commission tabled the application with no rescheduled date.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council President Badal reported that tax collections have been good and had nothing new to report.

Board of Health

Council Member Andrew reported that the Board of Health met on June 3rd and had nothing new to report.

Recreation and Parks [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrew reported that the first movie for the 2020 Summer Movie Series will feature “The Incredibles” on July 1st at Borough Park and further reported that on June 28th at 6:30 p.m. the first Concert in the Park will be held at the Borough Park gazebo. He also reported that construction of the Botti Pavilion and the tennis courts are on schedule.

Board of Education

Council Member Andrew reported that the Mountainview Middle School held its virtual promotion ceremony for 8th graders and reported that the West Morris Regional School District Board of Education is holding its regular business meeting tonight.

Public Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrews addressed public comments received at the June 10th Council meeting concerning policing matters in Mendham Borough. With respect to a resident’s allegation that was made referencing an African-American resident who had been stopped multiple times by the Mendham Borough Police, Council Member Andrews reported that police department records confirm that only one traffic stop was made for a late-night speeding incident and a warning was issued at that time. Council Member Andrews also corrected another citizen’s allegation that the Mendham Borough Police Department continues to post arrests made by its officers on the department’s Facebook page. He confirmed that no Facebook posts regarding arrests have been posted since July 2019.

Council Member Andrews reported that Charlie Lucke, a former Mendham Borough police officer passed away on June 17th and provided his condolences to the family. He further reported that the Public Safety Committee meet earlier in the day with Chief Camoia. The committee agreed to explore the procurement of body worn cameras for all police officers and would report back with more information and coordinate with the Finance Committee on pricing on impacts on the budget. Council Member Andrews also reported that the police department continues to monitor vehicle speed along New Street, while work continues on the Hilltop Road milling and repaving project and confirmed that the average vehicle speed is 20 MPH and the 85th percentile is 24 MPH.

Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Martin reported that interviews for the tax collector position will be scheduled next week.

Public Works and Utilities [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly reported that public work crews have been busy with milling and paving road projects and further reported that a new concrete pad and some upgraded drainage have been installed at doorway to the Garabrant Center and that Montana Construction completed the milling and paving of the Garabrant Center parking lot. He also reported that a new landscape bed and plantings have been installed at the Firehouse flagpole and that public work crews have re-seeded the grass strip between the new curbing and the sidewalk along Hilltop Road.

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

Council Member Reilly had nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY’S ITEMS

Mr. Semrau had nothing new to report.

MAYOR’S ITEMS

Mayor Serrano-Glassner had nothing new to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List prepared by the Chief Financial Officer dated June 22, 2020.

Mayor Serrano-Glassner advised that Resolution #059-2020 passed at the March 18, 2020 Special Meeting provided the Borough Administration authorization to approve vouchers, subject to the availability of funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham has been rescheduled for July 15, 2020 at 8:00 PM, the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin R. Kline

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Borough Clerk
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