

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

**September 27, 2021
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner called the September 27, 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 Members Steven Andrew
- Council President John Andrews
- Council Member James Kelly
- Council Member Mary Sue Martin
- Council Member Brennan Reilly

- Council Member Brad Badal was absent

Also, present were:

- Fred Semrau, Esq., Borough Attorney
- Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
- Robin R. Kline, Borough Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** September 9, 2021, Regular Meeting and Executive Session
- 2. Raffle License Application:** Minutemen Sports Club
Off-premises Merchandise Raffle
Raffle Draw: Mendham High School
Saturday, December 11, 2021, 7:00PM
- 3. Social Affair Permit Application:** Mendham Independent Hook & Ladder Company
Food Truck Festival, Borough Park
Saturday, October 2, 2021, 11:00AM to 7:00PM
[No Rain Date]

Approval of September 9, 2021 Minutes:

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

Approval of Raffle License Application and Social Affair Permit Application:

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

#14-2021 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 187, STREET NAMES, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO UPDATE STREET INFORMATION

Purpose: The Mendham Borough Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works reviewed Chapter 187 and found that some street names were not referenced in the Code Book. This Ordinance updates Chapter 187 to include all street names, clarifies the designation of any private road, and denotes those roads that are maintained by an entity or agency other than the Borough of Mendham.

Public Hearing scheduled for October 13, 2021.

There was no Council discussion.

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

Mayor Serrano Glassner announced the public hearing for Ordinance #14-2021 would be held on October 13, 2021.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

#13-2021 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE TO PERMIT OUTDOOR DINING AND OUTDOOR SEATING TO FACILITATE SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY NEEDED IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Purpose: Recent changes in the economy, including a public health emergency and resulting social distancing requirements, have led the Borough's Finance Committee to review outdoor dining requirements. The Governing Body desires to enable local restaurants and food and beverage service establishments, with appropriate guidelines, to serve customers and encourage social distancing requirements. Outdoor dining and outdoor seating can accommodate the Borough's long-term Master Plan vision of protecting the small-town character of the community, while also helping to maintain a healthy business district.

Legal Notice Statement: A legal notice was published indicating that Ordinance #13-2021 was introduced and passed on first reading at the September 9, 2021 meeting and further indicated that the second reading and public hearing would be held on September 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the public and posted in accordance with the law.

Mayor Serrano Glassner advised that the Mendham Borough Joint Land Use Board reviewed the introduced ordinance and suggested a few revisions, which she mentioned she would like Mr. Semrau to review. Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to table the public hearing and adoption of Ordinance #14-2021 until the October 13, 2021 Council meeting to allow for legal review of recommendations made by the Joint Land Use Board.

Motion to Table the Public Hearing to the October 13, 2021 Council Meeting

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

Ordinance #13-2021 was tabled to the October 13, 2021 Council meeting. The Municipal Clerk to re-notice the public hearing date for Ordinance #13-2021.

RESOLUTIONS

#129-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS BOROUGH PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE THROUGH GOVDEALS.COM PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrew
Second: Council Member Reilly
Ayes: Andrew, Kelly, Martin, Reilly
Recused: Council President Andrews (First Aid Squad ambulance listed for public auction)

#130-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT MADE IN ERROR FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 36 WEST MAIN STREET [BLOCK 1901, LOT 39]

There was no Council discussion.

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

#131-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO H2M ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS FOR THE ARYAN AT MENDHAM LLC (DUNKIN DONUTS) PROJECT

There was no Council discussion.

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

#132-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD F-250 SUPER CAB 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL

There was no Council discussion.

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

#133-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 2, 2021 AT BOROUGH PARK

There was no Council discussion.

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

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

A copy of the Administrator’s Report dated September 8, 2021 was distributed to the Governing Body. The 2022 budget process will begin mid-October with a final budget draft in mid-December.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Badal was absent.

Board of Health

Council President Andrews had nothing new to report.

Recreation and Parks [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrew reported the Food Truck Festival will be held on Saturday, October 2nd and a Halloween movie night is planned at the Garabrant Center on Saturday, October 30th.

Board of Education

Council Member Andrew reported the Mendham Borough school district has been rated by *Niche* as “One of the safest School Districts in New Jersey.”

Public Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council President Andrews reported that the police department has updated the traffic message board to help promote the upcoming Food Truck Festival.

Council President Andrews further reported that Police Sgt. Chris Irons is organizing the First Responders Golf Outing fundraiser for October 4th.

Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Martin reported Mendham Borough will be posting a job ad for an entry-level DPW position.

Public Works and Utilities [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly reported there is a laborer position open due to a recent resignation. He also reported the County Lane drainage pipe has been repaired and steppingstones have been installed at India Brook.

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

Council Member Reilly reported that a candidate for Eagle Scout honors has proposed to build and install a trail kiosk at Patriots Path. The ECOSST Committee will be overseeing the project.

ATTORNEY’S ITEMS

Mr. Semrau advised that his office will prepare an authorizing resolution for an Open Space acquisition.

MAYOR’S ITEMS

Mayor Serrano Glassner had nothing new to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Christine 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 dated September 27, 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 Kelly. Upon a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Mendham Borough Mayor and Council will be held October 13, 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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