

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

**October 25, 2021
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner called the October 25, 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 President John Andrews
Council Member Brad Badal
Council Member James Kelly [arrived shortly after roll call]
Council Member Brennan Reilly
Council Member Mary Sue Martin

Also, present were:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: October 13, 2021 Regular Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

Mendham Borough Police Department Certificate of Re-Accreditation

Police Chief John Camoia presented the Mendham Borough Police Department's Certificate of Re-Accreditation to Mayor Serrano Glassner. The re-accreditation is awarded by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police confirms that the police department follows best practices in law enforcement.

Mayor Serrano Glassner accepted the framed Certificate of Re-Accreditation and congratulated Chief Camoia and all polices officers and thanked the police department for their service to the community and excellent work in law enforcement.

The Borough Council and all in attendance congratulated Chief Camoia and the police department.

Sisters of Christian Charity

Mr. Edward Buzak, Esq. (attorney for the Sisters of Christian Charity religious order), Mr. Tom Malman and Mr. Jason Boggard (representing Accordia Realty), and Sister Ann (Sisters of Christian Charity religious order) gave a summary presentation of a proposal to rehabilitate and re-purpose the Sisters of Christian Charity's Mother House (350 Bernardsville Road) into 94 luxury residential market unit apartments. The proposal includes a 20-acre subdivision of the 112.9-acre property for a below grade parking deck that would accommodate up to 200 spaces, main entry driveway improvements to the Mother House, and signage. Minimal changes would be made to the historic exterior The Mother House building.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

#16-2021 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ARTICLE XVII, RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO ESTABLISH A PERMIT PARKING FEE

Purpose: This ordinance establishes a resident permit parking fee in municipal parking lots.

Public Hearing scheduled for November 10, 2021.

There was no Council discussion.

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

#17-2021 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 102, FEES, § 102.1, SCHEDULE OF FEES, TO INCORPORATE FEE FOR PERMIT PARKING IN MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS

Purpose: Chapter 102, Fees, of the Borough Code will be amended to reflect the new permit parking fee in municipal parking lots.

Public Hearing scheduled for November 10, 2021.

There was no Council discussion.

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

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 October 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. At the October 13, 2021 meeting, Ordinance #13-2021 was tabled and the public hearing re-noticed to October 25 2021. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the public and posted in accordance with the law.

Council Member Andrew made a motion to table the second reading and public hearing of Ordinance #13-2021 to November 10, 2021 to allow the Council to finalize suggested revisions to the Ordinance.

There was no Council discussion.

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

Ordinance #13-2021 was tabled to the November 10, 2021 Council meeting. The Borough Clerk will re-notice the public hearing as required by law.

[Council Member James Kelly arrived at approximately 7:25 p.m.]

RESOLUTIONS

#138-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THREE-YEAR SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP (MORRIS COUNTY) FOR MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES

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

#139-2021 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #122-2021 TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED TO ACCEPT A STATE GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS

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

#140-2021 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #187-2020 TO CORRECT THE SALARY ESTABLISHED FOR THE POSITION OF OEM COORDINATOR

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

#141-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND MENDHAM METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE PURCHASE OF VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED ON BLOCK 601, LOT 5

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

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

A copy of the Administrator’s Report dated October 25, 2021 was distributed to the Governing Body. The administrator further reported that the Mendham Business Association’s Holly Trail will take place on December 4th and further mentioned that customers enrolled in the Mendham Area Energy Cooperative (MAEC) program will automatically roll back to JCP&L as the electricity provider when the MAEC program ends.

Council Member Badal sought confirmation on whether the Borough could recoup any of its repair costs concerning failure of the design and installation of Chestnut Glen subdivision drainage system under the errors & omissions insurance policy provided for the Engineer who signed-off on the design and build-out of that drainage system.

Mr. Semrau advised that once the Borough approved the development it inherited an obligation to maintain the storm drain system and roadways.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Badal reported that the Finance Committee would be meeting on October 25th to begin discussions on the 2022 operating and capital budgets.

Board of Health

Council President Andrews had nothing new to report.

Recreation and Parks [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrew reported that a Halloween movie night will be held at the Garabrant Center on Saturday, October 30th and that the Pastime Club will be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony on November 11th.

Board of Education

Council Member Andrew reported that he would be presenting a commendation award to the Mendham Borough Board of Education on behalf of the Mayor and Council recognizing the School District’s A+ ranking by *Niche* and for being named as the safest school district in Morris County.

Public Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council President Andrews congratulated Chief Camoia and the police department on its Re-accreditation by the New Jersey State Association of Police Chiefs.

Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Martin reported that an authorizing resolution to hire a candidate for the DPW position would be on the next Council agenda. She also reported that the Personnel Committee will be reviewing the Personnel Manual and employee salaries for the 2022 calendar year and further informed the Council of Karen Orgera’s resignation.

Public Works and Utilities [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly reported that the construction of the DPW garage is on schedule and also reported that the new basketball backboards have been installed at the park.

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

Council Member Reilly reported on a recent resignation on the ECOSST Committee.

ATTORNEY’S ITEMS

Mr. Semrau advised that his office would be finalizing the Borough’s closing transaction concerning the acquisition of the United Methodist Church’s open space parcel.

MAYOR’S ITEMS

Mayor Christine 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 October 25, 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 Member Andrew made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Kelly. Upon a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Mendham Borough Mayor and Council will be held November 10, 2021, at 7:00 PM, the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham.

Respectfully Submitted:

// Robin R. Kline //

Robin R. Kline, MAS, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk
BOROUGH OF MENDHAM