

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

**November 29, 2021
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner called the November 29, 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
Council Member Mary Sue Martin
Council Member Brennan Reilly [arrived at 7:20 p.m.]

Also, present were:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: November 11, 2021 Regular Meeting & Executive Session Meeting

There was no Council discussion.

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

19-2021 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VACANT REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON A PORTION OF BLOCK 601, LOT 5 (MENDHAM METHODIST CHURCH) IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 40A:12-5

Summary: This ordinance will finalize the purchase of approximately 1.6666 acres of vacant land from the Mendham Methodist Church. Resolution #141-2021, adopted on October 25, 2021 authorized the Contract of Sale. The purchase will be funded by \$220,000 from the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund and \$80,000 from the Mendham Borough Open Space Trust Fund.

Public hearing is scheduled for December 8, 2021.

There was no Council discussion.

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

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

#18-2021 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

Summary: This ordinance amends Chapter 187, Street Names, of the Borough Code to include three additional street names.

Legal Notice Statement: Legal notices were published indicating that Ordinance #18-2021 was introduced and passed on first reading at the November 11, 2021 and further indicated that the second reading and public hearing would be held on November 29, 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 no one wishing to speak, Mayor Serrano Glassner closed the public hearing.

There was no Council discussion.

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

Ordinance #18-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for one motion for the approval of Resolutions #150-2021 through #153-2021.

#150-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR THE OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 30 FLORIE FARM ROAD [BLOCK 901, LOT 16]

#151-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A DUPLICATE PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5 COLD HILL ROAD SOUTH [BLOCK 2701 LOT 5, C027J]

#152-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A DUPLICATE PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5 COLD HILL ROAD SOUTH [BLOCK 2701 LOT 5, C028J]

#153-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A DUPLICATE PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5 COLD HILL ROAD SOUTH [BLOCK 2701 LOT 5, C029J]

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

#154-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #2020-1

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

#155-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MOREHOUSE ENGINEERING, INC.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A copy of the Administrator's Report dated November 29, 2021 was distributed to the Governing Body. The Administrator reminded everyone of the Mendham Business Association's Holly Trail event scheduled for December 4th, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There was no further Council discussion.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Badal reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the day to review the 2022 capital budget requests. A follow up meeting is planned for next week.

Board of Health

Council President Andrews had nothing new to report.

Recreation and Parks [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrew reported that the Mendham Business Association's Holly Trail event is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He also reported that the Recreation Committee will be sponsoring a Holiday Decorating contest.

Board of Education

Council Member Andrew had nothing new to report.

Public Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council President Andrews reported that the Mendham First Aid Squad picked up the newly-purchased SUV. Lights, sirens are being installed.

Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Martin reported that a meeting is planned to review the 2022 Salary Resolution.

Public Works and Utilities [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly reported that the DPW garage doors have not yet arrived.

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

Council Member Reilly was absent.

ATTORNEY’S ITEMS

Mr. Semrau advised that his office will be scheduling an elected-officials session on best practices next month. Elected officials attending the session earn a \$250 credit towards the town’s MEL premium.

MAYOR’S ITEMS

Mayor Serrano Glassner reported that she and her family decorated the holiday Hanukkah mantel at the Phoenix House.

On behalf of the Mendham Economic Development Committee, Mr. Neil Sullivan, chair, reported that the committee is interested in establishing a Mendham Museum. The committee will be speaking with the Audi dealership on Main Street who own the former TD Bank property across the street from their business as a potential location for the museum. Once established, the museum would be staffed by volunteers and would showcase artifacts and photos of the borough’s history. It is anticipated that the museum would be open to the community one or two days a week.

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 November 29, 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

#156-2021 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A CLOSED SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham will adjourn into closed session to discuss the following subject matter(s) without the presence of the public in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act exemptions, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b for discussion of the following stated matter(s):

Matter(s) to be discussed: Attorney-Client Privilege Matter: 1. Legal Matter

Following the closed session, no other matters will be discussed or acted upon in public session by the governing body. The Mayor and Council will reconvene into public session only for purpose of adjourning the public meeting.

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

The Mayor and Council convened into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

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The Mayor and Council reconvened into public session at 8:40 p.m. with all members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Reilly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Martin. Upon a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Mendham Borough Mayor and Council will be held December 8, 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

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