# BOROUGH OF MENDHAM MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL January 24, 2022, 7:00PM MINUTES

# CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner called the January 24, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

### FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Serrano Glassner led a moment of silence and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **MAYORS OPENING 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 President Steven Andrew Council Member John Andrews Council Member Brad Badal (arrived 7:20 p.m.) Council Member James Kelly Council Member Brennan Reilly

Also present were:

Sue Sharpe, Esq., Borough Attorney Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator Carolynn Budd, Deputy Borough Clerk

#### **RESOLUTION MOVED FOR APPROVAL**

#035-2022 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING CAROLYNN BUDD AS DEPUTY CLERK EFFECTIVE JANUARY 24, 2022

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Approval of the Minutes: January 24, 2022

There was no Council discussion.

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

#### MOTIONS

Request for motion to accept Council Member Mary Sue Martin's resignation from the Borough Council effective January 17, 2022.

Mayor Serrano Glasser and Council Member Reilly took a moment to discuss Council Member Martin's service to the community and thanked her for her service.

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

#### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

None.

# **ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**

# #01-2022 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO PROHIBIT LICENSING OF RECREATIONAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES OF ALL CLASSES WITHIN THE BOROUGH

Summary Statement: On May 24, 2021, the Borough adopted Ordinance 10-2021, amending Chapter 215, Zoning, of the Borough Code to prohibit the operation of any class of recreational cannabis business within the Borough. In addition to designating such businesses as prohibited uses through the Borough's Zoning Code, the Mayor and Council wish to further express the Borough's intent to prohibit the operation of any class businesses within the Borough by amending the General Legislation portion of the Borough Code to prohibit the issuance of licenses by the Borough for any class of cannabis businesse.

Legal Notice Statement: A legal notice was published indicating the Ordinance #01-2022 was introduced and passed on first reading at the January 12, 2022 meeting and further indicated that the second reading and public hearing scheduled for January 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the public and posted om accordance with the law.

Mayor Serrano Glassner would like one minor change to the Ordinance from its introduction. Ordinance and Resolutions with fines and penalties should be included in the Borough's Fee Schedule. Language will be added to Ordinance referencing the Fee Schedule.

Ms. Sharpe suggested Section 70-6 Civil Fines and Penalties, paragraph A, be amended to include, "penalty not exceeding \$2,000 or as set forth in the Borough Fee Schedule."

Mayor Serrano Glassner opened the public hearing and invited any interested person the opportunity to be heard on the Ordinance.

Motion to Open:	Council President Andrew
Second:	Council Member Andrews

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Serrano Glasser closed the public hearing and asked the Council for a motion.

Motion to Close:	Council President Andrew
Second:	Council Member Reilly

Council Member Reilly asked for Police Chief John Camoia's input on the Ordinance. Chief Camoia stated the Ordinance is good for the Borough. Ms. Sharpe commented that this Ordinance will make it clear the Borough will not be issuing license and gives more enforcement. Mayor Serrano Glassner stated this does not preclude the Borough from ever issues licenses in the future it is clarifying what we are doing on this Ordinance.

Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to pass Ordinance #01-2022.

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

Ordinance #01-2022 was adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS

#036-2022 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEALS PELLEGRINO, JOSEPH J/GARRUBBO SUSAN v. MENDHAM BOROUGH

There was no Council discussion.

Motion to Approve:Council President AndrewSecond:Council Member ReillyAyes:Andrews, Andrew, Kelly, Reilly

# #037-2022 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEALS PAGE, INGRID & DAVID V. MENDHAM BOROUGH

There was no Council discussion.

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

# #038-2022 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEALS JONATHAN A/ELIZABETH E V. MENDHAM BOROUGH

Resolution is missing resident's last name. Resolution to be amended to read CLARK, JONATHAN A/ELIZABETH E.

Motion to Approve (as amended):	Council President Andrew
Second:	Council Member Reilly
Ayes:	Andrew, Andrews, Kelly, Reilly

#039-2022 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #022-2022 TO REVISE NOT-TO-EXCEED LANGUAGE IN CONNECTION WITH A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING AWARDED TO PAULUS, SOKOLOWSKI & SARTOR, LLC

There was no Council discussion.

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

# #040-2022 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING AND APPOINTMENT OF JAMES CARTIER AS A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Jeff Cooper, Superintendent of Public Works gave a brief overview of James employment history. This hiring bring the

department to full staff. Council Member Kelly asked if the pay scale was discussed with James.

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

#041-2022 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN CERTAIN BUDGET RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2021 CURRENT FUND BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:4-58

There was no Council discussion.

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

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

A copy of the Administrator's Report dated January 24, 2022 was distributed to the Governing Body. Joyce Bushman wished Robin Kline well in her future endeavors and welcomes Ms. Budd as the Borough's new Deputy Clerk.

Council Member Reilly raised a question regarding the traffic roundabout. Joyce Bushman clarified the

County is applying for a grant to complete a study of options for improvements to the intersection of Main Street and Cold Hill. Mayor Serrano Glasser advised the grants are available statewide to survey needs. The Borough is supporting the study. There is no cost to the Borough.

Council Member Badal arrived at 7:20 p.m.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Board of Health**

No Report.

### **Recreation and Parks [Standing Committee of the Council]**

Council Member Reilly reported the first meeting was held on January 20, 2022. They discussed the Holiday decorating contest winner donated; the winner donated their prize to the Randolph Animal Shelter. Day camp has started the hiring process, Recreation Booklets will be going out soon and preparations for the Valentine's Day Decoration Contest. There was discussion of a five-year plan for Borough park areas and working with ECOSST to enhance public spaces and get residents to interact.

### **Board of Education**

No Report

# Finance Committee [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly reported all department were busy and next week he will sit with Joyce Bushman regarding the budget.

# Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrews reported over 100 resumes were received for the Accounting and Payroll Clerk. Second round interviews will be occurring this week and plan to have wrapped up by next week. Interviews for Administrative Assistant at Public Works are on going and plan to wrap up soon.

# Public Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrews reported body cams up and running for about a month. Chief Camoia reported there have been adjustments from Attorney General's Office, but they are working through them. Council Member Andrews reported there were 404 First Aid calls, and 249 Fire Department calls for service in 2021 as well as one working fire and some out of town calls for assistance. Thank you to all the volunteers.

# Historic Preservation [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council President Andrew reported the committee met on January 17, 2022 for their reorganization meeting.

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

Council President Andrew reported the committee met on January 18, 2022 for their reorganization meeting. JLUB is requesting Mayor and Council to review a couple ordinances from their annual report.

Council Member Reilly asked if ECOSST could share their recycling events with the Recreation Commission for publishing in the booklet.

#### Public Works and Utilities [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Badal reported the departments are continuing with routine items and had completed clean up from recent winter storm.

#### ATTORNEY'S ITEMS

Ms. Sharpe reported that the United Methodist Church acquisition is moving along and the Borough is aiming to close late February.

### MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Serrano Glassner reported that she has been asked to contribute to Mendham Life for a new Mayor's Column. The column will also include the Mendham Township and Chester Township Mayor's. The Mayor has submitted an article regarding the Phoenix House.

### PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to open public comment.

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

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Serrano Glasser closed the public comment and asked the Council for a motion.

Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to close public comment.

Motion to Close:	Council President Andrew
Second:	Council Member Badal

#### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Bills List dated January 24, 2022. The Bills List had been posted on the website for full disclosure to the public.

Motion for Approval:	Council President Andrew
Second:	Council Member Badal
Ayes:	Andrew, Andrews, Badal, Kelly, Reilly

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session.

Motion to Open:	Council President Andrew
Second:	Council Member Badal

The Mayor and Council convened into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

# #042-2022 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: Personnel

Following the closed session, no other matters were to be discussed or acted upon in public session.

# # # # #

The Mayor and Council reconvened into public session at 7:46 p.m. only for the purpose of adjourning the public meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Carolynn Budd** Carolynn Budd, RMC, CMR Deputy Borough Clerk Borough of Mendham