



**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 14, 2025, 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelly called the May 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Kelly led a moment of silence in honor of former DPW and Fire Chief David Crostley, reflecting on his contributions to the community. Following this tribute, he proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MAYOR'S OPENING STATEMENT

Mayor Kelly stated that 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 Bowers Building, 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.

4. ROLL CALL

Mayor, James Kelly
Council President Neil Sullivan
Council Member Marilyn Althoff
Council Member Alexandra Henry Traut
Council Member Bruce LaFera
Council Member Will Russo

Also present were:
Fred Semrau , Esq., Dorsey & Semrau, LLC
Joyce Bushman, Administrator
Lauren McBride, Acting Borough Clerk

Not Present;
Council Member Matthew Bruin

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS *(Items considered routine, Council will act on by a single motion and vote unless a member request that an item be removed and considered separately)*

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

A. Executive Meeting Minutes

1. September 18, 2024
2. September 23, 2024
3. October 9, 2024
4. October 24, 2024
5. November 7, 2024
6. March 12, 2025
7. April 28, 2025

B. Special Event License

1. Mendham First Aid Squad, 9/27/25
2. Relay for Life, Paint the town purple, 5/17/25-6/1/25
3. Mountain View Middle School, 5/28/25 Rain Date 5/29/25

C. Banner Application

1. Mendham First Aid Squad, 9/13/25-9/27/25

Motion to Approve: Council Member Henry Traut

Second: Council Member Althoff

Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Henry Traut, LaFera, Russo

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Member Sullivan, Minutes from 10/9/24, Henry Traut all of 2024
Minutes, LaFera, all of 2024 and 3/12/25

6. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

#04-2025 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 38, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO MODIFY THE POLICE OFFICER EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT

Motion to Approve: Council Member Althoff

Second: Council President Sullivan

Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Bruin, Henry Traut, LaFera, Russo

Nays: None

7. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

#03-2025 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$355,000 THEREFOR FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH

Public Hearing: Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing; any interested person was given an opportunity to be heard on this Ordinance.

No one from the Public wished to speak.

After the public hearing was closed, the Borough Council passed Ordinance #03-2025 for final passage and adoption.

Motion to Approve: Council Member LaFera

Second: Council Member Russo

Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Henry Traut, LaFera, Russo

Nays: None

8. RESOLUTIONS

#94-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO PAUL W. FERRIERO, P.E., C.M.E., OF BOSWELL ENGINEERING, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOROUGH'S NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL AID GRANT (NJDOTLAG) PROJECT MA-2025 IRONIA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Motion to Approve: Council Member Henry Traut

Second: Council Member LaFera

Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Henry Traut, LaFera, Russo

Nays: None

#95-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF DAY CAMP RECEIPTS

Motion to Approve: Council President Sullivan

Second: Council Member Althoff

Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Henry Traut, LaFera, Russo

Nays: None

#96-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH DUKE'S ROOT CONTROL, INC. FOR SANITARY SEWER INSPECTION SERVICES

Motion to Approve: Council Member LaFera
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Henry Traut, LaFera, Russo
Nays: None

#97-2025 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SERGANT PATRICK MCNICHOL AS ACTING CAPTAIN

Motion to Approve: Council Member Russo
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Henry Traut, LaFera, Russo
Nays: None
Abstain: LaFera

#98-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,405,391.40 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

Motion to Approve: Council Member Althoff
Second: Council Member Henry Traut
Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Henry Traut, LaFera, Russo
Nays: None

#99-2025 RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF THE ECCOST APPLICATION FOR THE 2025 ANJEC OPEN SPACE STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Motion to Approve: Council Member Henry Traut
Second: Council Member LaFera
Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Henry Traut, LaFera, Russo
Nays: None

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Recreation and Parks/School Boards Liaison –

Chair Matthew Bruin – Not Present

Public Safety- Chair Marilyn Althoff

The Chair reported that the Public Safety committee met with Bill Craig and Acting Captain McNichol to review the State of the Union and provide the Council with an update on the current status of the Mendham Borough Police Department. Traffic light timing has been adjusted at both the town center and Cold Hill Road to enhance flow. Additionally, the Fishing Frenzy event was a resounding success.

Public Works & Utilities- Chair
Bruce LaFera

Commended the Police
Department on all of their
efforts.

WRF- The chair gave an update
on current inspections at the
sewer plant.

Land Use - Chair Alexandra Henry Traut

JLUB- Next meeting will be on May 16 at 7:30 pm.

HPC- Next meeting will be on May 19 at 7:30 pm.

ECCOST- Excited about the partnership with Trout Unlimited.

Finance Committee- Neil Sullivan

No Updates for Finance Committee.

Personnel Committee/ Volunteer Projects Liaison- Will Russo

Nothing to report.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

11. MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Kelly expressed his gratitude to the Public Safety Committee for their dedication and hard work. He also shared that he attended the funeral of David Crostley, former DPW and Fire Chief, honoring his legacy and contributions to the community. Crostley was a deeply valued member of the town, whose love for Mendham Borough was evident in his service. His presence will be dearly missed.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Kelly stated, This is an opportunity for the public to comment on any matter or concern. To ensure that every citizen has an opportunity to speak, the Mayor will recognize the individual and ask them to state their name and address for the record. **THE SPEAKER DOES NOT NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR ADDRESS IF THEY HAVE BEEN VERIFIED BY THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRIVACY AS A COVERED PERSON IN THE BOROUGH UNDER DANIEL'S LAW.** Speakers are asked to limit their comments to four minutes. Please note that Public Comments do not follow a question-and-answer format; however, a member of the Governing Body may offer a brief response when it is helpful to do so.

No one from the Public wished to speak.

13. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List dated MAY 14, 2025

Motion to Approve: Council Member Henry Traut

Second: Council Member Russo

Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Henry Traut, LaFera, Russo

Nays: None

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 PM, Mayor Kelly asked for a motion to go into executive session and stated that no action would follow the executive session;

#100-2025 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO HOLD CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE BOROUGH'S PENDING FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION, THE SUBJECT MATTER OF WHICH IS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCUSSION AS FALLING WITHIN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND PENDING

LITIGATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12B(1) AND -12B(7) OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

Motion to Approve: Council Member Henry Traut
Second: Council Member Russo
Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Henry Traut, LaFera, Russo
Nays: None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Motion to Approve: Council Member Bruin
Second: Council Member Russo
Ayes: Sullivan, Althoff, Henry Traut, LaFera, Russo
Nays: None

The next meeting of the Mendham Borough Mayor and Council will take place on May 28, 2025, 7:00 PM, at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson St Mendham, NJ 07945