

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 24, 2023 7:00PM
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano Glassner called the April 24, 2023, 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. Council Member Andrews recognized Mr. Ernst Walksmith who grew up in the Borough and member of the Pastime Club who recently passed away.

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 Serrano Glassner
Council President Brennan Reilly
Council Member Steve Andrew
Council Member John Andrews
Council Member Brad Badal
Council Member James Kelly
Council Member Neil Sullivan

Also present were:

Sue Sharpe, Esq., Borough Attorney
Carolynn Budd, Borough Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting
- 2. Special Event Applications:** Relay for Life West Morris
Paint the Town Purple
Decorating Along E. Main Street
Set-Up Saturday, May 13, 2023 & Take Down Sunday, June 4, 2023

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

Mayor Serrano Glassner asked Council if it would be acceptable to move the Budget Presentation up in the Agenda order and also move the Discussion Item following Resolutions. Council was in agreeance.

CY2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Bud Jones, Mendham Borough Auditor presented the 2023 Budget to Mayor and Council. Council President Reilly asked Mr. Bud Jones for clarification relating to a variation that appeared to exist between certain totals in the State budget spreadsheet and the budget presentation. Mr. Bud Jones explained that the spreadsheet page Council President Reilly was referring to is a template form the State that the Borough cannot edit and that should be disregarded. Council President Reilly stated that he had not had time to figure out the discrepancy and was not sure how to proceed to review the Budget document. Mr. Bud Jones advised Council President Reilly that he is available at any time to review the Budget in detail. Council Member Sullivan asked Mr. Bud Jones for clarification on what I-Bank is, and Mr. Bud Jones provided an explanation of the State Infrastructure Loan program.

CY2023 BUDGET ADOPTION

#069-2023 RESOLUTION TO READ THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 BY TITLE

Council Member Badal asked for confirmation that this Resolution was only for approval to read the Budget by title. Mayor Serrano Glassner confirmed.

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

#070-2023 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Council Member Badal stated there are certain lines in the Budget relating to legal expenses that he questioned during the budget introduction, and that at that time, Ms. Joyce Bushman had answered his questions. Council Member Badal stated that while he cannot go into detail because of confidentiality, there is certain litigation that he feels the Borough should not be involved in and that the money could be better spent on taxpayers. Council Member Badal stated he will be voting "no" on the adoption of the Budget.

Council President Reilly stated he did not have time to fully review the budget and that he will be setting a time to review with Mr. Bud Jones.

The budget was provided to Mayor and Council prior to the Introduction of the Budget on March 27, 2023.

Council Member Andrew stated he agreed with Council Member Badal on a couple items he discussed.

Mayor Serrano Glassner opened Public Hearing.

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Serrano Glassner closed public comment.

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

Based on the tied vote, Mayor Serrano Glassner stated she would vote to break the tie. Ms.Carolynn Budd, Borough Clerk asked Mayor Serrano Glassner for her vote. Mayor Serrano Glassner voted yes on adoption of the Budget.

Resolution #070-2023, Resolution to Adopt the 2023 Municipal Budget was adopted, with a vote of 4 Ayes and 3 Nos.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Council discussed West Main 21, LLC application for Sanitary Sewer Connection. Mr. Paul Ferriero, PE, Borough Engineer recommended designating one unit Affordable Housing. Sewer capacity is limited based on what needs to be reserved for the V-Fee project behind King's. Council agreed that one unit should be designed Affordable Housing and asked Ms. Sue Sharpe, Esq., Borough Attorney to prepare a Resolution for such.

RESOLUTIONS

#071-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT ROXITICUS GOLF CLUB

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

#072-2023 RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER ACCOUNT FOR DONATIONS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL YOUTH FISHING EVENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

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

#073-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL PAYMENT TO DUTCHMAN CONTRACTING, LLC FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPEN FRONT STORAGE BUILDING 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

#074-2023 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A GRANT FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM FINANCE SYSTEM

Motion to Approve: Council Member Badal
Second: Council President Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Andrews, Kelly, Sullivan

#075-2023 RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND SPONSORING THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM'S HISTORIC WALKING TOUR EVENT ON MAY 6, 2023

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrews

Second: Council President Reilly

Ayes: Andrew, Kelly, Sullivan

Recuse: Badal

Council Member Badal stated he would recuse himself since he did not have time to review the Resolution.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Sullivan reported that the Fishing Derby is May 7th. Two message boards will be placed during May with information regarding Mansion in May as well as local roads will be closed to through traffic during the event.

Recreation and Parks [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council President Reilly had nothing to report.

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly reported the 2023 Budget has been adopted.

Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrews reported the Borough's new Tax Collector, Ms. Liz Holtz has started and was in attendance during the meeting. Public Works is currently advertising for a Mechanic due to the Mechanic leaving.

Joint Lane Use Board [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrew had nothing to report.

Public Works and Utilities [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Badal reported that street sweeping has begun and will take approximately 5 days. Council Member Badal reported that Mr. Jeff Cooper, Public Works Superintendent became a grandparent over the weekend.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Joyce Bushman reported that the Borough received the Tree City USA Designation for the 10th year. Ms. Marian Mundy and Mr. Eric Arena from "ECOSST" participated in the Annual Stream Clean Up and were featured on the front page of the Observer Tribune Newspaper.

ATTORNEY'S ITEMS

Ms. Sue Shape, Esq. had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Serrano Glassner had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Serrano Glassner opened public comment.

Ms. Peggy Burke of 8 Bockoven Road spoke regarding sewer capacity and the V-Fee project. Ms. Burke spoke regarding the traffic study being conducted by the County and how the locations within the Borough were selected. Ms. Burke stated that tree trimming used to be done by the Borough and wanted to know why it was not done any longer.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Serrano Glassner closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

Council Member Andrews recused himself for any payments to the Mendham Borough First Aid Squad.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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