

Mendham Township Accomplishments 2017

Services

- We provided a Public Health Nurse in Town Hall twice per month for residents
- We held our first flu clinic in Town Hall in many years (27)
- Our annual free rabies clinic was held in December providing free vaccinations for 15 dogs and 10 cats
- We held a free outdoor movie night at Ralston in October with about 70 people attending
- Refreshed the Township website and social media accounts to market the Township programs and services and to keep the residents informed. (FB 344, Twitter 194 followers)
- Our Police Department has a continued commitment to increasing a Community Policing presence through social media, regular weekly interactions with Township schools, kids and staff and community programs
- Our Police Department had arrests of over 200 defendants for various offenses this year; showing their commitment to making this one of the safest communities in the County.

Contracts

- Entered into a Private Community Agreement with Woodland Lakes
- Ratified the PBA agreement
- Shared Service Agreement for the Court – 2018 which will result in savings for the Township
- Shared Service Agreement for MASH – 2018 for Senior and Disabled Transportation
- Contracted with Blue Diamond for recycling at a savings for the Township
- Renewed the Trash Contract
- Had a smooth, successful transition to **Morris County for Health Services** and **Veolia** for managing our WWTF – both are providing outstanding services with a decreased long-term savings
- Upgraded the phone system and audio equipment in the meeting room incorporating video technology. We're anticipating savings along with service improvements with these upgrades.
- Leased rental units at India Brook to Volunteer First Responders increasing revenues while providing a benefit to our volunteers

Ordinances

- Presented and implemented:
 - Property Maintenance Ordinance for the Township Right of Way
 - Negotiated agreement with NJAW to secure funds which will pay for the repaving of Thackery Lane and Browning Court, a value of \$122,000.
 - Generated over \$35,000 in administrative fees for Police Road detail as a result of updating the ordinance

Staffing

- Successfully completed 3 superior officer promotional processes for the Police Department (Chief, Lieutenant, and Sergeant) and hired two new officers
- We have explored and implemented shared service programs with the Mendham Borough Police and DPW including supplementing manpower when needed, joint training exercises, community events and collaborated efforts in school security
- Conducted successful candidate searches filling all Township vacancies with exemplary employees including staff in Recreation, DPW, in various departments in Town Hall and the Police Department
- Karen Fornaro obtained her CMFO license, Mary Beth Zichelli obtained certification as a Professional Recycling Coordinator, Melanie Politi attended classes at Rutgers to become our Affordable Housing Liaison and our Tax Collection Clerk, Lydia Blide is sitting today for her Tax Collector's license. Our newest hire, Pamela Weiner comes to us with extensive experience in A/P and Edmunds Finance software. With her knowledge we plan to continue to make improvements in Purchasing and Accounts Payable in the upcoming year. Our DPW and Police completed extensive training throughout the year. Police officers completed over 1,900 hours of training to ensure that we are one of the most well-trained and versed agencies in the County.

Property

- We have managed the full upgrade of Mendham Sewer East including the repair of the beds through NJEIT providing financing for the project – 75% of the cost will be interest-free
- Through the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee we performed a comprehensive review of Township assets and equipment providing recommendations for capital going forward including fire department equipment, roads and other capital investments – This Committee enabled us to identify needs and evaluate our plans for future spending. We were able to make an informed purchase when acquiring the new fire engine for BEC based upon mutual aid and expected equipment needs in the future.
- Obtained the landscaping of the front of the municipal building at no cost
- Department of Public Works refurbished the Ralston playground enabling it to reopen
- Mosle parking lot improvements were made including a newly paved transition strip from the access driveway to the parking lot, and an earthen berm
- Installed a new door at the Library enabling them to create a new reading area
- Milled and paved North Gate Road, Lower Schoolhouse Road and Cold Hill Road
- DPW repaired 140 basins and cleaned 230
- Replaced the roof on Ralston Firehouse
- Installed new fuel pumps at the DPW fueling depot
- Repaired tennis courts on Mount Pleasant Road with the top coat coming in the spring
- There has been a concerted effort to locate a new or alternate police facility enlisting the help of local residents whose expertise may lend assistance in this long-term project

Grants

- Police have been awarded grants totaling over \$15,000; these include Distracted Driving, Drunk Driving Enforcement and Body Armor funding
- We will be completing the installation of three new generators for use at the Treatment Facilities through FEMA grants of \$154,900
- Our Recycling Tonnage Grant increased almost \$3,000 over last year
- We applied for and have been awarded a NJ Urban and Community Forestry Program Green Communities Grant (valued at \$6,000) and a NJDEP grant for Free Radon Kits valued at \$2,000
- Paved Cold Hill Road through grant funding and have been approved for Union Schoolhouse for \$247,000

Finances

- As of mid-December our tax collection rate is at 99.15% compared to a collection rate of 99.11% for 2016. We continue to maintain a collection rate of close to 100%!
- Managed the finances for the Wastewater Treatment facilities to enable them to be self-liquidating and well-run
- Minimized budget transfers through effective budgeting and management
- Cleared a significant number of audit recommendations
- Best Practices – We have formalized additional policies to be in compliance with State Best Practice Recommendations
- Held a public auction providing miscellaneous revenues of approximately \$24,000.
- Built a Storm-Recovery Reserve and looking to continue to build Township reserves