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**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
JANUARY 24, 2017
Regular Session 7:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baumann	Absent
Mr. Cioppettini	Present
Mr. Diegnan	Present
Mr. Gisser	Present
Mayor Orban Brown	Present

Also Present: John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney
Karen Fornaro, CFO
Mary Beth Zichelli, Township Clerk

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to the Daily Record, Observer Tribune and the Star Ledger on January 7, 2017. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Mayor presented proclamations to Bonnie Mangold, Clare Button and Jeanne Gartland, Library Board of Trustees who were stepping down from the board. Mayor Orban Brown also reminded residents to donate to the library fund drive.

RECOGNIZING NEW FIREFIGHTERS

Mayor Orban Brown recognized Derek Olsen, Michael Tafaro, William Beston and Daniel Peterson as senior firefighters with Ralston Engine Co. They were not able to attend the meeting because they were in firefighter's school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cioppettini expressed his condolences to the Hanlon family. Mr. Baumann's mother in law, Mrs. Hanlon passed away. She was a longtime resident and volunteer.

The Mayor acknowledged Sue Piscitello, the Township's Board of Health and Tax Assessor secretary for her twenty years of service.

Volunteer Appreciation Night will be February 7th, from 6-8 PM at the Brookside Community Club.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 9, 2017, regular session

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Gisser seconded. All members present voted to approve.

January 9, 2017, executed session

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved as amended. Mr. Diegnan seconded. All members present voted to approve the amended minutes.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2017-2

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

This ordinance was introduced and passed at the January 9, 2017 Township Committee meeting. Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Cioppettini seconded. All members voted to approve.

Mr. Mills stated that Ordinance 2017-1 on affordable housing that was tabled at the January 9th meeting will be on for first reading on February 13th.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2017-22

ADOPTING THE MENDHAM TV BYLAWS

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Diegnan seconded. After much discussion about the proper wording of the bylaws and the resolution, it was decided to table it until the next meeting. Mr. Gisser and Mr. Diegnan withdrew their motions.

RESOLUTION 2017-23

ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO PERFORM A FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT INVENTORY AND REPORT

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Diegnan seconded. All members present voted to approve. Mr. Cioppettini asked how much time each member of the ad hoc committee would have to spend to get the report completed, to which the Mayor thought it would not be more than 2-3 hours a week. Mayor Orban Brown said she wanted to look globally at equipment, facilities and assets of township and its contiguous communities to possibly have shared services and shared equipment.

RESOLUTION 2017-24

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Cioppettini seconded. All members present voted to approve.

DISCUSSION

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mr. Gisser all spoke about the facilities tour which took place on January 21st. Mr. Diegnan thought it was eye opening to see the resources, assets and areas that drastically need improvement, and thinks a top to bottom evaluation and long term planning on improvement projects is important.

The Mayor described the tour which started at the Old Ralston firehouse, on to Ralston, the EMS building, police station, town hall and the library. From the library, they went to the DPW garage. Mr. Gisser expressed how important it is for residents to know information about the Township owned properties.

Mr. Cioppettini announced that there would be two finance meetings before the February Township Committee meetings, February 13th and 28th beginning at 5:30 PM.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Rd, addressed again the need for two Hearing Persons Present and hopes it will return soon.

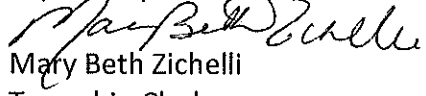
Taso Konidaris, 6 Ballantine Road, stated he thought the facilities committee is a wonderful idea.

Mrs. Zimmerman, 3 West Main Street, told the Committee that the reports she prepared on the facilities were available in the library and the Administrator's office.

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee motioned to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Zichelli
Township Clerk