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**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM  
JANUARY 8, 2018  
Regular Session 7:30 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Blood	Present
Mr. Cioppettini	Present
Ms. Duarte	Present
Mr. Gisser	Present
Mayor Diegnan	Present

Also Present: John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney  
Deborah Bonanno, Administrator  
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, Observer Tribune and Daily Record on January 4, 2018. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

**RECOGNIZING NEW FIREFIGHTER**

Christopher Pirquet, Paul Kemp and John Hofstetter have applied to be senior firefighters at the Brookside Engine Co. #1. Lt. Witzak introduced Paul Kemp and John Hofstetter and congratulated them on becoming firefighters.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 2018-1**

**ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING**

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

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

This ordinance will be on for second reading and public hearing at the January 23, 2018 Township Committee meeting.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION 2018-13**

#### **APPOINTING A CONFLICT ATTORNEY**

Mayor Diegnan called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Blood seconded. All members voted to approve.

### **RESOLUTION 2018-14**

#### **APPOINTING A FIRE PREVENTION OFFICIAL**

Mayor Diegnan called for a motion. Mr. Blood moved. Ms. Duarte seconded. All members voted to approve.

### **RESOLUTION 2018-15**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SKI CLUB SUPERVISORS**

Mayor Diegnan called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Blood seconded. Mr. Cioppettini asked the Recreation Director, for the future to reach out to residents to hire and Ms. Duarte agreed. The Mayor agreed, but explained that in the interest of time and safety, outside hires were necessary for this year. All members voted to approve.

### **RESOLUTION 2018-16**

#### **AUTHORIZING A GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT AGREEMENT**

Mayor Diegnan called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Blood seconded. All members voted to approve.

### **RESOLUTION 2018-17**

#### **APPOINTING MEMBERS TO TOWNSHIP BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Diegnan called for a motion. Mr. Cioppettini moved. Mr. Blood seconded. Ms. Zichelli announced the new appointments since it was determined in Executive Session and not on the resolution. The zoning board appointments were as follows: Paul Ciancimino was reappointed, Stephen Herbes moved up from an alternate to a regular member, Susan Luciano was appointed as a new alternate, Phil Crowley and Brian Di Giacamo were both appointed as new members. The newly formed Recreation Committee will have the following members: John Mallon, Todd Christie, Brian Coughlan, Eric Mauriello, Adam Dubeck, Emily Hourihan, Trish O'Brien and Laurie Pettine

Ms. Duarte thanked Mr. Brusco for his many years of service on the zoning board. Mr. Blood commented that he is looking forward to a new Recreation Committee. Mr. Gisser thanked those that have served in the past and are no longer serving. Mr. Diegnan thanked the past volunteers and looks forward to the new volunteers. Ms. Duarte also thanked Diane Tolley for her time on the Recreation Commission and was disappointed there was not any continuity from the commission to the committee. All members voted to approve.

### **RESOLUTION 2018-18**

#### **AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

## **DISCUSSION**

**Mr. Blood** asked that he and Ms. Duarte get a briefing from the CFO and some department heads in regards to the budget. Mr. Cioppettini reminded everyone that the upcoming budget meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> is open to the public. He plans to introduce the budget on February 12<sup>th</sup> and have it adopted on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cioppettini stated that there is only one major item missing that would prevent the finance department from introducing the budget.

**Ms. Duarte** announced that she would be having office hours in Town Hall starting Friday from noon to 1.

## **HEARING PERSONS PRESENT**

**Nick Monahan, 20 West Main Street**, asked what the one item was that would prevent the committee from introducing the budget. Mr. Cioppettini noted it was the full assessment of town which has to come from the Tax Assessor. Mr. Monahan also suggested adding Hearing Persons Present at the beginning as it had been in the past and asked if a public speaking portion could be at the first reading of the ordinance. He also wanted the Committee to give more input as to what was discussed in executive sessions.

**Laurie Pettine, 24 Woodland Road**, thanked the Committee for putting her on the new Recreation Committee and looked forward to working with Mr. Blood.

Ms. Duarte agrees with Mr. Monahan and hopes that the new Mayor will decide to add HPP to the beginning of the agenda and public speaking at the first reading.

The Mayor asked for a motion to recessed back into closed session at 8:15. Ms. Duarte moved and Mr. Cioppettini seconded.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Township Committee adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Zichelli



Township Clerk