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**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
May 23, 2017
Regular Session 7:30 PM**

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baumann	Present
Mr. Cioppettini	Absent
Mr. Diegnan	Present by phone from 7:30-7:50 PM
Mr. Gisser	Present
Mayor Orban Brown	Present

Also Present: John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney
Debbie 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 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.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2017-6

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2017 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$427,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

This ordinance was introduced on May 8th.

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

ORDINANCE 2017-7

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$130,000 THEREFOR, FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

This ordinance was introduced on May 8th.

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

ORDINANCE 2017-8A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM PROVIDING FOR GENERATORS FOR SEWER EAST

This ordinance was introduced on May 8th.

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Baumann moved. Mr. Gisser seconded. The Mayor opened the meeting up to the residents for public hearing. Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Road asked about the financial impact it would have on residents. Ms. Fornaro explained that a large portion of the funding came from a grant and other funding is raised through user's fees. Mendham Sewer East was able to raise \$30,000 last year and this year, while Mendham Sewer West was able to raise \$30,000 this year. Mr. Diegnan abstained. All other members present voted to approve.

ORDINANCE 2017-8B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM PROVIDING FOR GENERATOR FOR SEWER WEST

This ordinance was introduced on May 8th.

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Gisser moved. Mr. Diegnan. Mr. Baumann abstained. All other members present voted to approve.

AT THIS TIME (7:50 pm), MR. DIEGNAN ENDED THE CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENTATION

Recreation Commission – Janet Wood, the new Brookside Beach Manager presented her plans for the beach this summer. (attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed on Monday for Memorial Day

A Kid's Carnival is scheduled for June 3rd from noon-3

BANS (Bond Anticipation Notes) Certification – Ms. Bonanno explained the Township took bids on 5/9/17 for Bond Anticipation Notes for \$3,937,000. The notes will be dated May 17, 2017 and mature on May 17, 2018. Five bids were received and the Notes were awarded to TD Bank with the Net Interest Rate of 1.2 %.

Certified Recycling Professional—Ms. Bonanno announced that Mary Beth Zichelli had received her Recycling certification after a series of classes and an exam. Each municipality is required to have a CRP to submit tonnage grants and help educate residents of proper recycling.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Orban Brown noted that JCP & L sent a flyer out warning residents of the dangers of summer storms and giving safety tips as well as how to get in touch with them in an emergency. The Mayor also acknowledged a letter from a resident praising our DPW for their courteous manner and professionalism.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 8, 2017, regular session

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

May 8, 2017, executive session

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2017-71

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2017 TAXES

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

RESOLUTION 2017-72

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994, c.72

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Baumann moved. Mr. Gisser seconded. This helps with the cash flow and worked well in 2016. All members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2017-73

APPROVE SETTLEMENTS OF REAL PROPERTY TAX APPEALS

Mayor Orban Brown called for a motion. Mr. Baumann moved. Mr. Gisser seconded. The mayor asked Ms. Fornaro to find out how many appeals we have for the next meeting. All members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2017-74

AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY THROUGH GOVDEALS ONLINE AUCTION

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

RESOLUTION 2017-75

APPROVAL OF THE 2016 LOSAP QUALIFICATION LIST FOR THE BROOKSIDE ENGINE COMPANY No. 1, RALSTON ENGINE COMPANY AND THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP FIRST AID SQUAD

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

RESOLUTION 2017-76

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF LETTER AGREEMENT ACCEPTING AND APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING INITIATIVE FOR MENDHAM MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017

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

RESOLUTION 2017-77

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLUTION 2017-78

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW SEVENSKY TO THE POSITION OF LABORER

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

RESOLUTION 2017-79

AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

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

RESOLUTION 2017-80

AUTHORIZING STIPEND INCREASE FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

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

REPORTS

Public Safety – The Mayor stated she met with the Chief and Ms. Bonanno. They had a meeting with the Borough Mayor, Neil Henry to discuss shared patrols. There is ongoing interest in working with the Township. The Mayor also mentioned the police department was participating as observers with Chester Township for a “share the keys” event which encourages defensive driving and participants receive a parking pass for high school. The

promotional process has started and the Mayor anticipates having a Lieutenant by the end of June and a Sargent by mid to late summer.

Finance – Mr. Gisser gave the finance report. (attached) He said the Township was on target for revenues.

Administration – Ms. Bonanno reported that Mendham sewer east renovations are under way behind the scenes, expecting to start on site in August and completed by November. She also mentioned they are actively interviewing for a part time Recreation Director. Lastly, she stated that the preliminary work was starting for the playground. She is waiting for Mr. Fernandez, who graciously offered to help.

DISCUSSION

Verizon – Mayor Orban Brown explained that the Committee has a resolution that the Planning Board prepared, but after some discussion it was determined to wait until the June 12th meeting for Mr. Mills to give more information.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Road, inquired about the savings from switching our Board of Health contract in light of the ongoing lawsuit. Ms. Bonanno told him there was a savings of \$37,000 in the first year.

Patricia Zimmerman, 3 West Main Street, inquired about a map of the nodes. She was told she could come into Town Hall to review.

Peter Dumovic, 39 Shelton Road, applauded the Committee for supporting the beach.

Amalia Duarte, 22 Brockton Drive, shared her excitement regarding the beach and said the fundraising brunch was being postponed until the Fall.

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee motioned to adjourn at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Zichelli
Township Clerk