



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM  
April 8, 2019  
Regular Session Minutes 7:30 PM**

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Diegnan	Present
Ms. Duarte	Present
Mr. Monaghan	Present
Ms. Neibart	Present
Mayor Gisser	Present

Also present:

Matthew Petracca, Township Attorney  
Debbie Bonanno, Township Administrator  
Maria Coppinger, 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 8, 2019. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the township offices and notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

**PROCLAMATION**

Autism Awareness Month – April 2019 – Ms. Duarte read and presented the proclamation to Ms. Lori Rickles.

Ms. Rickles thanked the Township Committee for the proclamation and the community including the township, school systems, families, organizations, teachers and businesses for their support.

**PRESENTATION**

West Morris Regional High School District Budget – presented by Mr. Michael Ben-David – presentation attached. The Township Committee engaged in a discussion on the budget.

Sam Barsa – 20 Conifer Drive – asked if there will be a reduction in staff due to the 30% decrease in enrollment that the school foresees. It was noted that they are looking at reduction in staff throughout a number of years.

Larry Corzi – 324 Mendham Road – asked if there is a program to bring the students, who use the special needs services, back into the school district. It was noted that it depends on the student's classification and needs.

Bob Wock – 12 Cooper Road – Mr. Wock asked if there were other initiatives that would help address the current cost problem. Mr. Ben-David noted that they look at all areas in term of cost.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

Mayor Gisser expressed that Mendham Township was named #4 as best town in New Jersey and #1 in Morris County. Mayor Gisser, Mr. Monaghan, Ms. Neibart and Ms. Duarte announced several events that are taking place in town.

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Ms. Neibart moved. Mr. Monaghan moved.**

**All members present voted to open the meeting to the public.**

Ryan Guthrie – Cold Hill Road - suggested open morning swimming for triathletes at the Brookside Beach as a way to bring in revenue.

Diana Orban Brown – Ironia Road – commented on the school budget presentation which she attended. She encouraged the members of the public to get involved with the budget.

Bob Wock – 12 Cooper Road – commented that there should be discussions with Mendham Borough on merging the schools especially since Saint Joseph is closing.

**Ms. Neibart moved. Mr. Diegnan seconded.**

**All members present voted to close the meeting to the public.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2019

**Ms. Duarte moved. Mr. Monaghan moved.**

**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**2019 – 067** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham To Acknowledge the Acquisition of Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. and PIA Security Programs, Inc. in Accordance with the Public Contract for Insurance Consulting Services for 2019

**Ms. Duarte moved. Ms. Neibart seconded.**

**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.**

**2019 – 068** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing Award of Contract for Professional Engineering Services to French and Parrello Associates

**Mr. Diegnan moved. Ms. Duarte seconded.**

**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.**

**2019 – 069** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Approving Issuance of Social Affair Permit for Mendham Township Police Benevolent Association (PBA) #402

**Ms. Duarte moved. Ms. Neibart seconded.**

**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.**

**2019 – 070** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Approving Issuance of Social Affair Permit for Brookside Engine Company No. 1

**Mr. Diegnan moved. Mr. Neibart seconded.**

**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve except for Mayor Gisser who abstained.**

**2019 – 071** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Supporting the 2019 UDrive. UText. UPay. Distracted Driving Crackdown - April 1 - 21, 2019

**Ms. Neibart moved. Mr. Duarte seconded.**

**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.**

**2019 – 072** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing Discussion without the Presence of the Public – Contract Negotiations and Personnel

**Ms. Duarte moved. Ms. Neibart seconded.**

**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.**

**2019 – 073** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing the Payment of Bills

**Ms. Duarte moved. Ms. Neibart seconded.**

**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.**

### **ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION**

**03-2019** An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment to Amended Deed of Conservation Easement for Steep Slopes for the Property Identified as Block 148, Lot 4 and Block 149, Lots 6 and 7, in the Township of Mendham in Connection with the Approvals Granted by the Mendham Township Board of Adjustment

*Introduction / First Reading was held on March 11, 2019*

**Ms. Duarte moved. Ms. Neibart seconded.**

**Mr. Diegnan moved and Ms. Duarte seconded to open for the public hearing on 03-2019.**

**No comments from the public.**

**Ms. Duarte moved and Mr. Monaghan seconded to close the public hearing session on 03-2019.**

**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.**

### **DISCUSSION**

Mayor Gisser asked the Township Committee if they would agree to cancel one township committee meeting in August. The Township Committee agreed to cancel the first meeting in August due to vacations, etc.. Mayor Gisser asked the Township Committee to review the email from the Chief Financial Officer regarding the capital ordinance for the next meeting. He announced the bid advertisement for the Mosle Demolition project. The garbage collection RFP will be completed in the next couple of weeks and circulated for input. The Brookside Beach dredging is under technical review by the state. The Finance Committee will schedule a meeting in May.

Mr. Diegnan asked for an update on the permits for the rest of the Pitney Farm trees. Ms. Bonanno noted that the contractor is expected to come out next week.

Ms. Duarte suggested that an update on the Pitney Farm property be put out to the community. Ms. Duarte asked about the procedure to respond to the Historic Preservation Committee's request to receive all demolition permits. Mr. Gisser asked that they review the letter and if it is an amendment that the committee would like to move forward on then it will be placed on the agenda for discussion. Ms. Duarte asked about the petition that was received regarding the 4 Oak Knoll property. Ms. Bonanno noted that she and the construction official have been working on the complaint and an inspection was performed. The Township has been involved with the property manager and the Oak Knoll community. Mr. Petracca noted that the petition was received and the ordinance calls for the Construction Official to investigate. Ms. Duarte asked about procedure when it comes to discussion on merging the shared court with additional towns. Ms. Neibart noted that negotiations need to take place and she will ask for the township committee to appoint a court liaison to sit in on these negotiations of the shared court.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Mr. Monaghan moved. Ms. Duarte seconded.**

**All members present voted to open the meeting to the public.**

Diana Orban Brown – Ms. Brown wanted to know if there was any chance that the Cold Hill grant that was awarded to the Township by NJDOT could be used for create sidewalks on the Cold Hill Road. Ms.

Bonanno noted that a scope modification would be required. She suggested the Pitney Farm updates be posted in the newsletter. She commented on the district school budget and the tax increase process.

**Ms. Duarte moved. Mr. Monaghan seconded.**

**All members present voted to close the meeting to the public.**

Township Committee convened into Executive Session at 9:52PM.

**ADJOURN**

**Motioned by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Diegnan.**

**All members voted to adjourn at 10:37PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Coppinger  
Township Clerk

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