



**May 26, 2020 VIRTUAL MEETING  
6:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED)  
7:30 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Baio  
Ms. Duarte  
Mr. Monaghan  
Mr. Orlins  
Mayor Neibart

**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 3, 2020. The Notice of Change in Meeting Format was given to the Daily Record and Star Ledger on May 14, 2020. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the township offices and notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

**2020-098** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing Discussion Without the Presence of the Public – Personnel Matters / Contract Negotiations

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED)**

**REGUAR MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Mayor Neibart reported on the current number of cases in New Jersey after 66 days under the stay at home order. Contract tracing updates will be made available to the Committee shortly after a report from the Governor.

**BUDGET HEARING**

- 2020 Municipal Budget – Public Comment

Motion to open the meeting for public comment made by Ms. Duarte seconded by Mr. Monaghan.

There were no public comments.

Motion to close to the public by Mr. Baio seconded by Mr. Orlins.

**PRESENTATION**

West Morris Regional High School District Budget – Mr. Michael Ben-David, Superintendent - Presentation attached

Mr. Monaghan questioned whether the financials in the report included transportation to which Mr. Ben-David responded that they did.

Mr. Orlins initiated a discussion about how the district is preparing for a safe opening in the fall. Mr. Ben-David explained that there has been no guidance from the Department of Education or the state regarding the parameters for a safe opening for an in-person environment in the fall. He said that the district was doing well in a remote environment however they are preparing for every possibility – remote, hybrid, or full in-person environments. Mr. Orlins recommended that the district should push the state for guidance to which Mr. Ben-David responded that they have been doing so continuously.

Mayor Neibart commented that in her weekly calls with the Governor she requests this guidance.

Ms. Duarte questioned the cost of special education transportation in light of the fact that enrollment is declining. Mr. Ben-David explained that there are many variables that affect the cost since they must go out to bid. Mr. Ben-David commented that the township should consider purchasing busses for special education and extra curricular routes since the long-term advantage might outweigh the upfront expense. Ms. Duarte questioned how the district expects to expand on programs that emphasize mental health. Mr. Ben-David explained that there are teams working to review programs and that none are being cut or replaced.

Mr. Baio initiated a conversation regarding costs per pupil. It was noted that those numbers were from previous years. Mr. Ben-David commented that there has been savings in substitutes, lunch duty, athletic transportation, professional development. He further mentioned that state aid is the biggest issue right now. Mr. Baio asked if the busses aren't running, if contracts are paid out to which Mr. Ben-David

responded that they were. Mr. Monaghan asked if there was savings from distant learning or did that create an expense. Mr. Ben-David explained that the transition was fluid since technical staff are already in house, and some busses are in use to deliver needed supplies to students.

Mr. Ben-David commented that plans are being made for graduation, if possible.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Neibart:

- Drive in movie is scheduled for May 29th with rain date May 30<sup>th</sup>
- May 28<sup>th</sup> is Bingo Night
- Mendham Gets Fit Yoga and Pilates contact the Recreation Director

Ms. Duarte:

- Police department starts campaign to lock remind residents to lock cars and homes and register home with vacant home checks on 543-2581. Be careful driving with care.
- Harmony Brookside celebrates second anniversary in town
- Stigma Free Task force winds down the May Mental Health awareness campaign and the June campaign is for Pride month.
- The Environmental and Wildlife commissions remind all to maintain social distance and wear masks when appropriate on trails.
- The Primary election has been moved to July 7<sup>th</sup> and will be primarily vote by mail.

Mayor Neibart added that there will be one physical location open and Mrs. Coppinger added that it will probably be the EMS (Brookside) building.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Ms. Duarte moved. Mr. Orlins seconded the motion to open the meeting to the public.**

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

Jane – Main Street – asked whether once you receive a mail in ballot must you always vote via mail. Mrs. Coppinger advised that in order to opt out of a mail in ballot, one needs to complete an opt out form available at the clerk's office.

**Ms. Duarte moved. Mr. Orlins seconded the motion to close the meeting to the public.**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2020  
**Motion made by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Orlins**  
**Ms. Duarte moved to approve. Mr. Monaghan seconded.**  
**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.**
- Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2020  
**Motion made by Mr. Baio and seconded by Ms. Duarte.**  
**Ms. Duarte moved to approve. Mr. Orlins seconded.**  
**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**2020-099** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Adoption of 2020 Municipal Budget

**Motion made by Mr. Monaghan and seconded by Ms. Duarte.**

Mayor Neibart reiterated this is a zero percent increase and thanked Ms. Fornaro for her work on this effort. Ms. Duarte was glad that the Township Committee continued to fund the Mendham Area Senior Transportation (MAST) program for the seniors, library and recreation.

**Motion made to approve by Mr. Monaghan. Seconded by Mr. Baio.**

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

**2020-100** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Rejecting All Bids Received for Improvements to Cold Hill Road

**Motion made by Mr. Baio and seconded by Ms. Duarte.**

**Motion to call the question made by Ms. Duarte and second by Mr. Monaghan.**

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

**2020-101** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to H2M Associates, Inc Not to Exceed \$15,000

**Motion made by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Baio.**

**Motion to call the question made by Mr. Baio and second by Ms. Duarte.**

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

**2020-102** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham to Amend the Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) and Authorize Its Filing with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection: Green Acres Program

**Motion made by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Monaghan.**

**Motion to call the question made by Ms. Duarte and second by Mr. Orlins.**

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

**2020-103** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham to Amend a Raffle License – HSA Mendham Township Inc.

**Motion to call the question made by Mr. Monaghan and second by Mr. Baio.**

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

**2020-104** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Supporting the Continuation of a Phased Reopening that Allows for the Safe, Equitable, and Thoughtful Reopening of New Jersey, the County of Morris, and the Township of Mendham

**Motion made by Mr. Baio and seconded by Mr. Orlins.**

The Committee agreed that safe, equitable and a phased approach to opening is important, and that voicing local concerns to an overwhelmed state administration has proven to be helpful, and that this resolution is supportive of the Governor.

**Motion to call the question made by Mr. Baio and second by Mr. Orlins.**

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

**2020-105** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing the Payment of Bills

**Motion to call the question made by Ms. Duarte and second by Mr. Orlins.**

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

**2020-106** Resolution of the Township of Mendham of the Township of Mendham Replacing the Licensed Operator of the Mendham Township Sewer Collection Systems

**Motion made by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Monaghan.**

Mr. Casey explained that currently there are two licenses held by the Township – one for the sewer plant and the other for the collections system. Mr. Casey recommends that the Township hold one entity for both in order to resolve any issues of responsibility. The payment and cost remain the same.

**Motion to call the question made by Mr. Baio and second by Ms. Duarte.**

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

#### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION / FIRST READING**

**07-2020** An Ordinance of the Township of Mendham, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Supplementing Ordinance 2017-14 Establishing the Sewer Service Charges for the Mendham East Water Pollution Control System -***Second Reading and Public Hearing scheduled for June 8, 2020***

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 10-96 entitled “An Ordinance of the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Establishing Sewer Services charges for the Mendham East Water Pollution Control System” established sanitary sewer service fees to be charged to the owners of properties served by such system; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 10-96 was amended by Ordinance 17-97, Ordinance 21-2003, Ordinance 28-2006, and Ordinance 14-2007, ordinance 15-2015; and ordinance 2017-14; and

**WHEREAS**. The Sanitary Sewer System is experiencing sewage flows in excess of the capability of the Sewer Treatment Plant requiring these excess flows to be taken to an alternate sewage facility for disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, under ordinance 2019 – 08, entitled “An Ordinance of the Township of Mendham amending and supplementing chapter 272 entitled Sewers, Article iv Use of Public Sewers”, the expense of properly disposing of the excess flows that can be identified as coming from specific residences, can be charged to the owners of those residences are liable for the expense of properly disposing of the excess flows; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of disposing of these excess sewage flows not chargeable to specific users was not included in the calculation of the costs to be recovered from the standard operation of the Sewer Treatment Plant (East) since these costs are intermittent and unpredictable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham, County of Morris, New Jersey, that Ordinance 2017-14 is revised to read as follows:

#### **SECTION ONE:**

1. The owner of every property connected to and served by the Mendham East Water Pollution Control System (a self-liquidating municipal utility established by Ordinance 8-96 entitled “An Ordinance of the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Providing for the Acceptance of the Mendham East Water Pollution Control System and its Operating and Maintenance by the Township as a Self-Liquidating Municipal Utility”) shall pay to the Township an annual service charge in accordance with the following schedule:

Property Use

Annual Service Charge

Single-family dwelling unit and Condominium dwelling unit:

1 Bedroom Dwelling	\$1,033
2 Bedroom Dwelling	\$2,067
3 Bedroom Dwelling	\$3,100
4 Bedroom Dwelling	\$4,134
5 Bedroom Dwelling	\$5,166

2. If the sewage flows to the Sewer Treatment Plant should exceed the design and NJDEP permitted plant flows and cannot be attributable to specific users, and these excess flows must be disposed of in alternate sewage treatment facilities in accordance with the regulations of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, then the cost of the disposal of these excess flows shall be added to the quarterly bill to be rendered to all of the Utility customers. These added cost shall be shared by the utility customers pro rata in accordance with the individual customer’s existing share of the quarterly charge established in Paragraph 1 of this ordinance.

3. The annual service charges provided in Paragraph 1 of this ordinance plus the excess flow charge provided in Paragraph 2 of this ordinance shall be billed by the Collector of Taxes of the Township and be due and payable quarter-annually on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 in each and every year.

4. If any bill for service charges remains unpaid after the due date, the amount due shall bear interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum up to \$1,500 and eighteen percent (18%) over \$1,500. No interest shall be charged if payment of any quarterly service charge is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the quarterly service charge became due. Service charges, and any interest thereon, provided by this Ordinance shall be liens on the respective properties against which such charges are made, and the payment may be enforced in the same manner provided for the collection of taxes.

5. All service fees received by the Township pursuant to this ordinance shall be dedicated revenues to adequately meet the managerial, professional, overhead and all other operating expenses of the Mendham East Water Pollution Control System in accordance with the provisions of the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et.seq.

6. The rate structure established herein shall be effective January 1, 2018 and continue thereafter until amended or modified.

**SECTION TWO:**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional or unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

**SECTION THREE:**

All ordinances of the Township of Mendham which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION FOUR:**

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication thereof as provided by law.

**Motion was made by Mr. Baio and seconded Ms. Duarte.**

Mr. Casey explained that this ordinance does not change the fee structure but will allow the Township to charge residents for the cost incurred by any excess flows. This cost could vary by quarter depending on conditions. Mayor Neibart pointed out that in the past the Township paid for the excess through the Utility Trust fund that is now depleted. Mr. Casey said that the ultimate goal is to determine the origin of the excess flows to avoid additional cost to residents.

**Motion to call the question made by Mr. Monaghan and second by Ms. Duarte.**

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

**ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING / PUBLIC HEARING**

**04–2020** An Ordinance of the Township of Mendham Providing for Various Capital Improvements and Appropriating \$290,000 Therefore, from the Capital Improvement Fund - **Reintroduction of Ord. 04-2020 as Amended / Introduction & First Reading held on May 11, 2020**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The funding for the Various Capital Improvements is hereby authorized and such cost is not to exceed \$290,000.

Section 2. The several improvements hereby authorized are as follows:

Fire Department – PPE Gear, Equipment, Major Apparatus Repairs	\$50,000
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Police Department - Police Vehicle(s)	\$50,000
Recreation Department – Various capital improvements to recreation areas including but not limited to irrigation system for India Brook Field, Park Furnishings, Sporting Fields and any other Township owned property used for recreation activities.	\$15,000
Township Signs – Repair and/or Replace	\$5,000
Department of Public Works- Various Road Improvements	\$170,000
Total	\$290,000

Section 3. The funding for the Various Improvements is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect following passage and publication as provided by law.

**Motion made by Mr. Baio and seconded by Mr. Monaghan.**

**Motion to open for public comment made by Mr. Baio and second by Mr. Monaghan.**

Mr. Baio read a question that he received - Questioned why the Township does not use traditional seal coating on roads. After some discussion Mayor Neibart pointed out that this topic should include Dave Read and Joe Guanill.

Diana Orban Brown – Ironia Road – Ms. Orban Brown pointed out that back in 2015 the Township Committee decided that capital expenditures should be very specific. She noted that the ordinance 04-2020 is too vague and should include specific expenditures.

Ms. Fornaro explained that this ordinance is for items that are paid for in cash and not for items that are bonded. She noted that for the last 5 years, the township committee has adopted ordinances where the items have been broad which allows for the departments to prioritize. Ms. Fornaro expressed that the current ordinance is more specific than last year which is why they are looking to amend the ordinance specifically for the language on the recreation portion regarding irrigation on India Brook; to allow for Recreation to prioritize in case the irrigation project does not take off.

Ms. Orban Brown pointed out that in Finance Committee meetings specific asks are presented and this information needs to be included and priorities set. She commented that the process needs to be improved.

Mayor Neibart advised the members who were present from the Fire, Police, and DPW departments that this capital could not be accessed until June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to close to the public made by Mr. Baio and seconded by Ms. Duarte.**

Motion to amend Recreation Department various capital improvements for recreation areas including but not limited to irrigation systems for India Brook fields, park furnishings as well as sports fields and any municipal owned recreational areas.

**Motion made by Mr. Orlins and seconded by Ms. Duarte.**

Committee members engaged in a lengthy discussion as to whether this ordinance needed to be amended or if the original language was sufficient. The Committee discussed whether the wording should be vague to allow for flexibility or to specifically point out the expense to be allocated for the irrigation system at India Brook. The irrigation system itself became a topic of debate, as to whether potable water should be used for irrigation. Mr. Orlins said he was going to follow up to determine if the new well as proposed was necessary. Mr. Casey pointed out that a separate system may be required due to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permit constraints. Mayor Neibart brought the discussion back to the point of amending the ordinance.

**Mayor Neibart moved and Ms. Duarte seconded to amend as follows:**

*(Recreation Department) – Various capital improvements to recreation areas including but not limited to irrigation system for India Brook Field, Park Furnishings, Sporting Fields and any other Township owned property used for recreation activities.*

**Motion to call the question made by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Orlins.**

**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve with the exception of Mr. Monaghan who voted no.**

**Motion to call the question to move to a public hearing on June 8<sup>th</sup> made by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Orlins.**

**Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve with the exception of Mr. Monaghan who voted no.**

**05-2020** Bond Ordinance Providing for the Improvement of Roads in and By the Township of Mendham, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating \$550,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$523,000 Bonds Or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof.

***Introduction / First Reading held on May 11, 2020***

**Motion made to open to the public by Mr. Monaghan seconded by Ms. Duarte.**

Diana Orban Brown – Ironia Road- Ms. Orban Brown suggested that intended roads should be listed. Ms. Duarte commented that they should be on the website but she was not able to locate them. Mr. Monaghan as DPW liaison agreed that a list could be posted however due to the fact that state aid is questionable at this point, the roads listed could not be quantitated.

**Motion to close public comment by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Orlins.**

Mr. Baio commented that he did not think that roads should be itemized as part of this bond.

**Motion to call the question by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Orlins.**

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

**06-2020** Ordinance Reappropriating \$60,000 Proceeds of Obligations Not Needed for Their Original Purpose in Order to Provide for the Acquisition of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Units for the Fire Department in and By the Township of Mendham, In the County of Morris, New Jersey

***Introduction / First Reading held on May 11, 2020***

**Motion made by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Baio.**

There were no comments from the public.

**Motion to close public comment by Mr. Monaghan seconded by Mr. Baio.**

**Motion to call the question made by Ms. Duarte and second by Mr. Orlins.**

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

#### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Motion to open public comment was moved by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Baio.**

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

**Michael Merritt** – Mr. Merritt emphasized the importance of encouraging freeholders to continue to check in with the 42 long term care facilities in Morris County to ensure Covid safety measures remain in place. He commented that although it was mentioned that there are no new cases in the area, that there were in fact unreported cases in Holly Manor and that does impact the township. Mr. Merritt continued to say that he hoped the governing body would advocate for those who are at risk while supporting the opening of businesses.

Mayor Neibart commented that she has been coordinating with Chief Johnson, OEM Coordinator Evan Thomas, Captain Budd and Fire Departments to assist Mendham Borough OEM with Holly Manor and the Sisters' needs. Early in the pandemic the Mayor contacted the state regarding Holly Manor and she was referred to the local health department. The Township continues to support the Borough in every way possible. Mayor Neibart agreed that contacting the freeholders is a good idea. Mr. Merritt encouraged the Committee to ask the freeholders how they justify staffing levels for contract tracing with a part time nurse.

**Ken Augarten** - 8 Martins Lane – Mr. Augarten commented that Committee should give residents the right to vote on the school budget and move the date of school elections back to April. He said that in the last two years since he was on the board, the CAP has increased without regard for percentage of residents with children in the district.

Mayor Neibart commented that she is still disappointed with the school budget but it is not something that she will consider for the agenda right now but merits discussion at some point.

**Christine Meyers** – Thanked the Committee for their work and she agreed with Ken regarding his school board comments. She added that regarding the Covid crisis, the township is more fortunate than other areas where the risk ratio changes drastically. She encouraged the Committee to ask the Governor to move aggressively since economic reserves are needed in order to be able to continue to care for long term care facilities, which deserve more attention. She added that Covid might come back in the fall again so preparations should be made so that shutting down is not necessary. Ms. Meyers commented that the Governor is discriminating against small stores by allowing big box stores yet not smaller ones as well as discriminating against churches; she added that a more wholistic approach should be taken.

Ms. Duarte expressed that this resolution is good because it supports the Governor's approach and she takes exception to the comment to open up houses of worship when many attendees are over the age of 60.

Ms. Meyers responded that houses of worship should have the same logic flow in the way allowances are made.

**Rick Blood** – Mr. Blood asked if the 2020 Sewer Budget was adopted and if money was allocated for the I&I work that was needed to determine the flow. He commented on the sealcoat question, fog seal when it does not have any stone) is typically not applied to any surfaces where friction cohesion is important such as curbs or for braking or accelerating. He noted that quotes are very important for budgeting purposes.

**Carolee Kallman** - 11 Valley View Drive – She is concern about the economies effect on people’s mental health. She noted that they may not be obvious effects of the shut down but they are very real. She expressed that the current restrictions are unfair for the moms and pops shops.

**Jane McNeal** – East Main Street – She agreed with Ms. Meyers’ comments and spoke of the current situation with the current lockdown.

**Motion to closed public comment was moved by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Monaghan. All members present voted to close public session.**

## **DISCUSSION**

- Administration
  - May Property Tax Receipts
    - Tax Collection are under by \$800,000 - 5% under what was projected in the budget
  - Tax Assessor - Reassessment Process
    - Scott Holzhauer spoke on the (phased) Reassessment process.
  - Opening of Town Hall
    - Mr. Casey provided an update on the opening of town hall – most of the physical improvements have been made and the missing piece is an electronic door bell. He estimates that in two weeks town hall will be more accessible to the public; Currently, the public has to make an appointment to access town hall.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

**Construction** - no update

**DPW** - Mr. Monaghan reported that spring brush pickup was completed on April 20<sup>th</sup> using the new claw equipment. Curb repairs begin on Thursday on Valley View and Coe Farm Road. Mowing has begun. Fields are being treated in-house taking advantage of Assistant superintendent Joe Guanill’s knowledge. Street sweeping is complete. DPW back at full staff after a non Covid related sick leave has ended. Summer help starts on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Environmental Commission** – Ms. Duarte reported that at the recent Zoom meeting the student representatives considered hosting a webinar on single use plastics. Questions were raised about the about nitrate solution study which will be made available to the public at the next township meeting. Some cleanup was done for Earth day in Drakewick.

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Orlins commented as a follow up to the previous question regarding tax relief during the crisis. Mr. Orlins said that generally speaking the focus of the committee is to lower taxes which they seek to do day in and day out. Going forward for 2021, big initiatives are being considered.

**Fire Department** – Mayor Neibart reported that she is working on run cards and that protocols and responses have been updated due to the Covid crisis. Money will be appropriated from tender.

**First Aid Squad** – Ms. Duarte reported that since the beginning of the Covid pandemic Captain George Budd has been giving daily updates on their PPE supplies and available volunteers. Mr. Monaghan added that both ambulances are now in Brookside.

**Historic Preservation** – Mr. Baio reported that at the April 22 Zoom meeting, Pitney Farm was predominantly discussed. HPC has been assigned to work on a series of signs.

**Library** – Mr. Monaghan reported that digital content is mainly being used now by patrons which is more expensive than books. Programs are being delivered virtually. Kindness rock garden project was started. 11 new library cards were issued. Covid 19 extra care program continues to contact older patrons. Renovations continue. Positions are open on the board of trustees.

**Mendham Sewer East & West** – Mayor Neibart addressed a question as to how the surcharge would be distributed on the bills. Mr. Casey confirmed that all Drakewick residents would be assessed proportionally.

**Mendham Township School District** – Mr. Orlins shared a spreadsheet of the last 3 years of spending per pupil from the school budget document. Mr. Orlins encouraged residents to attend the May 5th school

budget meeting to question why spending on certain areas of the budget are greater than for core learning.

**Mendham TV** – Ms. Duarte reported that a talk show style program was started before the pandemic that is now on hold; old programs are now being shown. Initiatives or fundraising can be promoted in between shows.

**Planning Board** – no update

**Police** – Ms. Duarte reported on behalf of Chief Johnson that when hiking on trails to maintain social distance and only hike with members in your household. Buttermilk Falls remains closed along with the fields on Ironia Road. Drive responsibly and slow down for bikers. Bears are active again so be careful with trash and bird feeders- never approach a bear with a cub. Follow police for updates on their Facebook page. Report suspicious activity and be aware of Covid scams.

**Recreation Committee** - Mr. Orlins reported that Mendham Gets Fit is still online and free. Patriots Race has been postponed until the fall. Mr. Orlins was asked by golfers to write to the Governor to open public and private golf courses via NJ.gov/contact us. Mr. Baio asked if the Mayor had the authority to open Buttermilk Falls. Mayor Neibart responded that she did have the authority and that she and Chief Johnson are discussing the issue and there will be an update soon. The Mayor suggested visiting other trails in the township in the meantime.

**Regional School District** - no update

**Shared Court** – Mayor Neibart reported that shared court has been busy.

**Stigma-Free Initiative** – Ms. Duarte requested that a proclamation for mental health awareness month be considered.

**Surrounding Town Outreach** – Mr. Orlins reported that the opportunity to work with the Borough is on hold right now due to the Covid crisis.

**Tax Assessor** – Mayor Neibart reported that the tax assessor met with the finance committee this evening and discussed reassessment and there is money in the budget for that. A resolution will be presented at the next town meeting regarding a phased reassessment.

**Tree Committee** – no update

**Wildlife Management** – no update

**Zoning Board** – no update

Ms. Duarte requested that notes be provided for the committee from the tax assessor before the next meeting. There will be a Kick off meeting on Thursday for Marketing Communications, the agenda will include a new resident survey to be sent by snail mail.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion made by Mr. Monaghan and second by Ms. Duarte.  
All members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved: 07/28/2020

Maria F. Coppinger  
Township Clerk