



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
December 19, 2019
Regular Session 6:00 PM**

ROLL CALL

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

Also present:

Deborah Bonanno, Township Administrator
Matthew Moench, Township Attorney
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 and notice of time change was provided on December 4, 2019. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the township offices and notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Gisser announced that the township was awarded a \$250,000 grant from NJDOT for the Woodland Road project. The Menorah lighting will take place at Borough Park.

Ms. Duarte requested that residents save Styrofoam packaging for the Styrofoam Recycling event partnered by the township Environmental Commission and Mendham Borough Environmental Commission that will take place on January 11th 9-1pm at 37 Ironia Road. Ms. Duarte extended thanks to all who attended the Hanukkah party at the community club. Harmony Brookside will have extended holiday hours. The Polar Bear Plunge will take place on January 1st at the beach which is a fundraising event sponsored by the West Morris Junior Women's club and the Recreation Department to raise money for the playground. Ms. Duarte extended thanks to volunteers and first responders and invited the public to stay for the reception after the meeting.

Ms. Neibart announced that there are open spots on Finance and Tree Committee and anyone interested should express their interest at town hall.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Neibart moved. Ms. Duarte seconded.

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

Bob Wowk – 12 Cooper Rd. - Mr. Wowk questioned whether there would be access from the Pitney development cul-de-sac into the back of the park and expressed that it would be desirable. He also thanked Mayor Gisser for his service, and expressed that he would like for residents to be able to vote for the mayor position, which he felt would help with continuity of agenda items.

Motion to close public comment was moved by Ms. Neibart and seconded by Ms. Duarte.

Roll call vote: All members present voted to close public session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2019
Ms. Duarte moved. Ms. Neibart seconded.
Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.
- Executive Session Minutes of October 22, 2019
Ms. Duarte moved. Ms. Neibart seconded.
Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.
- Executive Session Minutes of November 11, 2019
Ms. Duarte moved. Ms. Neibart seconded.
Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTIONS

2019-181 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing the Cancellation of Small Balances on Tax and Sewer Utility Accounts for the Year Ending December 31, 2019

Ms. Duarte moved. Ms. Neibart seconded.

Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.

2019-182 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Appointing Richard Cabri to the Position of Foreman for Buildings & Grounds

Ms. Neibart moved. Ms. Duarte seconded.

Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.

2019-183 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 / SECOND READING- *Introduced at the December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting*

13-2019 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Mendham by Amending Chapter 93, Article 1, Entitled "Licensing And Control Of Animals" to Codify Specific Penalties for Failing to License Dogs or Cats

Ms. Duarte moved. Ms. Neibart seconded.

Roll call vote: All members present voted to approve.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Duarte moved. Ms. Neibart seconded the motion to open the meeting to the public.

There were no comments from the public.

Ms. Neibart moved. Ms. Duarte seconded the motion to close the meeting to the public.

Roll call vote: All members present voted to close the public session.

DISCUSSION

Committee members thanked Mayor Gisser for his service to the community.

Accomplishments in 2019 – Administrator Debbie Bonanno

List of accomplishments are attached hereto and made part of the minutes.

Mayor Gisser's comments

Mayor Gisser expressed that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the township. He said that he takes great pride in the accomplishments and initiatives as mentioned in Ms. Bonanno's presentation, and the fact that the township was able to reduce debt while maintaining services. Mayor Gisser challenged the new committee to see the historic Pitney project through, thanking Diana Orban Brown for her service on that project. And secondly, he challenged the committee to take action and resolve issues regarding Police headquarters. Mayor Gisser thanked his fellow committee members, the township professional staff, and the town hall team for a collaborative effort. Finally, Mayor Gisser thanked his wife and children for their support.

ADJOURN

Ms. Duarte moved. Ms. Neibart seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote: All members present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maria F. Coppinger
Township Clerk