



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday, December 22, 2020

TIME: 7:30 PM Regular Session

LOCATION: REMOTE VIA ZOOM
Webinar ID: 838 8095 2143
Passcode: 021071

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO, PRESENT

Mr. Bob Casey, Township Administrator
Mr. John Mills, Township Attorney
Ms. 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 3, 2020. The notice of change in meeting format was given to Star Ledger and Daily Record on October 7, 2020. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the township offices and notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

Mayor Neibart announced the passing of former Mayor and former Fire Chief Brian Phalen.

PROCLAMATION – HONORING MENDHAM TOWNSHIP’S 2020 FIRST RESPONDERS

Mayor and Township Committee thanked all the first responders for all their dedication during the ongoing pandemic.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mayor Neibart provided the following Covid-19 update

- As of today, there were 4,686 positive cases in New Jersey
- Total cases since March: 400,366
- Today, there were 104 reported deaths
- Total deaths: 16,418

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Duarte made the following announcements: Environmental Commission will host a Styrofoam Recycling Event on January 9, 2021. Thanked the Brookside and Ralston Fire Departments and the First Aid Squad for the Santa drive-by. Thanked the DPW for the fine job of plowing with the recent snow storm.

Mr. Orlins made the following announcements: Thanked a Good Samaritan, Pat Donnelly, of Tri-County, for helping remove and dispose a large pile of sticks on Route 24. Thanked the DPW and contractors for the removal of snow.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Monaghan made a motion to close the meeting to the public; Seconded by Ms. Duarte.

Michael Merritt – Mountainside Road – Mr. Merritt highlighted the accomplishments and thanked Maria Coppinger for all her work with Mendham TV.

Mary Michailidis – 10 Thackery Lane – Ms. Michailidis asked when the work at the intersection of Corey Lane and Tempe Wick will begin.

Mr. Monaghan made a motion to close the meeting to the public; Seconded by Mr. Orlins.

MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2020

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
					YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio		X			X		
Ms. Duarte	X		X		X		
Mr. Monaghan					X		
Mr. Orlins				X	X		
Mayor Neibart					X		

REGULAR AGENDA

2020-237 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing Employment Agreements for Police Management Personnel

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
					YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio			X		X		
Ms. Duarte	X			X	X		
Mr. Monaghan		X			X		
Mr. Orlins					X		
Mayor Neibart					X		

2020-238 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Cancelling Appropriations to Fund Balance

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
					YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio					X		
Ms. Duarte			X		X		
Mr. Monaghan		X			X		
Mr. Orlins	X			X	X		
Mayor Neibart					X		

2020-239 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Cancelling Reserve for Reassessments and Transfer to Fund Balance

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
					YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio		X			X		
Ms. Duarte	X			X	X		
Mr. Monaghan					X		
Mr. Orlins			X		X		
Mayor Neibart					X		

2020-240 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Reestablishing Reserve for Tax Appeals Through a Transfer From Fund Balance

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
					YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio					X		
Ms. Duarte		X		X	X		
Mr. Monaghan			X		X		
Mr. Orlins	X				X		
Mayor Neibart					X		

2020-241 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Cancellation of Unexpended Improvement Authorization in General Capital Fund

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
					YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio					X		
Ms. Duarte		X	X		X		
Mr. Monaghan					X		
Mr. Orlins	X			X	X		
Mayor Neibart					X		

2020-242 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing 2020 Budget Appropriation Transfer

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
					YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio					X		
Ms. Duarte	X			X	X		
Mr. Monaghan		X			X		
Mr. Orlins			X		X		
Mayor Neibart					X		

2020-243 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham to Approve a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Randolph for Animal Shelter Services

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
					YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio				X	X		
Ms. Duarte	X		X		X		
Mr. Monaghan		X			X		
Mr. Orlins					X		
Mayor Neibart					X		

2020-244 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract without Competitive Bidding to Cornerstone Architectural Group for Architectural Design and Base Construction Services for Renovations to the Town Hall

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
					YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio	X			X	X		
Ms. Duarte			X		X		
Mr. Monaghan					X		
Mr. Orlins		X			X		
Mayor Neibart					X		

2020-245 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Recognizing Exceptional Performance

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
					YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio					X		
Ms. Duarte	X			X	X		
Mr. Monaghan		X	X		X		
Mr. Orlins					X		
Mayor Neibart					X		

2020-246 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing the Payment of Bills

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
					YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio					X		
Ms. Duarte		X	X		X		
Mr. Monaghan	X			X	X		
Mr. Orlins					X		
Mayor Neibart					X		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Duarte made a motion to open the meeting to the public; Seconded by Mr. Monaghan.

Taylor Buonocore – Cold Hill Road – Ms. Buonocore thanked the First Responders for Saturday’s visit from Santa (drive-by); she noted that her whole family enjoyed it.

Mr. Monaghan made a motion to close the meeting to the public; Seconded by Mr. Orlins.

DISCUSSION

Administration

Mount Pleasant Road – The Township received a grant for \$400,011.00 but the cost is about \$700,020 to \$700,050. This means the township will need to budget the remainder which could have an impact on the capital improvement program. The Township Administrator, Engineer and Superintendent recommend that the project be done in 2022, the reason being is that in 2021 there are two major projects underway, Cold Hill and Woodland Road; the township has two years to spend that money.

Mr. Casey noted that the staff is very appreciative of all the hard work that Mayor Neibart has done this pass year. The staff would like to recognize her since this is the last meeting of this term.

Mayor Neibart read a prepared statement on the accomplishments and challenges of 2020.

Committee members also expressed their appreciation to everyone for helping out during this unprecedented year.

LIAISON REPORTS

The Township Committee provided their liaison reports.

ADJOURN

The Township Committee adjourned at 9:30PM. Motioned made by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Monaghan. All members were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maria F. Coppinger
Township Clerk