

**TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, November 14, 2022  
**TIME:** 7:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Mendham Township Middle School and Remote Via Zoom

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also, present:

Mr. John M. Mills, Esq.  
 Mr. Jason Gabloff, Township Administrator  
 Ms. Maria Coppinger, Township Clerk

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG** – Led by Mayor Monaghan

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE** – Read by Mayor Monaghan

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 10, 2022. Change of Meeting Location Notice provided to the Daily Record and Observer Tribune on November 2, 2022. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the township offices and notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

**PROCLAMATION**

*None*

**PRESENTATION**

Marketing Committee – Township Logo Contest Update – Presented by Laurie Pettine; presentation attached.

Mr. Orlins asked if the logo creator would consider extending the creek into an open space, as we have everywhere (in the township). He expressed that the logo looks like the body of water intends to be the reservoir; he doesn't consider the reservoir a symbol of the town.

Mayor Monaghan recommended that the committee absorb the logo for a couple of weeks and present any changes or comments at that time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Monaghan thanked Dr. Consentino and Dr. Ciccone for allowing the Township to use the all-purpose room for our meeting. The Township Committee provided their announcements on volunteer opportunities, upcoming township events and updates.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

***Ms. Duarte made a motion to close the open to the public session; Seconded by Ms. Neibart. Voice Vote: All members present voted in favor.***

**REGULAR AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

**2022-163** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing 2022 Budget Appropriation Transfer

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

**2022-164** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Awarding Hertrich Fleet Services through the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System for a 2023 Dodge Durango Police AWD Not to Exceed \$38,171

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

**2022-165** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township Mendham Appointing Karen Orgera to the Position of Assistant to the Township Clerk

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

**2022-166** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing the Award of a Competitive Bidding Contract to Unicorn Contracting Corp. of Bloomfield, New Jersey for Asbestos Remediation and Abatement of the Mendham Township Library and Town Hall at 2 West Main Street, Brookside

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

**2022-167** Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham Authorizing the Payment of Bills

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

**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

**15-2022** Ordinance Appropriating \$125,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund in Order to Provide for Purchase S.C.B.A. Equipment for the Brookside and Ralston Engine Companies by the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey

**Public Hearing scheduled for November 28, 2022**

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

Chief Sauerman and Lt. Gisser of the Brookside Engine Company provided a presentation on the equipment and tools that they intent to purchase.

**ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING / PUBLIC HEARING**

**13-2022** Ordinance Appropriating \$52,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund in Order to Provide for Fire Department Equipment and Tools in and by the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey

**Introduced on October 11, 2022**

***Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 13-2022 made by Ms. Duarte; Seconded by Ms. Neibart.***

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 13-2022**

Diana Orban Brown, Ironia Road - Ms. Brown pointed out that the ordinance does not specify which fire apparatus needs “major repair (of fire apparatus).” Lt. Gisser provided the history of the equipment and noted a tender might need repairs, and Mr. Gabloff indicated that there is a list of capital requests.

***Mr. Orlins made a motion to close the open to the public session; Seconded by Ms. Neibart. Voice Vote: All members present voted in favor.***

***Motion to adopted Ordinance 13-2022 made by Ms. Duarte; Seconded by Mr. Baio.***

TOWNSHIP			ROLL CALL		
			TO ADOPT 13-2022		

COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio			X		
Ms. Duarte	X		X		
Ms. Neibart		X			X
Mr. Orlins			X		
Mayor Monaghan			X		

**14-2022** Ordinance Appropriating \$20,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund in Order to Provide for a Study of Improvements to Mosle Fields and by the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey  
**Introduced on October 24, 2022**

**Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 14-2022 made by Ms. Duarte; Seconded by Ms. Orlins.**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 14-2022**

Todd Christie, Tall Oaks Court – Mr. Christie expressed his support for Ordinance 14-2022; noting the status of surrounding towns and their lit fields.

Diana Orban Brown, Ironia Road – Ms. Brown expressed that the study may cost more than \$20,000 because it will need more experts to answer questions about the field. She also expressed that she is not opposed to lights, particularly temporary ones, but some costs are involved, like fuel and electricity. In addition, Ms. Brown noted that if the committee decides to move forward with artificial turf, she expressed concerns. She also has concerns with the maintenance cost, noting that these fields are not maintenance-free.

Todd Christie, Tall Oaks Court – Mr. Christie expressed the organization never suggested turf fields as part of the proposal for lights. He expressed that they (sports team) desperately need lights and noted that the upgrade would add value to the town.

Randy Lee, Oak Knoll Road – Mr. Lee clarified that the organization is currently looking at lights at the fields, noting they have not looked at turf fields, but it may be a possibility down the road, but it hasn't been looked at yet. He said that as far as Mendham Township's attract-ability in youth sports, the township needs to bring the fields up to the 21st century to keep up with surrounding towns and to be competitive. Mr. Lee expressed his support for the ordinance.

Arjan Roghanchi, Brockden Drive – Mr. Roghanchi added that one of the biggest benefits of government spending is local spending, which can be a significant leverage on non-public expenditures. He expressed that part of the issue is getting a jump start on the process relative to the little things, noting that the more complex environmental problems will be more of a planning board process, noting that there is no other liability for the ordinance. If the town opens the door for the process, it will be much easier for the organization to rally around fundraising, financial support, etc.

**Mr. Neibart made a motion to close the open to the public session; Seconded by Mr. Baio. Voice Vote: All members present voted in favor.**

Ms. Neibart expressed that the #1 concern is safety, so studying the lights is paramount. She expressed that the public should have brought up the baseball fields, noting that the ordinance also includes a study of the feasibility of the surfaces and improvements. Currently, the baseball field needs to be formatted correctly, so, within this plan, an estimated \$10,000 has been proposed to study the feasibility and site plan for lights and the current state of the fields.

Ms. Duarte likes to see the progress at Mosle Field, but we have been hearing about these issues that residents brought up tonight for a long time, so she is in favor of the study. She expressed that we hear a need from the community; we want to make sure our kids are playing in town, and let's make sure the program keeps growing.

Mr. Orlins added that, as Mr. Roghanchi said, we must stick our toe in the door and do the feasibility study immediately if we sell this to other towns. We need to have a plan and noted that he has heard from every sports league who said they would be willing to charge user fees to contribute.

Mr. Baio supports the lights, noting that safety is a concern. However, Mr. Baio is not in support of artificial fields but of regular (grass) fields.

Mayor Monaghan is in favor of the study of the lights and the fields. However, in terms of the fields, we need to ensure it's safe and playable, and he would not ask the professionals to lean toward one option.

**Motion to adopted Ordinance 14-2022 made by Ms. Duarte; Seconded by Mr. Baio.**

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL TO ADOPT 14-2022		
			YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Baio			X		
Ms. Duarte	X		X		

Ms. Neibart			X		
Mr. Orlins		X	X		
Mayor Monaghan			X		

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

***Motion to close open to the public made by Ms. Neibart; Seconded by Ms. Duarte. All members presented voted in favor.***

**DISCUSSION**

Campaign signs – Mayor Monaghan addressed the e-mail from the Dept. of Protection regarding a complaint about political signs on green acre properties. He noted that moving forward, we need to identify how we will work with this and suggested a policy.

Meeting Room AV – Mayor Monaghan expressed that we need to address the multi-media capability of the town hall meeting room, noting that the audio from the last meeting was awful. He suggested creating and implementing a plan while the building is being worked on so that we can improve the quality of the meeting production when we return.

**ADJOURN**

***Ms. Neibart made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm; Seconded by Ms. Duarte. Voice Vote: All members present voted in favor.***

Respectfully submitted,

Distributed: 12/22/2022  
Approved: 12/27/2022

Maria F. Coppinger  
Township Clerk

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Community Logo Contest Results

**TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM  
MORRIS COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE 15-2022**

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$125,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR PURCHASE S.C.B.A. EQUIPMENT FOR THE BROOKSIDE AND RALSTON ENGINE COMPANIES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.           \$125,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund is hereby appropriated to provide for the purchase of S.C.B.A. equipment including but not limited to CGA for the use of the Brookside and Ralston Engine Companies of the Township of Mendham

Section 2.           The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 3.           This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

**TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE 13-2022**

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$52,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.           \$52,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund is hereby appropriated to provide for acquisition of Fire Department equipment and tools, including turnout gear, and major repair of fire apparatus, in the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Township").

Section 2.           The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

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**TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM  
MORRIS COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE 14-2022**

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A STUDY OF IMPROVEMENTS TO MOSLE FIELDS AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.           \$20,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund is hereby appropriated to provide for a study of Mosle Fields to assess the feasibility and costs of lights at Mosle Fields and to review the playing surfaces of the existing fields at Mosle Fields, in the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Township").

Section 2.           The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

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# Community Logo Contest Results

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Nov. 14, 2022

# Judges Team

- **Chair, Mendham Township Committeewoman Amalia Duarte** - Nonprofit, Public Affairs Director; previously, corporate communications professional, editor/journalist.
- **Tracey Budnik** - Principal, Bridge Analytics, LLC, a boutique market research firm.
- **Sally Harris** - Co-owner, Harmony Brookside; previously, graphic designer in the Advertising Dept. of Recorder Publishing.
- **Kimberly Hart** - Corporate Counsel, the Rippel Foundation; award-winning amateur photographer and participant in local art shows.
- **Laurie Pettine** - Fine artist/illustrator; organizer, Morris County Artists Network; BFA, Parsons School of Design/New School.
- **Diane Tolley** - Realtor, Coldwell Banker; longtime community volunteer.

# **Background**

**Township Committee agrees to launch a community-wide contest to create a new logo that reflects what we love about our township and its unique characteristics.**

**New logo will be used for a variety of purposes, including on the Website; correspondence; social media platforms; welcome signs; and elsewhere.**

# Process

1. Contest opened to community via email blasts; social media posts; announcement at Township Committee meetings.
2. Entries received by Township Clerk and collated for Team to review in a double-blind, anonymous process.
3. Judges Team meets and narrows down entries to semi-finalists who are given additional creative direction.
4. Second round of reviews held, and Team selects one finalist as the best concept to move forward for presentation to the Township Committee.

## Top Entry

“The inspiration for the logo is a harmonized and peaceful scenery that can be found throughout Mendham Township. Nature is surely preserved as seen with an abundance of freshwater creeks that run through the sloping landscape creating little waterfalls. The colors symbolize the diversity of the people and the nature of our unique township.”



# Other Uses



# Questions

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