

**TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, February 13, 2023
TIME: 6:30 PM
LOCATION: **MENDHAM TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL**
All Purpose Room
16 Washington Valley Road, Brookside
And via Zoom communications platform (referenced herein as “Zoom”)

ROLL CALL

Ms. Duarte-	Present
Ms. Moreen	Present
Ms. Neibart	Present
Ms. Spirig	Present
Mayor Monaghan	Present

Also Present were:

Mr. John M. Mills, Esq.
Mr. Jason Gabloff, Township Administrator
Ms. Karen Orgera, Acting Township Clerk

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY MAYOR MONAGHAN

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE LED 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 6, 2023 and January 31, 2023. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Township offices and notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Environmental Committee Budget Presentation

Chairman Martin Slayne presented the Environmental Committee’s 2023 budget request along with proposed 2023 projects and last year’s achievements. A copy of Mr. Slayne’s presentation is appended to the minutes.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, the Finance Committee inquired about the committee’s long-term strategy and planned costs for removing diseased Township trees and new tree plantings, as well as installation of future EV charging stations.

Department of Public Works Budget Presentation

Township Administrator, Jason Gabloff, presented the DPW 2023 budget request. Mr. Gabloff went through the line item requests, DPW current operations, and how the new storm water regulations will impact the budget. The presentation is appended to the minutes.

Upon conclusion of the presentation Ms. Spirig inquired about the timeline for capital budget requests. Ms. Duarte inquired about the status of the Ironia Road rental units.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Monaghan read aloud the proclamation recognizing the month of February as Black History Month.

Mayor Monaghan also read aloud the proclamation recognizing the month of February as American Heart Month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Monaghan mentioned his office received an email from Scott Bellows, new director of buildings and grounds for Mendham Township schools and reported Mr. Bellows and Dave Read have been working together on parking lot matters. Mr. Monaghan further commended Dave Read on aiding a hunter last month who was having a medical emergency.

Ms. Neibart announced that the Senior Lunch event will be held on February 20, 2023 at the Brookside Community Club, 11:45am-2:30pm. Afterwards, there will be a public presentation on the proposed

improvements at Mosle Field. Ms. Neibart also announced the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held on February 15, 2023 at 7pm in the Mendham Township Middle School.

Ms. Moreen commended the efforts of Recreation Director David Guida and Committeewoman Neibart for a great Valentine's Walk event that was held on February 10, 2023. Many people enjoyed the event.

Ms. Duarte reported that the Mendham Township First Aid Squad responded to 26 calls in January 2023 (21 in Mendham Township; 1 in Mendham Borough; 3 in Randolph; and, 1 in Chester). She also announced that the Brookside Community Club is turning 100 years old this year. Mendham Township residents can become members. Ms. Duarte further reported she will be the liaison to the Environmental Commission, First Aid Squad, Marketing Communications Committee, the Old Police Station Reuse subcommittee, Shared Court, and the Stigma Free Task Force and surrounding town outreach. Lastly, she announced that the lawsuit filed contesting the outcome of the general election is over and everyone can close that chapter in the community.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Monaghan opened the meeting for public comments.

Frank Zammataro, 41 Corey Lane, Mendham NJ commented that he is a representative for the Mendham Alliance for Preservation and Conservation, which has submitted a letter to the Township Committee on the Irene Spring Tree property currently before the Planning Board and shared concerns about the extensive tree removal on that property.

Patricia Zimmerman, 3 West Main Street, Mendham NJ commented that she received a quote in the amount of \$1600.00 for proposed landscaping around the new Police Station.

Bob Fox, 34 Oak Knoll Road, Mendham NJ commented that he is a 42-year Township resident former Township Engineer. He voiced his concerns concerning noise, traffic and public safety issues on the proposed expanded use of the brewery at Backer Farm. Specifically, he said the Roxiticus Road and Route 24 intersection has been the scene of numerous accidents and one fatality in recent years.

Martin Slayne, Indian Hollow Road, Mendham NJ voiced concerns on behalf of the Environmental Commission regarding the Lawrence Farms development (Irene Spring Tree).

Kim Hart, 17 North Gate Road, Mendham NJ participated by Zoom. She voiced her concerns regarding the proposed expanded use of the brewery at Backer Farm and environmental constraints.

Thomas Murphy, 13 Yardley Road, Mendham NJ congratulated Ms. Moreen and Ms. Spirig on their election to the Township Committee. He further commented that he supported his 33 neighbors who were subject to the election lawsuit.

Martin Slayne, Indian Hollow Road, Mendham NJ confirmed that the Backer Farm application did come before the Environmental Committee for its review. The committee initially did not see any environmental concerns with the application.

Peter Banos, 47 Ironia Road, Mendham NJ, thanked the Township Committee for their service and the opportunity to come before the board for concerns and requests. Mr. Banos stated he represents 25 neighbors and voiced his concerns regarding State Senate Bill No. 757 allowing preserved NJ farms to hold non-agricultural social events and commented on potential environmental issues and traffic hazards, and suggested that a traffic study should be performed.

Terrill Doyle, Cross Way, Mendham NJ participated by Zoom. He commented that State Senate Bill No. 757 was recently adopted, allowing preserved NJ farms to hold non-agricultural social events.

Mark Trokan, Washington Valley Road, Mendham NJ, questioned the future growth of Mendham Township and voiced his concerns that Mosle Field, which was traditionally a preserve has become a regular practice area and with the addition of lighting will become a sports complex. Mr. Trokan thanked the Recreation Committee for listening to residents regarding the proposed lighting at Mosle Field.

Adam Dubeck, 307 Mendham Road West, participated by Zoom. He commented that he is a member of the school board and was recently appointed as the liaison to the Township Committee for calendar year 2023.

Frank Pinto, 21 Cherry Tree Lane, Chester NJ reported he works for the Backer family, who have lived in the township over 90 years. He commented that agriculture in New Jersey is a changing industry. He

provided assurances that there are no new buildings being proposed and that there will be no disturbance of wetlands or C1 stream buffers. The Backer family has retained many professionals, including land use and liquor licensing attorneys, civil, traffic, and acoustical engineers, land use planners, surveyors, architects, and wetland and farmland preservation experts.

George Koenig, 13 North Gate Road, Mendham NJ voiced his concerns about the proposed Mosle Field lighting and commented that he would like to meet with the Backer family to talk about neighborhood concerns and possible solutions concerning their proposed brewery.

Randy Lee, 24 Oak Knoll Road, Mendham NJ commented that he appreciated the input from neighbors concerning the proposed Mosle Field lighting and further commented that he supports the Backer family’s proposed brewery.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Monaghan asked for a motion to close public comments.

Motion to close public comment period was made by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Ms. Neibart, with all members present voting in favor, no one opposed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –

- January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting, January 23, 2023 Regular Meeting and January 23, 2023 Executive Meeting

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	VOICE VOTE		
			YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duarte	X		X		
Ms. Moreen			X		
Ms. Neibart		X	X		
Ms. Spirig			X		
Mayor Monaghan			X		

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

01-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING DEED OF DEDICATION FOR A PUBLIC ROAD KNOWN AS SAMUEL FARM LANE

Public hearing is scheduled for February 27, 2023.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
			YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duarte			X		
Ms. Moreen			X		
Ms. Neibart	X		X		
Ms. Spirig		X	X		
Mayor Monaghan			X		

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING / PUBLIC HEARING

None

REGULAR AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

2023-047 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
			YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duarte	X		X		
Ms. Moreen			X		
Ms. Neibart			X		
Ms. Spirig		X	X		
Mayor Monaghan			X		

2023-048 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM APPROVING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CHESTER BOROUGH, CHESTER TOWNSHIP, MENDHAM BOROUGH, AND MENDHAM TOWNSHIP FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
			YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duarte	X		X		
Ms. Moreen			X		
Ms. Neibart		X	X		
Ms. Spirig			X		
Mayor Monaghan			X		

2023-049 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES TO ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS, LLC.
(NON FAIR AND OPEN)

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
			YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duarte	X		X		
Ms. Moreen			X		
Ms. Neibart			X		
Ms. Spirig		X	X		
Mayor Monaghan			X		

2023-050 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
			YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duarte	X		X		
Ms. Moreen			X		
Ms. Neibart			X		
Ms. Spirig		X	X		
Mayor Monaghan			X		

2023-051 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2023 TAXES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	ROLL CALL		
			YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duarte	X		X		
Ms. Moreen			X		
Ms. Neibart		X	X		
Ms. Spirig			X		
Mayor Monaghan			X		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Monaghan opened the meeting for public comments.

Matthew Messina, 22 Brocken Drive, Mendham NJ voiced his appreciation that the lawsuit filed by Mr. Baio disputing the validity of certain vote by mail ballots and the outcome of the General election was dismissed.

George Koenig, 13 North Gate Road, Mendham NJ welcomed Ms. Moreen and Ms. Spirig to the Township Committee and commented that it is time to move forward and come together as a community.

Terrill Doyle, Crossway, Mendham NJ participated by Zoom. He commented that the Backer Farm septic plan was a conditional approval and voiced concern that the requirements for conditional approvals have not been met. Mr. Doyle also inquired whether there is consideration to hold a referendum on the proposed Mosle Field improvements.

Derick Backer, 32 Ironia Road, Mendham NJ commented that the Backer Farm septic system has not been installed and provided assurance that once the septic system is built it would be in full compliance with the as built plans.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Monaghan asked for a motion to close public comments.

Motion to close public comment period was made by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Ms. Neibart, with all members present voting in favor, no one opposed.

DISCUSSION

The Township Committee discussed changing virtual meeting platforms from Zoom to Microsoft Teams. Ms. Moreen, Ms. Duarte and Ms. Spirig expressed their concern that Microsoft Teams is not as user friendly as Zoom. Mayor Monaghan reported that there are issues with using Zoom and suggested holding a few “mock meetings” to determine how user-friendly the Microsoft Teams platform will be for the public.

Ms. Duarte provided a presentation on last year's Township Logo Contest. She reported the subcommittee members had no knowledge of who submitted logos. All logo submissions were reviewed, with two logo submissions considered as finalists and subject to some further changes by the artists. Upon discussion, the Township Committee concurred to continue its discussion at the next Township Committee meeting. Ms. Duarte's presentation is appended to these minutes.

Ms. Duarte reported that she heard from a few residents who has questions concerning the recent postcard mailing regarding property assessments. She suggested additional information should be provided either by email or social media. Acting Clerk Karen Orgera confirmed that property assessment post cards are mailed to property owners each year showing the previous year's property assessment, amount of taxes levied, and the current year property assessment.

Lastly, Ms. Duarte commented that her neighbor was selected to be the Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Parade held annually in Morristown and encouraged everyone to attend the parade. She also reported that there was discussion about starting a new tradition whereby the Grand Marshall would march from his home to the Mendham Township Municipal building accompanied by bag pipers. There was also discussion about flying the Irish flag but that such requests cannot be accommodated.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Monaghan reported he would like the Township Committee to reinstate doing liaison reports. He further requested that liaisons to the various boards and committees ensure that meeting schedules and minutes are posted to the website on a timely basis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Ms. Spirig; seconded by Ms. Neibart. A voice vote was taken with all members voting in favor, no one opposed.

The Mayor and Township Committee convened into Executive Session at 9:24PM.

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ADJOURN

Having no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Neibart; Seconded by Ms. Spirig, with all members present voting in favor, no one opposed.

The regular meeting of the Mendham Township Committee was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Distributed: 02/21/2023
Approved: 02/27/2023

Karen Orgera
Acting Township Clerk
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2023
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM,
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING A DEED OF DEDICATION
FOR A PUBLIC ROAD KNOWN AS SAMUEL FARM LANE

SECTION ONE:

WHEREAS, Pitney Farm Development, LLC has completed certain public improvements relating to a five-lot development in a neighborhood generally identified as Pitney Farm and more specifically identified as Lots 1.04, 1.05, 1.06, 1.07 and 1.08 in Block 131.01 which improvements also include a new road known as Samuel Farm Lane; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid development was created pursuant to Planning Board approval as set forth in Resolution No. PB-20-03 which approval calls for the roadway to become a public road; and

WHEREAS, the developer has prepared a Deed of Dedication to the Township of Mendham for said roadway,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham that the Township does hereby accept such Deed of Dedication and directs that the same be recorded in the Office of the Morris County Clerk subject to the posting by the developer of a Maintenance Bond for the required two-year period.

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.

CERTIFICATION I, Karen Orgera, Acting Township Clerk of the Township of Mendham, do hereby certify the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to the Township Committee at a Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2023.

Karen Orgera, Acting Township Clerk

RESOLUTION 2023-047
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to pay current bills as attached hereto and made a part hereof, contingent upon the approval of the Finance Committee.

Adopted February 13, 2023

RESOLUTION 2023-048
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
APPROVING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CHESTER BOROUGH, CHESTER TOWNSHIP,
MENDHAM BOROUGH, AND MENDHAM TOWNSHIP FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Mendham requires animal control services to meet its statutory public health responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, studies have determined that the most cost effective and efficient method of providing these services is through a Shared Services Agreement wherein the costs of certain officials and employees are shared by the participating jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Chester Borough, Chester Township, Mendham Borough and Mendham Township, have agreed to provide animal control services through a Shared Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set forth the terms and conditions and procedures for the sharing of Animal Control Services among the municipalities which are a party to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Interlocal Services Act (N.J.S.A. 40:65-1 et seq.) provides the mechanism for local governments to enter into contracts for the joint provision of required services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Interlocal Service Agreement for Animal Control Services, attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution, is hereby approved.
2. The Mayor is authorized to execute the same on behalf of Mendham Township, and the Township Administrator is authorized to take the necessary actions to implement the agreement.
3. The Acting Township Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this Resolution and the Interlocal Service Agreement for Animal Control Services to Chester Borough, Chester Township, and Mendham Borough.

Adopted: February 13, 2023

2023-049
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL
SERVICES TO ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS, LLC.
(NON FAIR AND OPEN)

WHEREAS, the Township of Mendham requires animal control services to meet its statutory public health responsibilities; and

WHEREAS Chester Borough, Chester Township, Mendham Borough and Mendham Township have agreed to an Interlocal service agreement for animal control services; and

WHEREAS the Contractor, Animal Control Solutions, LLC. has been providing animal control services since May 2020 through a shared service agreement with Mendham Township being the lead agency for the other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, The contract period, as outlined in the agreement is for a period of 3 years commencing on May 1, 2023 and ending on April 30, 2026 and includes 2 years for 2027 and 2028; and

WHEREAS, since the total value this contract is less than the statutory bid threshold and the Contractor was previously selected by the members of the Interlocal service agreement, the Township of Mendham is awarding this contract without the required competitive quotation process; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for the Township of Mendham's portion of the Interlocal service agreement, plus the availability of funds from the required revenues of the participating municipalities in the Interlocal service agreement for this contract year and future contract years here in referenced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM that

1. The contract with Animal Control Solutions, LLC, of Flemington NJ is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Township in the annual amount of \$36,072 of which \$10,451 is Mendham Township's share.
2. The Township Administrator / Chief Finance Officer is hereby authorized to implement this award according to established procedures.

Adopted: February 13, 2023

RESOLUTION 2023-050
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM PROVIDING FOR A
MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY
OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:



(1) Matters Required by Law to be Confidential: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE MATTER



(2) Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.



(3) Matters Involving Individual Privacy: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.



(4) Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.



(5) Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.



(6) Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations of possible violations of the law.



(7) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.



(8) Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose right could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.



(9) Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, assembled in public session on **February 13, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Mendham Township Middle School, 16 Washington Valley Road, Brookside, New Jersey, that the Township Committee shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Adopted: February 13, 2023

RESOLUTION 2023-051
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AUTHORIZING
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2023 TAXES

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the Township of Mendham that a payment be refunded due to an overpayment of taxes by the mortgage company/homeowner; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed said certification and approved the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham, being the Governing Body thereof that payment is refunded as follows:

BLOCK & LOT & QUALIFIER	REFUND TO:	AMOUNT:
Block 100 Lot 51 18 Carriage Hill Drive	Corelogic Centralized Refunds P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$5,805.05
Block 104.01 Lot 2 Qual C351K 351K Pleasant Valley Road	Fiona Matear 351K Pleasant Valley Road Mendham, NJ 07945	\$829.75
Block 145.04 Lot 23 9 Knapton Hill Road	Dmitriy & Natalia Borinshteyn 9 Knapton Hill Road Mendham, NJ 07945	\$4,675.11
Block 147 Lot 31 16 Cobblefield Drive	David Pulver 2020 Trust 2711 Rhone Drive Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410	\$11,626.48

Adopted: February 13, 2023

Mendham Township Environmental Commission Achievements Snapshot 2022



Raritan Headwaters

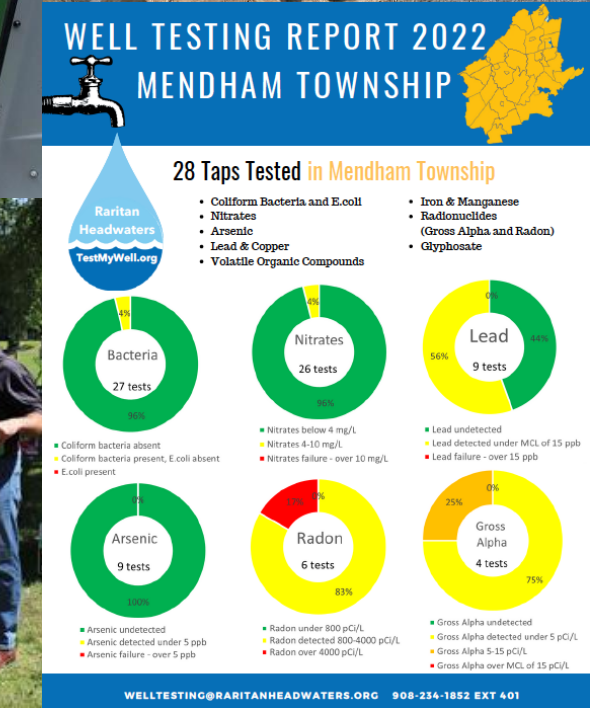
**32nd Annual
STREAM
CLEANUP**

**April 23rd
9 am - 12 pm**

**Register for
Mendham
Township
Site #60
Buttermilk
Falls
off Ironia Rd.**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**Register at raritanheadwaters.org/streamcleanup
Questions? Contact Zak Kircher at
streamcleanup@raritanheadwaters.org**



Source	Site	Date	Work	Hours	People	Notes
Website	Mosle Preserve	7/7/22	Weed wacking and garbage clean up	2	Matt Van Kirk, Neil Van Kirk	
Website	Patriots Path (Behind Police Baracks)	9/15/22	Fallen Tree obstructing path.	0	Matt Van Kirk	Tree was cleared by the time I arrived later that same day.
Website	Resident Information on Trail Closure	10/28/22	Emails explaining issue to Resident	0.5	Matt Van Kirk	
Website	Buttermilk Falls (Blue Trail)	10/31/22	Multiple trees removed from hiking trail	2	Matt Van Kirk, Dace Morris	
Rich Smith	Dismal Harmony Trail Loop	1/2/23	Multiple trees removed from hiking trail	2	Rich Smith, Cole Smith, Neil Van Kirk, and Matt Van Kirk	

MT EC Trail Stewards 2022





EC Recommendations from 2022

- **Recommendation 1:** EC recommends that a process is followed by TC for any future **Public Land project proposals**, to assure upfront the legality, scientific integrity and community value of such proposals, before committing to time-consuming efforts.
- **Recommendation 2: Tree conservation** is an area where our Township is lacking sufficient specialized support, as required under Township ordinances. This is a gap recommended to the TC to fill in 2023.
- **Recommendation 3:** Complete the **walkway restoration** at Route 24 in 2023, leveraging a porous stone-chip pathway.
- **Recommendation 4:** EC recommends an ordinance is passed to require for all future major developments that clean energy options should be considered, with ambition to leverage cost effective and **environmentally sustainable energy sources**. EC also recommends that TC should consider adding to the renovated Township Building location a charging station for electric vehicles.
- **Buck Hill access project:** EC goal is to ensure this project is sensitively delivered, maintaining the natural perspective of this site, adding the planned butterfly garden features and ensuring zero mature trees are cut down in this project, which can easily be completed based on removal of invasive brush.

Mendham Township Environmental Commission

Budget Proposal 2023

ITEM	DESCRIPTION		COST \$
Trails maps	Laminated maps for trail-head kiosks		200.00
Open Space and Trail Signage	Behavior Guidance/ Warning Signs at trail heads (illegal activities, no vehicles, etc.)		300.00
Benches	Recycled resin	6x549 +tax (or resident sponsorship)	4000.00
Trail-head Kiosks	4 new kiosks to be made by Eagle Scouts voluntary efforts and some donated materials, but other materials to be reimbursed		800.00
Easement restoration RT 24	Pedestrian pathway surface – porous surface, stone chips - Brockden Drive access to fire road (delayed from 2022)	Estimate – DPW time	1500.00
Native plants	Native Plant demonstration garden – Township Sites TBD	Plant costs. Labor will be volunteers.	1000.00
Buck Hill/ Dos Pasos Butterfly gardens	Native planting and information signage to be included in County Grant	Grant awarded Timelines	-
Membership & Education for EC members	ANJEC membership, education and misc. events		600.00
Promotional Materials e.g. National Wildlife Federation, Events	Fees and promotional materials for NWF program on Township certification. Conservation Easements brochure. Miscellaneous printing costs for events, promotions.		700.00
TOTAL			9100.00

TRAIL BENCHES



EXAMPLE

Landmark Memorial Bench

Recycled resin materials

$\$549 \times 6 = \$3294 + \text{tax}$

Trail Locations TBD

Environmental Commission sponsor +
offer opportunity to Residents to sponsor,
either as a memorial, or just to support.



Rt 24 Easement Pathway Restoration



Thanks to the Environmental Commission Members!

- **Kylie Bailin** - Native Plant Education
- **Mary Calabro** - Raritan Headwaters Liaison, Well-water Testing, Clean-ups
- **Janet DeMeo** - Planning Board representative
- **Bernadette Koenig** - Event Support (Almost Every Event!)
- **John Mallon** - Eagle Scout Project Supervision, Trails Signage & Blazing
- **Richard Smith** - Trails Mapping, Sustainable Energy
- **Martin Slayne** - Chair
- **Heather Tokarz** - Recycling & Styrofoam Collection
- **Matt Van Kirk** - Trail Stewardship
- **Amalia Duarte** - TC Sponsor, for her valued engagement and support, helping promote EC successes with TC and in community messaging.
- Student representatives for miscellaneous support on our initiatives, events and communications:
2021-2022 **Cecilia Crowe, Ethan Posner, Isha Tulsyan**;
2022-2023 **Emily Borinshteyn, Sophia James, Hudson Park**.

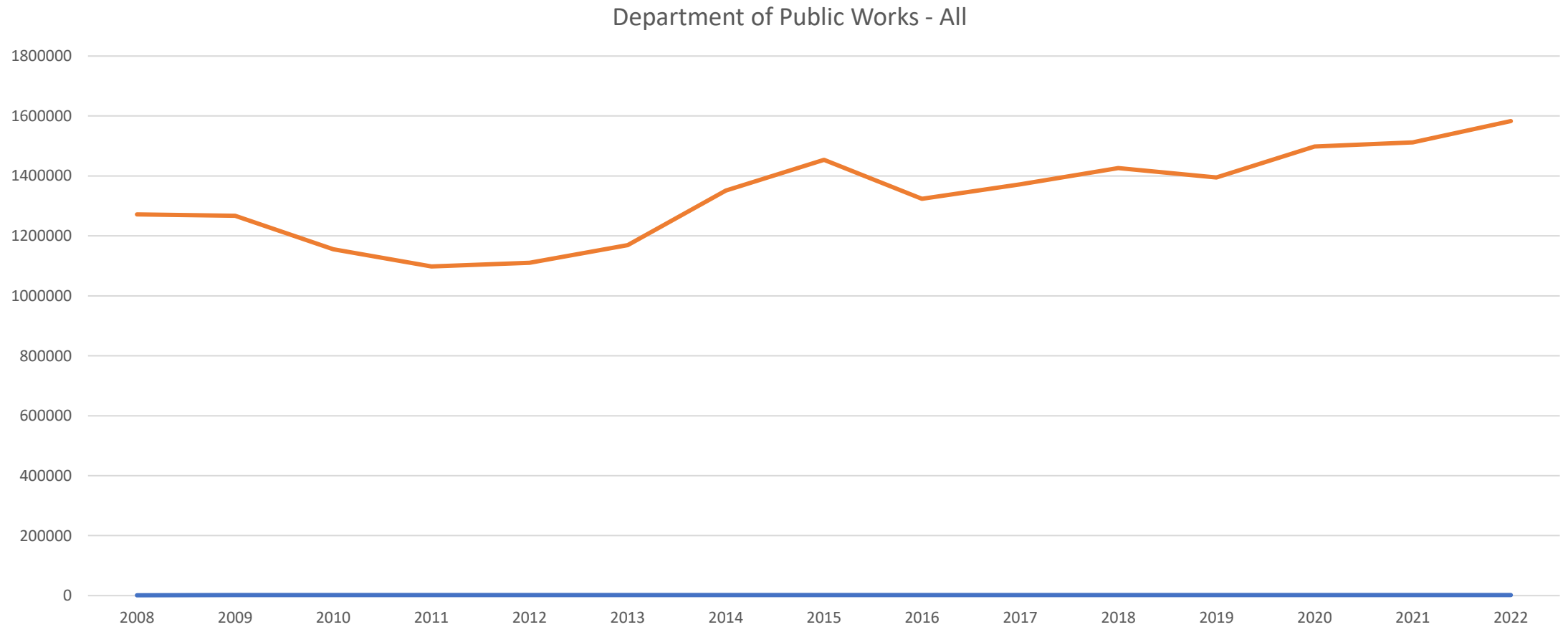
Mendham Township Department of Public Works Budget Presentation 2023



DPW Operating Budget

- Budget and Operations Divided into 6 areas (divisions)
 - Streets and Roads
 - Includes aspects of Storm Water Management
 - Buildings and Grounds
 - Park Maintenance
 - Vehicle Maintenance
 - Snow Removal
 - Storm Water

15 Years of Operating Expenses (All Divisions)

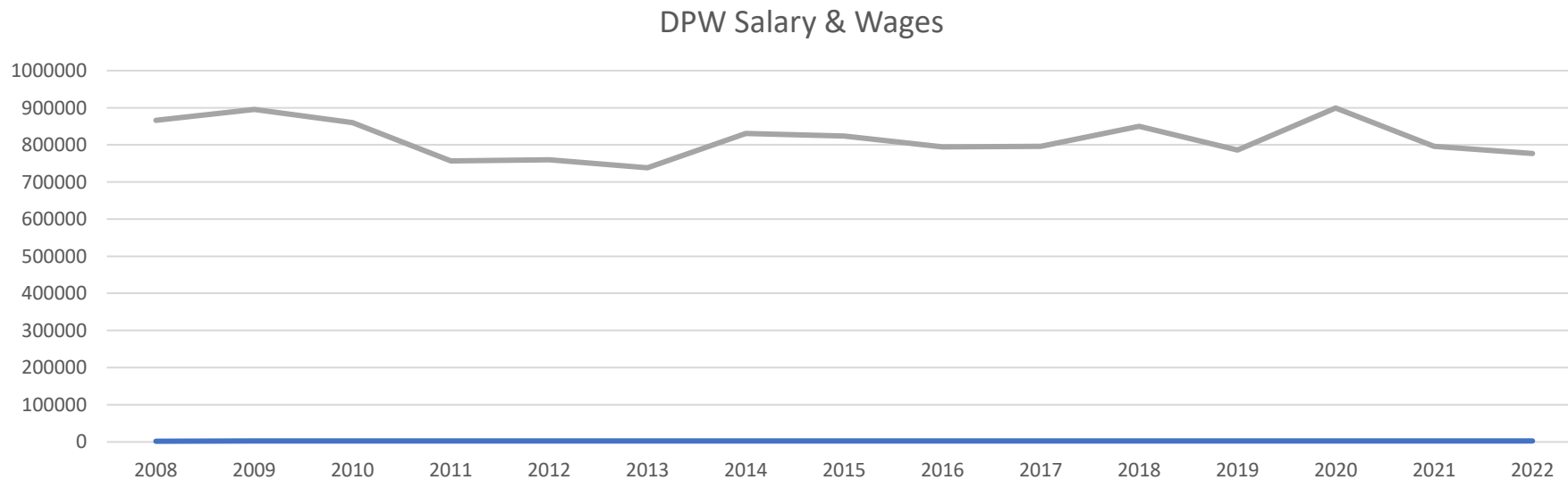


Operating Budget by Division

- Salary Overview

- 10 Employees

- 2023 = \$776,965
 - 2022 = \$805,709
- } 3.7%



Operating Budget by Division

Streets and Roads

2022 Overall	2023 Overall	Increase
230,500	272,000	41,500

Includes funds for general maintenance and repairs, supplies, line painting, equipment

- Pothole repairs
- Traffic Line Painting
- Supplies such as tires, oil, welding
- Equipment and tools
- Office Supplies
- Tree Removal

Budget Drivers:

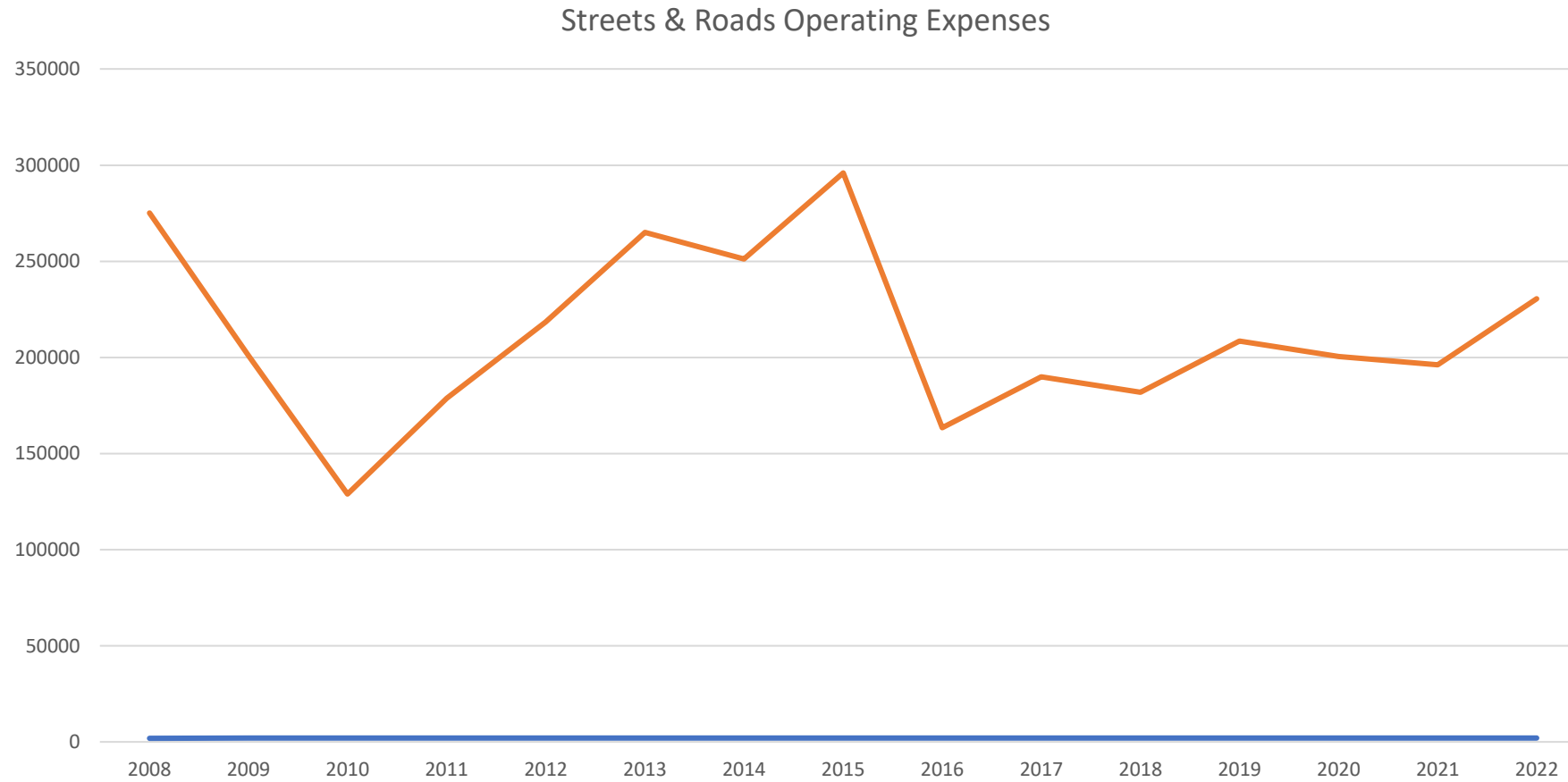
Tree Maintenance - \$20,000 increase

Supplies – Oil and related products - \$11,000

Line Painting/Signs - \$6,000

Equipment - \$11,000

15 Years of Operating Expenses (Streets and Roads)



Operating Budget by Division

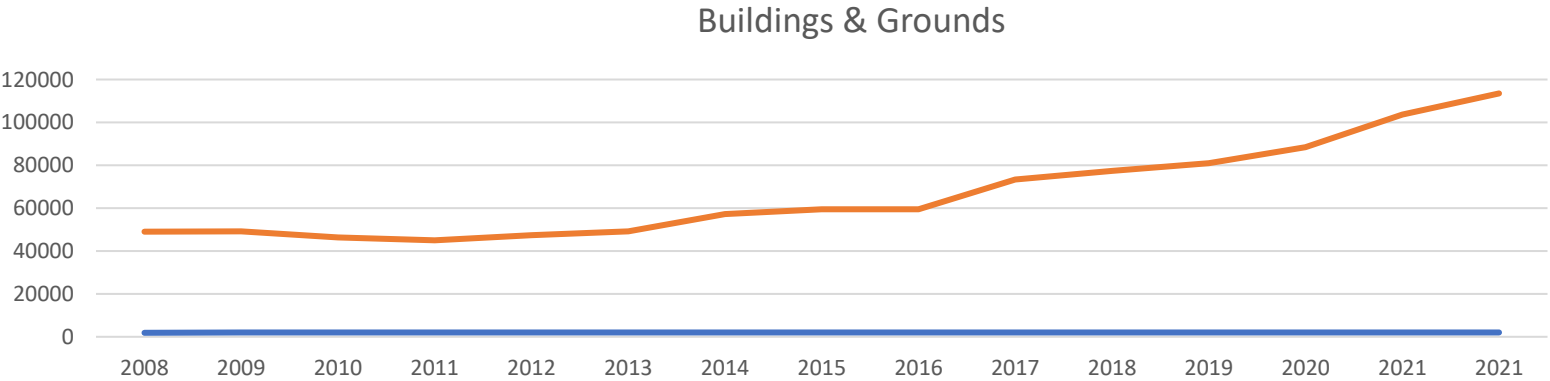
Buildings & Grounds

2022 Overall	2023 Overall	Increase
113,500	138,000	24,500

- Police Station
- Old PD
- Old Ralston ESB
- New Ralston ESB
- Town Hall
- Rental Properties @ India Brook
- DPW Garage
- Brookside ESB

Budget Drivers:
Supplies – 20,000

**Includes Contract for Cleaning Services - \$30,000

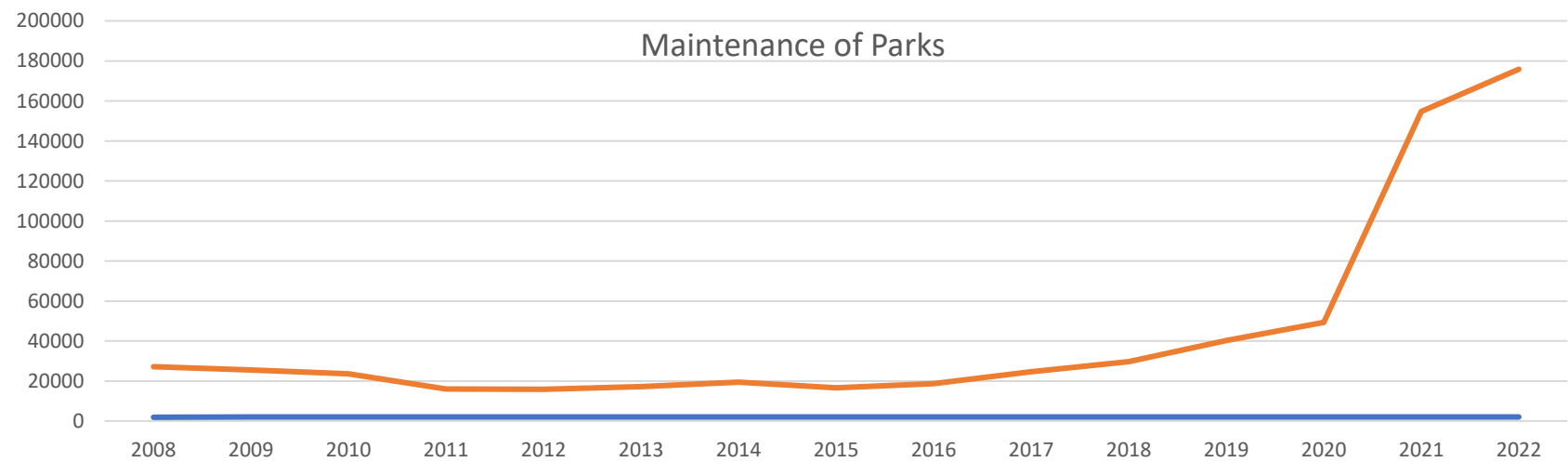


Operating Budget by Division

Park Maintenance

2022 Overall	2023 Overall	Increase
175,800	181,800	6,000

Includes Infield and Landscape Service Contracts
- increase due to additional park



Operating Budget by Division

STORM WATER

2022 Overall	2023 Overall	Increase
30,000	70,000	40,000

- -12/2022 – New Storm Water Regulations
 - More inspections
 - More paperwork
 - More repairs
 - More Street Sweeping
 - Impacts both Capital and Operational needs

Operating Budget by Division Snow

2022 Overall	2023 Overall	Increase
286,000	286,000	0

- Snow operation includes both in-house and contracted services
 - 7 In house trucks and 7 contracted trucks
 - Salt -\$180,000
 - Contractor - \$80,000
- *Budget remains consistent from year to year, as there is no way to predict the impact year over year.

Capital request

Road Improvements

- 2023 Road Improvement Plan - \$2.5 million
 - 2 DOT Projects
 - East and West Main Street - \$755,000 (\$299,720 grant)
 - Woodland Road – Phase 2 - \$695,000 (\$248,600 grant)
 - Township milling and paving – 10 roads - \$880,000
 - Includes catch basin repair
 - Finance thru the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank program
 - Interim loan program
 - Pay interest on only 75% of the loan
 - Rates are half of what we borrow at
 - No payments for until year 3

Capital request

Building & grounds

- - Salt Shed- \$100,000
 - New Storm Water Regulations will require that the shed be relocated
 - Prior funds available of \$130,000
- Fuel Tanks at DPW - \$150,000
 - Additional funding from last year
- - India Brook Apartments - \$75,000
 - Windows, Doors, Siding
 - Generators
- - DPW Garage Repairs - \$75,000
- -Pole Barn Roof at DPW - \$20,000
- -Old Ralston Firehouse - \$50,000-\$100,000

Old Ralston Fire House



Salt Shed





Thank You

Questions?



Community Logo Contest Results



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

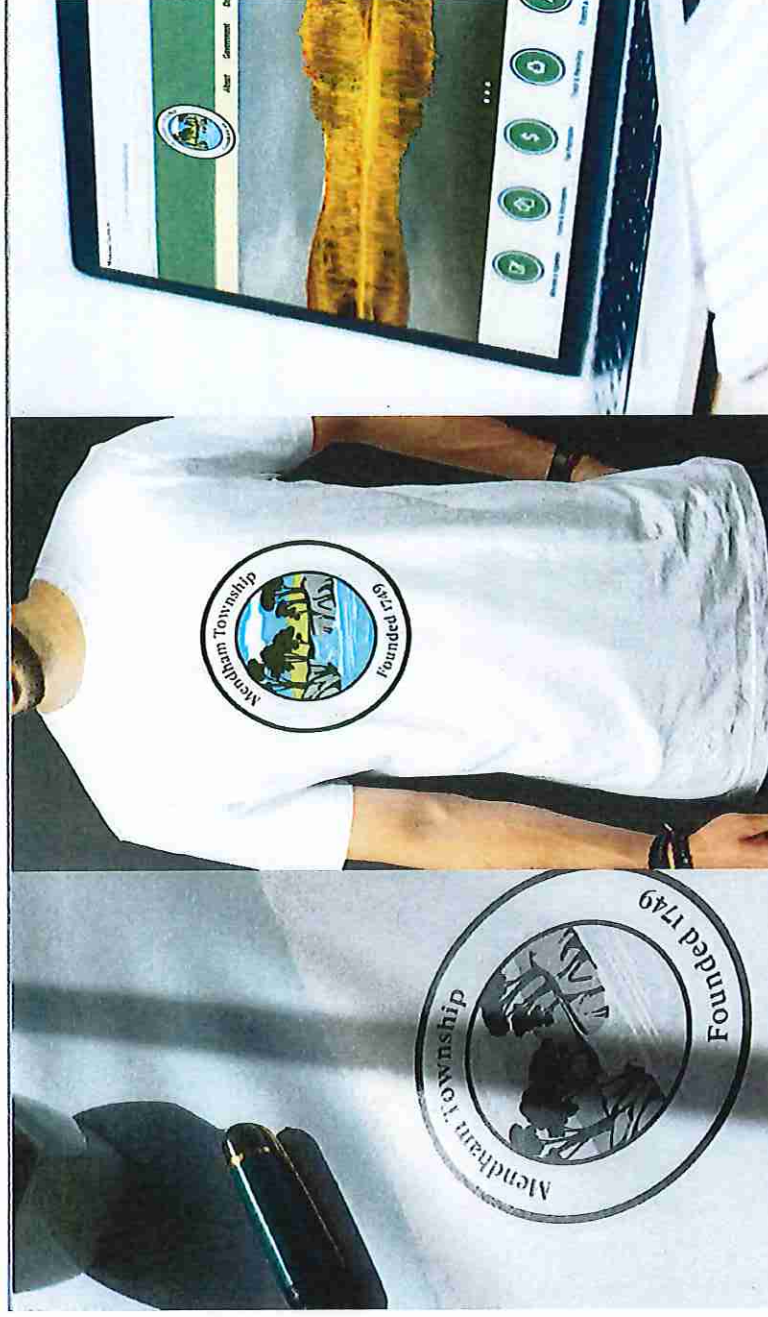
1. Contest opened to community via email blasts; social media posts; announcement at Township Committee meetings.
2. Entries received by Township Clerk and collated for Team to review in a double-blind, anonymous process.
3. Judges Team meets and narrows down entries to semi-finalists who are given additional 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

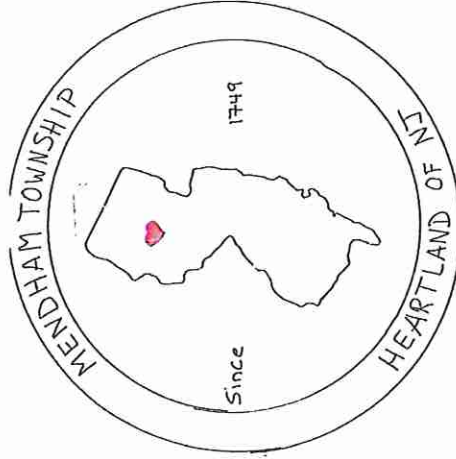
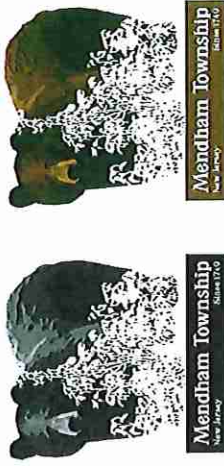
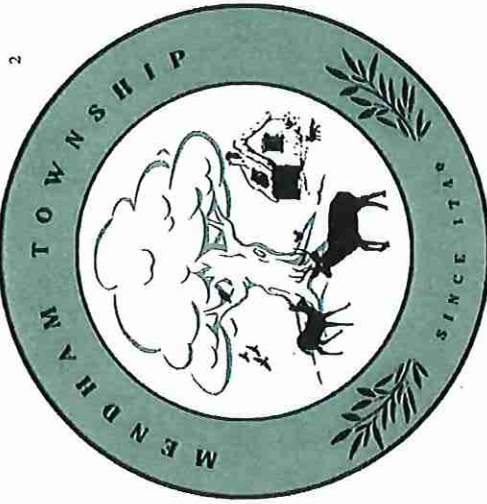
“The inspiration for the logo is a harmonized and peaceful scenery that can be found throughout Mendham Township. Nature is surely preserved as seen with an abundance of freshwater creeks that run through the sloping landscape creating little waterfalls. The colors symbolize the diversity of the people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



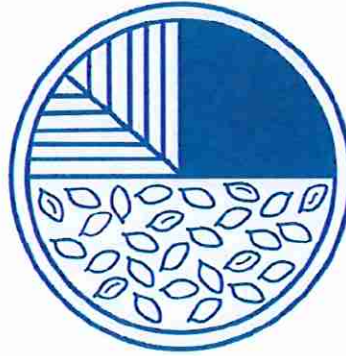
Proposed Uses



Other Entries



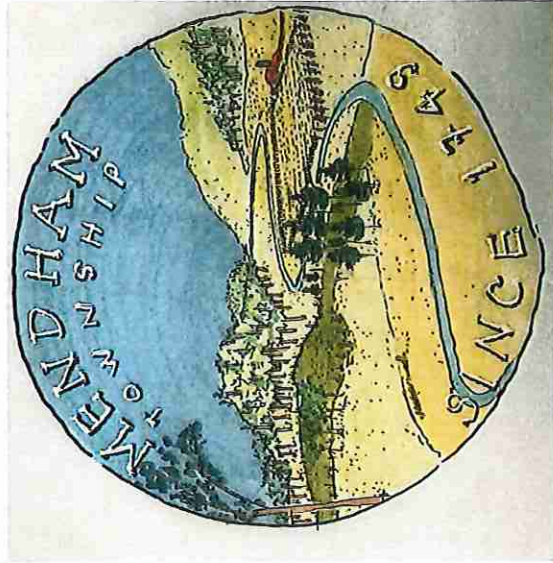
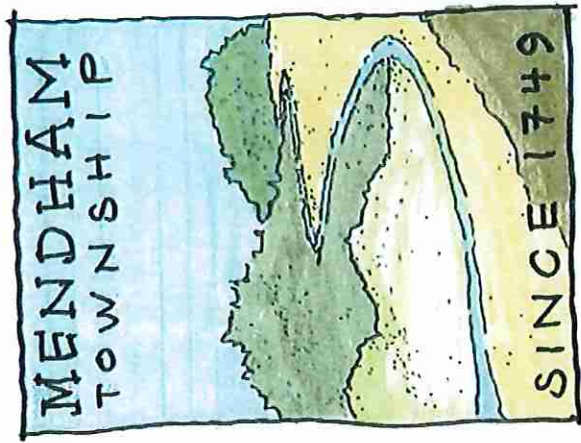
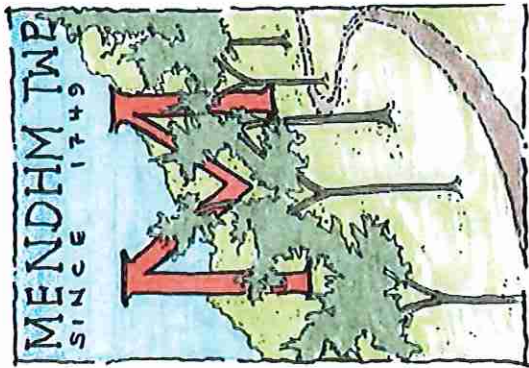
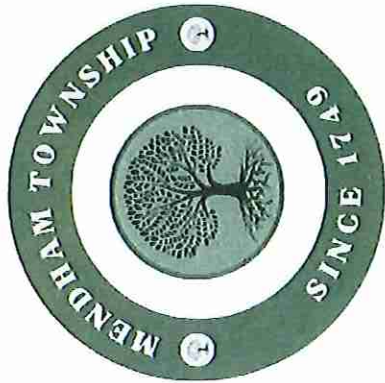
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Nick	Sarah	Tracey	Amalia	Lauren
Tax Assessor	Shared Services/Surrounding Town Outreach	Planning Board	Environmental Commission	Historic Preservation Committee
Finance	Finance	Environmental Commission	First Aid Squad	Library
DPW	Planning Board	Schools - Mendham Township	Shared Services/Surrounding Town Outreach	Mendham TV
Fire Dept.	Municipal Complex Construction	Schools - Regional HS	Old Police Station Reuse	Recreation
Bd. of Health	OEM/Deputy OEM	Tree Committee	Shared Court	Schools - Mendham Township
Municipal Complex Construction	Police	Zoning Construction	Stigma-Free Task Force	Schools - Regional HS
Old Police Station Reuse	Recreation		Ad Hoc Marketing Communications Committee (holdover)	First Aid Squad
Police	Sewer Advisory Committee			
Sewer Advisory Committee				
Old Police Station Reuse				