

**TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Monday, March 27, 2023
TIME: 6:30 PM
LOCATION: **MENDHAM TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL**
All Purpose Room
16 Washington Valley Road, Brookside
And via the Zoom communications platform (referenced herein as “Zoom”)

ROLL CALL

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

Also, present:

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY DEPUTY MAYOR NEIBART

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE READ BY DEPUTY MAYOR NEIBART

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 again on January 31, 2023. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Township offices and notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Library Budget Presentation

Library President Morse Wilkenfeld, Library Director Rachel Harrison, and Library Treasurer Susanne Bernt presented the 2023 Library budget request. In addition to the budget presentation, Ms. Harrison discussed the programs that are currently offered at the library. A copy of the presentation is appended to the minutes.

Upon conclusion of the presentation the Township Committee inquired about how many months of rent are included in the budget, if the fundraising money was realized or estimated, and sought clarification on the salaries. There were no questions or comments from the Finance Committee.

Mendham Township First Aid Squad (MTFAS) Budget Presentation

Ms. Bernadette Koenig and President Marlene Russell presented the Mendham Township First Aid Squad (MTFAS) 2023 budget request. Since the current ambulance doesn't fully meet New Jersey regulations, the purchase of two new ambulances is included in the capital budget. It was mentioned that the MTFAS hasn't sought funding from the governing body in 10 years. A copy of the presentation is appended to the minutes.

Upon conclusion of the presentation the Township Committee had several questions. Ms. Duarte thanked the First Aid Squad for their services, and asked what the shelf life on the power stretchers is for future planning. Ms. Moreen questioned whether the purchase of a used ambulance is an option. Ms. Neibart asked about MTFAS' 501(c)(3) not-for-profit fundraising reserves.

The Finance Committee further inquired if the Township could charge for the services provided by the MTFAS to help offset operational costs. At the present time, charging for ambulance squad services is not an available option. It was also mentioned donors tend to be more generous when a specific purpose of the fundraiser is known.

Mendham Township Fire Department Budget Presentation

Fire Chief Tom Montgomery, Chief Steve Sauerman, and Jeff Betz presented the Mendham Township Fire Department's 2023 budget requests. Currently two fire trucks are due to be replaced: Tender 12 at Ralston and Engine 2 at Brookside. A copy of the presentation is appended to the minutes.

Upon conclusion of the presentation the Township Committee inquired about the volunteer firefighter recruitment campaign and asked about the rural water supply budget request. New developments are required to provide water supplies. Currently, there are 22 water cisterns in Mendham Township. The Finance Committee will further discuss the fire department's capital budget requests at their meeting.

PRESENTATION

None

PROCLAMATION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Duarte made the following announcements:

- 1. The library will be having a metal detecting workshop on April 4, 2023 at 7pm.
- 2. The Stigma Free walk is May 7, 2023 and registration is open on the Township website. Money raised from the walk will be used for college scholarships for those who are preparing for careers in the mental health fields.
- 3. The Brookside Community Club will be holding their annual egg hunt on April 8, 2023 at 10:30am.

Deputy Mayor Neibart made the following announcements:

- 1. The Township Committee will be holding a special meeting on April 3, 2023 at 6:30pm regarding the proposed Mosle Field lightning project.
- 2. Blood drives are planned for May 4, 2023 and September 21, 2023 at the Brookside Community Club through the Red Cross.
- 3. This year Mendham Township will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of its July 4th parade.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Deputy Mayor Neibart opened the meeting for public comments.

George Koenig, 13 North Gate Road, Mendham NJ thanked all of the Township’s first responder volunteers for their service and inquired what the costs would be if the Township loses the volunteers.

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

Ms. Duarte made a motion to close the public comment period; seconded by Ms. Moreen. A voice vote was taken with all members present voting in favor, no one opposed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting
- March 13, 2023 Executive Session

Upon discussion by the Township Committee, a motion to call the question and approve the minutes was made by Ms. Neibart; seconded by Ms. Duarte.

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

REGULAR AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

2023-063 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon discussion by the Township Committee, a motion to call the question was made by Ms. Duarte; seconded by Ms. Moreen.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Frank Zammataro, 41 Corey Lane, Mendham, NJ representing the MAPC {Mendham Alliance for Preservation and Conservation} commented that he attended Mendham Borough’s public meeting regarding the proposed apartments to be located behind the King’s Shopping Center and shared his concerns.

George Koenig, 13 North Gate Road, Mendham NJ thanked the Township Committee for scheduling all the public informational meetings about the proposed Mosle Field lights.

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

Ms. Duarte made a motion to close the public comment period; seconded by Ms. Moreen. A voice vote was taken with all members present voting in favor, no one opposed.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Duarte confirmed that Mendham Township officials do not have any authority in the planning process for the proposed apartments in neighboring Mendham Borough. She clarified that the press release about a traffic “round about” came from Morris County, but quoted that Mayor Glassner of Mendham Borough said “there will be no round about.” A traffic study will be conducted at the Cold Hill Road, Route 24, and Tempe Wick Road intersection. The Township passed a resolution approving the study and would have input in any proposal that comes forward.

LIAISON REPORTS

None

ADJOURN

Having no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Duarte and seconded by Ms. Moreen, with all members present voting in favor, no one opposed.

The regular meeting of the Mendham Township Committee was adjourned at 8:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Distributed: 04/06/2023

Approved: 04/10/2023

Karen Orgera
Acting Township Clerk
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM

RESOLUTION 2023-063
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 March 27, 2023