

TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH
MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
May 11, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Meeting convened, via teleconference, and called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Reinhart, Deputy Mayor Orr and Committeeman Mark Werley present. Also present Kim Fleetwood, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Ray Colavatia, Township Auditor; and Lisa Garrison, Township Clerk.

Introduction of 2020 Municipal Budget – On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to approve the introduction of the 2020 Municipal Budget of the Township of Greenwich with a public hearing scheduled on June 19, 2020, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Werley, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 4-22-2020

AUTHORIZE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE ESTIMATED TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich’s 2020 Municipal Budget has been adopted and the County of Cumberland is unable to certify the Township’s current 2020 tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector will be unable to mail the Township’s 2020 tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Tax Collector in consultation with the Greenwich Acting Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and they have both signed a certification summarizing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the estimated tax levies for the 2020 calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey on this 11th day of May, 2020 as follows:

1. The Township of Greenwich Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Township of Greenwich for the third installment of 2020 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by P.L. 1994, c.72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4066.2 and 54:4-66.3).
2. The estimated calendar year tax levy for 2020 is hereby calculated at 101.01%. The maximum amount that the Township will utilize in the preparation of the 2020

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estimated tax bills is less than 105% of the 2020 calendar year tax levy is hereby notifying the State of New Jersey of the attached certified rate.

3. In accordance with New Jersey Statutes, the third installment of 2020 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10th or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date of which interest may begin to accrue.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-24-2020

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF 2ND QUARTER PROPERTY TAX TO JUNE 1, 2020

WHEREAS, the residents of New Jersey may be suffering from one or more financial hardships caused by or related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to a substantial loss in or drop in income and additional expenses such as those relating to necessary healthcare; and

WHEREAS, as COVID-19 continues to spread across New Jersey, Governor Philip D. Murphy issued a series of Executive Orders pursuant to his authority under the New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act and the Emergency Health Powers Act, to protect the public health, safety and welfare against the emergency created by COVID-19, including Executive Order Nos. 104-129 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a), the 2nd Quarter 2020 property taxes are due on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak has caused substantial economic disruption for most property tax payers throughout the state, making it difficult for them to meet the May 1, 2020, due date for timely payment of real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy executed Executive Order No. 130 permitting municipalities, by resolution, to extend the grace period to a date no later than June 1, 2020, for the payment of 2nd Quarter property taxes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of the Township of Greenwich to extend the grace period for the payment of 2nd Quarter property taxes to June 1, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland, that the grace period for the payment of the 2nd Quarter 2020 property taxes be extended to June 1, 2020; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall notify the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the adoption of this Resolution not later than the third business day following the date of adoption of this Resolution.

Public Comment - On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Orr to open the public comment, unanimously carried. With no comment forthcoming, on motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to close the public comment, unanimously carried.

Adjournment - On motion of Deputy Mayor Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to adjourn, unanimously carried.