

A Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Plainsboro was called to order by Mayor Peter A. Cantu on March 25, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center located at 641 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey.

The Township Clerk certified that the meeting was noticed as a Special Meeting on March 18, 2020. Notices were sent to the Home News/Tribune, Princeton Packet and Trenton Times and were posted at the Municipal Center and Library at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. All requirements of the Sunshine Law were met.

Present were: Mayor Peter A. Cantu, Deputy Mayor Neil Lewis and Committeeperson David Bander, Nuran Nabi and Ed Yates were present via teleconference. Township Attorney Michael Herbert was also present via teleconference. Also present were: Township Administrator Anthony Cancro, Township Clerk Carol J. Torres, Chief Financial Officer Greg Mayers, Chief of Police Fred Tavener and Lester Varga, Director of Planning and Zoning. There was one (1) citizen and no member of the press present.

It was MOVED by YATES and seconded by BANDER that, CALENDAR YEAR 2020 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14), be introduced and a public hearing be held on April 7, 2020.

VOTE: CANTU, YES; LEWIS, YES; NABI, YES; BANDER, YES; YATES, YES.

It was MOVED by YATES and seconded by BANDER that, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PLAINSBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,508,200 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,850,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF be introduced and a public hearing be held on April 22, 2020.

VOTE: CANTU, YES; LEWIS, YES; NABI, YES; BANDER, YES; YATES, YES.

The Township Administrator presented the 2020 Municipal Budget. The 2020 budget totals \$30,685,658 vs. \$29,835,914 in 2019, an increase of \$849,744 or 2.85% increase over the 2019 budget. Based on the average home value of \$450,150 the municipal tax impact per household will be approximately \$63.00 or \$5.25 per month, and a tax rate increase of approximately 1.4 cents.

The Mayor expressed appreciation to the Administrator and the staff for conducting a comprehensive budget process.

It was MOVED by YATES and seconded by LEWIS that the 2020 Municipal Budget be introduced and a public hearing to be held on April 22, 2020.

VOTE: CANTU, YES; LEWIS, YES; NABI, YES; BANDER, YES; YATES, YES.

It was MOVED by LEWIS and seconded by NABI that the following Resolution be approved:

R-20-89

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING READING OF BUDGET BY TITLE

WHEREAS, the public hearing for 2020 Municipal Budget is scheduled for April 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Plainsboro desires to read the 2020 Municipal Budget by title only at the time of the public hearing and adoption of said budget; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Plainsboro has caused or will cause the 2020 Municipal Budget to be posted in a public place in the Township Hall of the Township of Plainsboro at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, said budget is or will be made available to any person requesting to review same at least, seven (7) days prior to the public hearing scheduled for the 2020 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk, Carol Torres, has certified she has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8.1a and 1b. (copy of Certification attached hereto as Exhibit A);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Committee shall read the 2020 Municipal Budget by its title only at the public hearing at the time of the adoption of the budget and hereby declares that the conditions set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, Subsection 1.a and 1.b have been met therewith.

VOTE: CANTU, YES; LEWIS, YES; NABI, YES; BANDER, YES; YATES, YES.

(SEE EXHIBIT "A" PAGES 1 INCLUSIVE)

It was MOVED by YATES and seconded by NABI that the bills on the attached list be paid.

(SEE EXHIBIT "B" PAGES 1 OF 14 INCLUSIVE)

VOTE: CANTU, YES; LEWIS, YES; NABI, YES; BANDER, YES; YATES, YES.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m. to go into the agenda session.

The agenda portion was discussed and reviewed for action at the next regular scheduled meeting of April 7, 2020.

The Township Administrator gave an update that effective Monday March 16th the municipal building closed to the public and nonessential staff and gave an COVID19 update.

The Township Committeepersons gave updates on the respective committees that are overseen for the liaison reports.

The Mayor opened the meeting for comments from the public.

Mr. Douglas Miller - 311 Plainsboro Rd., asked questions pertaining to the municipal closing and how it affects services.

There being no comments, it was MOVED by YATES and seconded by LEWIS that the public comment portion of the meeting be closed.

VOTE: CANTU, YES; LEWIS, YES; NABI, YES; BANDER, YES; YATES, YES.

There being no further business, it was MOVED by LEWIS and seconded by CANTU that the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

VOTE: CANTU, YES; LEWIS, YES; NABI, YES; BANDER, YES; YATES, YES.

Carol J. Torres, Township Clerk