



**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2020
2:30 P.M.**

Council President Joe Perry called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M via conference call. The Flag Salute followed.

ROLL CALL:

Township Clerk Chrissy Ciallella took roll call. Councilmembers Andrea Dougherty, Dana Pasqualone, Andra Williams, Sean Longfellow, and Joe Perry were present. Mayor Joann Gattinelli, Business Administrator Jason Gonter, CFO Colette Bachich and Township Solicitor Stuart Platt were present.

PRESENTATIONS:

▪ CFO Colette Bachich presented an overview explaining that Governor Murphy's Executive Order No. 130 allows municipalities to extend the property tax grace period from May 10th to June 1st. This extension provides much needed relief to homeowners struggling financially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

▪ Solicitor Stuart Platt read Public Notice as follow:

**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON WILL CONDUCT AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONIC MEETING TODAY, MAY 1, 2020 AT 2:30PM TO CONSIDER EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF 2ND QUARTER (MAY 1) PROPERTY TAXES FROM MAY 10, 2020 TO JUNE 1, 2020 PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR MURPHY'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 130 ISSUED ON APRIL 28, 2020.

THIS EMERGENCY MEETING IS BEING CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT- N.J.S.A. 10:4-9(b). DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS A MATTER OF SUCH PUBLIC URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE THAT A DELAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE NOTICE WILL LIKELY RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL HARM TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

NOTICE OF THIS EMERGENCY MEETING IS BEING POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP'S WEBSITE AND ENTRANCE DOOR TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND IS ALSO BEING DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY TO THE TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS.

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON WILL LIKELY TAKE ACTION AT THIS EMERGENCY MEETING. DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE EMERGENT NATURE OF THIS MEETING, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING TELEPHONICALLY BY THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBER: PLEASE DIAL-781-448-4756, PASSCODE-61336.

NO OTHER BUSINESS WILL BE TAKEN OR DISCUSSED AT THE TIME OF THIS EMERGENCY MEETING.

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to proceed with the Emergency Meeting. Mrs. Dougherty motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All in favor.

RESOLUTION:

R092-2020 RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE 2020 2ND QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to approve Resolution R092-2020. Mr. Longfellow motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:


Mr. Perry asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mrs. Dougherty motioned. Mr. Longfellow seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.


Mr. Perry asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mrs. Williams motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

ADIJOURNMENT:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Williams motioned. Ms. Pasqualone seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Christine Ciallella, RMC
Township Clerk


Joe Perry
Council President