

# DELAWARE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES March 30, 2020 - 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Charles Herman called the regular Virtual meeting of the Delaware Township Committee to order on March 30, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., for Delaware Township, 570 Rosemont Ringoes Road (County Route 604) in Sergeantsville, New Jersey.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Mayor Herman read a statement noting the Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given by transmission to the <u>Hunterdon County Democrat</u>, <u>Trenton Times</u>, <u>Courier News</u>, and <u>Star Ledger</u>, by posting at the Delaware Township Municipal Building, and by filing with the Township Clerk all on March 24, 2020.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Joseph Vocke, Daniel Kwasnik, James Waltman, Susan Lockwood, Charles Herman

Absent: None

Present: Attorney Joseph Tauriello, Ms. Diane McDaniel

## <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 9, 2020 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE</u> <u>MEETING</u>

Mr. Waltman motioned to approve the minutes from the Township Committee meeting of March 9, 2020. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes -Waltman, Kwasnik, Lockwood, Herman

Nays - None Abstain: Vocke

#### **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Herman stated on Friday there was a conference call with the Hunterdon County Freeholders and Hunterdon County had its first Pediatric case for COVID-19. Mayor Herman reported there has been an increase in calls to EMS and an increased need for ventilators.

Mayor Herman stated Mary Melfi, County Clerk attended the Freeholder conference call and reviewed the following changes to election petition procedures:

- Petitions can be completed electronically
- No Notary requirement
- Email Mary Melfi with any questions or needs

Mayor Herman stated the Freeholders have requested the Township add current information to Township websites and other social media outlets when possible to help inform all residents about COVID-19. Mayor Herman reminded residents of the importance of social distancing. Mayor Herman stated that by residents social distancing it will help keep COVID-19 numbers down and help reduce the pressure on Hunterdon Medical Center.

The Township Committee discussed closing off areas of the park with snow fencing preventing organized games and closing the playground to help with social distancing.

Mayor Herman stated today's conference call with the Freeholders included a representative from Hunterdon Medical Center. Mayor Herman reported the following information as of March 30, 2020:

- HMC has tested over 650 patients for COVID-19
- 91 of these tests have come back positive
- 379 of these tests were negative
- 207 are awaiting results
- 19% of the COVID-19 results are coming back positive
- All non-emergency procedures have been cancelled
- Estimating April 10, 2020 to be the peak of COVID-19 and start to decrease in Hunterdon County area after April 10, 2020
- Emergency room has decreased by 50% with non-COVID cases
- 17 Patients tested positive are currently admitted to HMC
- 20 more that are hospitalized are currently awaiting results.
- HMC is currently in good shape on PPE supplies
- HMC is using 50% of their ventilators at this time.
- Six current sites for testing and evaluating patients within the County are open and running
- Tent set up behind HMC if needed for future
- Blood donations needed

Mayor Herman asked residents to continue to practice social distancing and requested residents support local businesses when possible.

Mrs. Lockwood gave the following update on the conference call with Senator Booker and Senator Menendez:

- 300 mayors on call
- Discussed the first Economic bill that passed the Senate and was going to the President for signature and the help for small business
- Small business is defined as a business with less than 500 employees
- The first Economic Bill will have help for citizens who are in need of financial help with rent, mortgages, etc.
- Resources in first Economic Bill for Police, First responders, etc.
- Senators requested information for addition areas that are not currently covered in this first Economic bill. Please write the Senators and point out these areas so they can to be addressed in the next Economic bill
- Grants and loans for Small Businesses will be processed through the Small Business Administration.
- Discussed Municipal Bonds
- The Money for residents that qualify will be sent direct deposit or by paper check in the mail

Mrs. Lockwood stated a summary of the information discussed during this conference call will be on both Senator Booker and Senator Menendez' websites.

Mayor Herman stated the Easter Egg Hunt and April Clean-up day are both cancelled.

#### MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comments were made.

#### ORDINANCE #2020-03 -SECOND READING

## DELAWARE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #2020-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE AN EXPENDITURE AND

### APPROPRIATION FROM RESERVE FOR POLICE VEHICLE/ EQUIPMENT \$40,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FORD SSV F150 4X4 CREW CAB AND ACCESSORIES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Delaware Township has a need for a police vehicle; and,

Section 2. Delaware Township hereby authorizes an appropriation and expenditure for the vehicle to exceed \$40,000.00; and,

Section 3. Total amount to be expended from Reserve for various equipment shall not exceed \$40,000.00.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

| ATTEST:                 | Charles Herman, Mayor |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC |                       |
| Township Clerk          |                       |
| March 9, 2020           |                       |

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above Ordinance was approved on first reading at the regular meeting of the Delaware Township Committee held March 9, 2020. It will be considered on second reading for final adoption at a regular meeting to be held March 30, 2020 beginning 7:30 P.M. at Township Hall, Sergeantsville, New Jersey. At that time an opportunity will be given for all interested citizens to be heard.

Mrs. Lockwood motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2020-03 to the public, Mr. Waltman seconded the motion, and the members unanimously approved the motion by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Vocke, Kwasnik, Waltman, Lockwood, Herman Nays - None

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Lockwood motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2020-03 to the public, Mr. Waltman seconded the motion, and the members unanimously approved the motion by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Vocke, Kwasnik, Waltman, Lockwood, Herman Nays - None

Mrs. Lockwood motioned to approve Ordinance #2020-03 on second reading, and Mr. Waltman seconded the motion for second reading by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Vocke, Kwasnik, Waltman, Lockwood, Herman Nays - None

#### **RESOLUTION #2020-29**-

#### TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE RESOLUTION #2020-29

**WHEREAS,** regulations of the State of New Jersey provide for the deferral of school taxes in an amount not to exceed fifty percent of the annual school tax levy when such taxes are raised on a fiscal year basis (school year July 1 through June 30); and

**WHEREAS,** said taxes subject to deferral have not been requisitioned by or paid to the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire and intent of the governing body of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon, to avail the Township of the deferral as permitted by regulations promulgated by the Local Finance Board, Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS,** fifty percent of the school tax levy of the Delaware Township School District is \$4,403,208.50

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon, hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer of the Township to defer \$2,113,540.08 of school taxes as permitted by the aforementioned regulation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer of the Township and the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs.

| ATTEST:                 |                       |
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|                         | Charles Herman, Mayor |
| Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC |                       |
| Township Clerk          |                       |
| March 30, 2020          |                       |

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and exact copy of Resolution #2020-29 approved by the Delaware Township Committee on March 30, 2020.

Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC Township Clerk

Mrs. Lockwood motioned to approve Resolution #2020-29. Mr. Waltman seconded the motion, and the members approved the motion by roll call vote

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Vocke, Kwasnik, Waltman, Lockwood, Herman Nays - None

#### RESOLUTION #2020-30-

## TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON RESOLUTION #2020-30

**WHEREAS,** regulations of the State of New Jersey provide for the deferral of school taxes in an amount not to exceed fifty percent of the annual school tax levy when such taxes are raised on a fiscal year basis (school year July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, said taxes subject to deferral have not been requisitioned by or paid to the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire and intent of the governing body of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon, to avail the Township of the deferral as permitted by regulations promulgated by the Local Finance Board, Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS,** fifty percent of the school tax levy of the Hunterdon Central Regional High School District is \$ 2,146,814.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon, hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer of the Township to defer \$987,534.44 of school taxes as permitted by the aforementioned regulation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer of the Township and the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs.

| ATTEST:                 |               |                       |
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|                         |               | Charles Herman, Mayor |
| Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC |               | , ,                   |
| Township Clerk          |               |                       |
| March 30, 2020          |               |                       |
|                         | CERTIFICATION |                       |

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and exact copy of Resolution #2020-30 approved by the Delaware Township Committee on March 30, 2020.

Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC Township Clerk

Mrs. Lockwood motioned to approve Resolution #2020-30. Mr. Waltman seconded the motion, and the members approved the motion by roll call vote

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Vocke, Kwasnik, Waltman, Lockwood, Herman Nays - None

#### **RESOLUTION #2020-31-**

#### TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON RESOLUTION #2020-31

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Delaware desires to anticipate as an item of general revenue with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services in the amount of \$1,087.54 and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Delaware that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of general revenue in the 2020 Budget under the following caption:

**Body Armor Fund** 

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that <u>TWO</u> certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services

| ATTEST:                 |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|                         | Charles Herman, Mayor |
| Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC |                       |
| Township Clerk          |                       |
| March 30, 2020          |                       |

#### **CERTIFICATION**

**I,** Jodi McKinney, Clerk of the Township of Delaware hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the Resolution #2020-31 adopted at a meeting of said Governing Body of the Township of Delaware held on the 30th day of March 2020.

Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC Township Clerk

Mrs. Lockwood motioned to approve Resolution #2020-31. Mr. Waltman seconded the motion, and the members approved the motion by roll call vote

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Vocke, Kwasnik, Waltman, Lockwood, Herman Nays - None

#### **RESOLUTION #2020-32-**

## TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON RESOLUTION #2020-32

WHEREAS, the Township of Delaware desires to anticipate as an item of general revenue with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services in the amount of \$33,000.00

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Delaware that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of general revenue in the 2020 Budget under the following caption:

Share of Court Costs-Franklin Township

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that <u>TWO</u> certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services

ATTEST:

Charles Herman, Mayor

Jodi McKinney
Township Clerk
March 30, 2020

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Jodi McKinney, Clerk of the Township of Delaware hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the Resolution #2020-32 adopted at a meeting of said Governing Body of the Township of Delaware held on the 30th day of March 2020.

Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

Mrs. Lockwood motioned to approve Resolution #2020-32. Mr. Waltman seconded the motion, and the

members approved the motion by roll call vote

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Vocke, Kwasnik, Waltman, Lockwood, Herman Nays - None

#### RESOLUTION #2020-33-

## TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON RESOLUTION #2020-33

WHEREAS, the Township of Delaware desires to anticipate as an item of general revenue with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services in the amount of \$24,235.65 and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Delaware that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to include as an item of general revenue in the 2020 Budget under the following caption:

Clean Communities Grant – 2020

| <b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local C  | TWO certified copies of this Resolution be Government Services                                  |
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| ATTEST:  |   |
|  | Charles Harman Mayor  |
| Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC Township Clerk March 30, 2020  | Charles Herman, Mayor   |
| I, Jodi McKinney, Clerk of the Townshi is a true and exact copy of the Resolution #2020-3 of the Township of Delaware held on the 30th day |   |
|  | Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC<br>Township Clerk   |
| Mr. Waltman motioned to approve Resolution #20 members approved the motion by roll call vote   | 220-33. Mr. Kwasnik seconded the motion, and the  |
| Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Vocke, Kwasnik, Waltman<br>Nays - None<br>Abstain: Lockwood  | n, Herman   |
| RESOLUTION #2020-34-   |   |
| TOWNSHIP OF<br>COUNTY OF F<br>RESOLUTION   | HUNTERDON   |
| WHEREAS, the Township of Delaware desires a prior written consent of the Director of Local Go and  | to anticipate as an item of general revenue with overnment Services in the amount of \$3,672.08 |
| THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED  Delaware that the prior written consent of the Dire to include as an item of general revenue in the 20%         |   |
| Recycling  | g Grant   |
| <b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local C  | TWO certified copies of this Resolution be Government Services                                  |
| ATTEST:  |   |
| Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC<br>Township Clerk<br>March 30, 2020  | Charles Herman, Mayor   |
| I, Jodi McKinney, Clerk of the Townshi is a true and exact copy of the Resolution #2020-3 of the Township of Delaware held on the 30th day |   |
|  | Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC<br>Township Clerk   |

Mr. Waltman motioned to approve Resolution #2020-34. Mr. Vocke seconded the motion, and the members approved the motion by roll call vote

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Vocke, Kwasnik, Waltman, Herman

Nays - None

Abstain: Lockwood

#### RESOLUTION #2020-35-

#### DELAWARE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #2020-35

Municipal Budget of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon, NJ for the Fiscal Year 2020

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Delaware Township Municipal Budget for the year 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in the <u>Hunterdon County Democrat</u> in the issue of April 09, 2020. The Township Committee of the Township of Delaware does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes -Kwasnik, Waltman, Lockwood, Herman, Vocke

Nays – None Absent – None

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon on March 30, 2020.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held Virtually by Delaware Township,570 Rosemont Ringoes Rd. (County Rt. 604) in Sergeantsville, New Jersey on April 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2020 may be presented by tax payers or other interested persons.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

General Appropriations for:

| 1. Appropriations within "CAPS"                              |                |
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| (a) Municipal Purposes                                       | \$3,759,645.00 |
| 2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"                       |                |
| (a) Municipal Purposes                                       | \$ 688,095.27  |
| Total General Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"            | \$4,447,740.27 |
| 3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes Based on                    |                |
| Estimated 98.04 percent of Tax Collections                   | \$ 400,000.00  |
|  |                |
| 4. Total General Appropriations                              | \$4,847,740.27 |
|  |                |
| 5. Less Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax | \$1,430,325.27 |

6. Difference: Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget

(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes

\$3,417,415.00

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Charles Herman, Mayor

Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC Township Clerk Approved March 30, 2020 Budget Published, April 9, 2020 Budget Hearing April 27, 2020

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and exact copy of Resolution #2020-35 approved by the Delaware Township Committee on March 30, 2020.

Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC Township Clerk

Mrs. Lockwood motioned to approve Resolution #2020-35. Mr. Waltman seconded the motion, and the members approved the motion by roll call vote.

Mayor Herman stated the Township Committee conducted a Special Executive Session Meeting on March 19, 2020 to discuss the 2020 Capital Budget and the Budget being introduced tonight reflects the conversation between the Finance Committee, CFO and members of the Township Committee.

Ms. McDaniel stated the budget being introduced tonight is at a flat Municipal tax rate and the requests from Departments for goods and services have been included. Ms. McDaniel stated adjustments were made to the Capital Improvement Fund which will allow the Township to be able conduct some road projects and Capital Improvement to the Municipal Building in 2020. Ms. McDaniel stated due to the current COVID-19 situation, having a flat Municipal tax rate is the best way to go for the 2020 Budget.

Mr. Waltman thanked Ms. McDaniel for all the hard work creating the 2020 Budget. Mr. Waltman stated keeping the Municipal rate flat for 2020 was the best financial choice for Delaware Township residents.

Mrs. Lockwood stated this was a universal decision and due to the uncertainties for residents that will be facing financial hardship the flat Municipal rate can help.

Mayor Herman stated keeping the Municipal Rate flat is a great decision and thank you for all the hard work on this 2020 Municipal Budget.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Vocke, Kwasnik, Waltman, Lockwood, Herman Nays - None

#### RESOLUTION #2020-36-

### **DELAWARE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #2020-36**

### AWARD OF CONTRACT - POLICE VEHICLE 2020 FORD F150 4X4 CREW CAB WITH ACCESSORIES.

**WHEREAS**, exemptions from competitive bidding are allowed for items/services purchased through State Contract per N.J.S.A.40A:11-12; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Delaware has determined the following State Contract provides the Township with the most competitive price for these items/services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware that the following purchase be authorized through the utilization of State Contract:

Unit Price
One (1) 2020 Ford F150 4X4 Crew Cab
\$29,239.00
Options:
\$2,495.00

per NJ State Contract: No.#88728 Winner Ford 250 Haddenfield Berlin Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Plus, the following additional equipment:

Inner Edge FST Duo Light bar, R/W Vertex, B/W Vertex, Headlight Flasher, Setina Push bumper w/lights, dome light, siren/switch Box, speaker, Speaker bracket, Gamber console kit, Computer tray, Charge guard, Console Leg Kit, MCS Top Plate, 48"Red/Blue Putco Light, Progard Half Cage \$7,360.43

Per NJ State Contract: 17-Fleet-00748, 00791, 00719 Emergency Accessories & Installations 250 Haddenfield Berlin Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

|                         | Total cost -       | \$39,094.43 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| ATTEST:                 |                    |             |
|                         | Charles Herman, Ma | yor         |
| Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC |                    |             |
| Township Clerk          |                    |             |
| March 30, 2020          |                    |             |

Mrs. Lockwood motioned to approve Resolution #2020-36. Mr. Waltman seconded the motion, and the members approved the motion by roll call vote

Roll Call Vote: Ayes -Vocke, Kwasnik, Waltman, Lockwood, Herman

Nays - None Absent: None

#### **DISCUSSION OF FIXED RATE OF INTEREST ON DELIQUENT PROPERTIES**

Mr. Waltman stated an additional tax relief option to residents or businesses that failed to pay their property taxes was discussed at the Special Executive Session and Ms. McDaniel researched this subject and will report to the Township Committee the findings.

Ms. McDaniel stated that the statute reads the Township can offer this option up to a certain percentage. Ms. McDaniel stated the interest rate is set at the Re-organization meeting every year and the current rate is 8% for the first \$1,500.00 and then goes up to 18% for the remaining balance and the grace period is set at 10 days. Ms. McDaniel stated the Township is at the maximum number of days for the grace period but the Township can lower the percentage rate charged to the residents.

Mr. Waltman suggested the Tax Collector review past numbers to estimate what effect reducing the 18% late fee would have and if that would affect the current 2020 Budget. Mr. Waltman would like to see the 18% be reduced as much as possible to help both residents and the businesses in Delaware Township.

Ms., McDaniel stated she has discussed this with Tax Collector, Ms. Gooding and the Township collects in a quarter about \$5 million dollars, approximately \$2 million comes from mortgage escrows. Ms. McDaniel stated as of today the \$2 million is almost always guaranteed since it comes from the bank directly. Ms. McDaniel stated the normal collection rate is 97%.

Mr. Waltman stated the small percentage of funds that are not collected does not really reflect on the current budget since the Township normally has a very high collection rate of 97%.

Ms. McDaniel stated there is an anticipated amount of \$47,000.00 that gets collected due to penalties and interest.

The Township Committee speculated that the collection rate may also go down due to loss of jobs and small business that have been affected by the close down. The Township Committee discussed how the first Federal Financial Bill can help residents and small businesses. The Township Committee recommended the rate be reduced to 8% from the current 18% after the first \$1,500.00.

Ms. McDaniel stated this can be changed by resolution and the tax collector will need to send a notice to all taxed residents/businesses due to the change in the interest rate. Ms. McDaniel stated there will be an additional cost for the mailing of this separate notice.

Mayor Herman suggested the resolution reflect the reason for the lowering of the interest rate temporarily so that next year if the Township increases this rate it is well documented why it was reduced in 2020.

#### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Cline stated including a statement as part of the resolution for lowering the percentage rate is great and if this does not improve before January the Township will need to review and renew the lower rate. Mr. Cline thanked Mrs. Lockwood for explaining the changes in the budget to help residents during the COVID-19 crisis. Mr. Cline asked if the 2020 Budget will be posted on the Delaware Township website.

Ms. McDaniel stated the 2020 Budget will be placed on the website.

Mr. Cline read a few lines from a letter from Attorney Steve Goodell about meetings for the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments. Attorney Goodell stated currently Local Government Services are working on procedures for Board of Adjustment and Planning Boards to be able to hold "Virtual Meetings" in the near future. Mr. Cline stated a conference call is being scheduled between Mr. Cline, Attorney Goodell, Kathy Klink and Rosalind Westlake to discuss and start to plan out the process for "Virtual Meetings".

Attorney Tauriello discussed the case law being created to allow" Virtual" meetings for land use committees.

#### FINAL COMMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lockwood thanked Mayor Herman for signing a letter about the PennEast Pipeline. Mrs. Lockwood stated PennEast has been trying to break down the FERC approvals into pieces and there was a public comment session for a small approval of one piece. Mr. Sam Thompson, Pipeline Sub-Committee, drafted a comment letter on behalf of the Township. Mayor Herman was able to sign off on this draft letter and Ms. Lockwood was able to submit these comments on behalf of the Township before the comment deadline.

Mr. Waltman stated his concern with the park and the ways people are using the parks currently. Mr. Waltman requested the DPW make preemptive changes to Dilt's Park to eliminate the temptation for residents not to participate in social distancing.

Mayor Herman requested that DPW place a snow fence around the playground and the removal of all the basketball rims.

Mr. Waltman thanked Ms. McDaniel for all the hard work on the 2020 Budget.

Mayor Herman thanked Mr. Waltman for forwarding Township information through social media to help inform the Township residents of COVID-19 updates. Mayor Herman thanked Trinity Website company for their quick response on posting to help inform residents of important information. Mayor Herman stated residents should sign up for the Hunterdon County alert system. Mayor Herman stated this alert system is a great way to stay informed.

Mayor Herman gave an update on the sidewalk project and the stop order given by the County Engineer. Mayor Herman stated a letter came in today from the County Engineer giving the Township permission to continue the project. Thank you to the Municipal Building employees for all their help in keeping the Township up and running. Mayor Herman thanked Attorney Tauriello. Mayor Herman gave condolences to Kathy Klink in the loss of her brother over the weekend.

#### APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Members reviewed and approved the following vouchers for payment in the amount of \$16,284.96 at the Regular Meeting of the Delaware Township Committee held on March 30, 2020. Mrs. Lockwood moved to approve payment of the bills on the bill list. Mr. Waltman seconded the motion. Members approved the motion to pay the bills by roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey that the March 30, 2020 vouchers be paid.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Vocke, Kwasnik, Waltman, Lockwood, Herman Nays - None

| <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>                                |   |
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| Members motioned, seconded, and unanime 8:40 p.m. | ously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at |
| 0.10 p.m.   | Respectfully submitted,                           |
| Approved: (April 13, 2020)                        | Jodi McKinney, RMC, CMC<br>Township Clerk         |
| Charles Herman, Mayor                             |   |