



DELAWARE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2021 – 5:30 PM

Via Zoom

Mayor Waltman called the special meeting of the Delaware Township Committee to order on April 5, 2021 at 5:30 PM. Mayor Waltman announced that this meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was faxed to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Trenton Times, Courier News and the Star Ledger, was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed with the Township Clerk on April 1, 2021.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Waltman led those in attendance in the pledge to the nation's flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor James Waltman, Deputy Mayor Josepe Vocke, Committee Members Charles Herman, Daniel Kwasnik, and Susan Lockwood along with Deputy Township Clerk Tiffany Crivelli, Township Auditor William Colantano, and Chief Financial Officer Diane McDaniel.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

Chief Financial Officer McDaniel and Township Auditor Colantano presented the following key points to the 2021 budget:

Revenue

- 2021 net valuation is up slightly to \$804,851,030 over 2020 - \$803,676,430
- State aid remains the same as 2020
- Surplus anticipated is \$530,000 (2019 - \$357,000; 2020 - \$407,000)
- Court revenue/Interest on Idle funds lower.

Appropriations

- A penny equals \$80,451 (2 - \$160,902; 3 - \$241,353; 4 - \$321,804)
- Increases in appropriations include:
 - Debt Service increased; No Bans anticipated
 - Pension increases PERS/PFRS
 - Police and Roads contracts (Approx. 2% Plus Set ups)

Capital

- The balance of Capital Improvement Fund at 12-31-2020 is \$112,053.05.
- 2021 needs - \$108,000 2021 Roads; \$35,000 town hall improvements (incl. Wall), Police Vehicle \$37,000.
- Our current debt ratio is 0.974%

Open Space

- Revenue 2021 Approx. \$483,000
- Debt Interest Payment \$91,021.
- Debt Principal Payment \$307,000

Township Auditor Colantano stated that this is an excellent budget with a nominal increase of one cent.

Committeewoman Lockwood noted that one cent is very reasonable, with a healthy surplus and not cutting anything short. Committeewoman Lockwood stated that it is a good budget with a moderate increase and she is hopeful that the Township can stay on this even path.

Committeeman Herman stated that it was also a very good budget. He inquired if it was safe to assume that this did not include the COVID Relief funds. Township Auditor Colantano advised that it did not include the funds as there is no guidance on the yet.

Deputy Mayor Vocke and Mayor Waltman both agreed that it was an excellent budget for 2021.

A motion by Lockwood, seconded by Herman, to approve the budget as it stands for introduction at the April 12, 2021 Township Committee meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Herman: Yes, Kwasnik: Yes, Lockwood: Yes, Vocke: Yes, Waltman: Yes

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Waltman opened the floor to public comment for any items listed on the agenda.

Hearing no members of the public speak up, Mayor Waltman closed the floor to public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Herman, seconded by Lockwood to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.

Tiffany Crivelli, Deputy Township Clerk

James Waltman, Mayor

Approved: