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Dear Delaware Township Residents –

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about a few important steps the Township Committee has taken to ease the burden on taxpayers during these challenging times. Please take careful note of the details of this information, especially item 1 below:

1. TAX PAYMENT GRACE PERIOD EXTENDED

- In a special meeting held on 5/4/2020, the Township Committee made the decision to EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE MAY 1st tax bill. Prior to the adoption of this resolution (2020-43), the tax payment grace period (date in which late penalties begin to be assessed) had been May 11th. With this extension, the tax payment due date of May 1st still stands, however penalties for late payments will not be charged until June 1st. It is important to note, the **LAST DAY TO MAKE YOUR MAY 1st tax payment without the addition of penalties is JUNE 1st. Payment MUST be received by the Tax Collector by 6/1/20.** Postmark of June 1st will NOT suffice. After June 1st any late payments will be subject to the delinquent tax interest charges calculated **retroactively from May 1st.**

2. ADOPTION OF 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

- Last week the Township Committee adopted our 2020 municipal budget. In the best interests of residents that may be facing difficult financial concerns, we have kept our budget FLAT. This means that your municipal taxes for this year WILL NOT INCREASE over your bill from last year. Two other important points to note for your taxes:
 - Hunterdon County Freeholders also kept their budget tax-neutral resulting in no additional County level taxes for residents;

- The Delaware Township School interest expense, thanks to the overwhelming support for the school financing referendum passed by voters in December, has gone down. Therefore, residents should see some savings in their bills for school taxes this year.

It's important to note that the Township has not passed a flat budget in many years. Steady, small increases of 2-4% have become the standard. This year's budget was possible through smart financial planning, a responsible buildup of surplus funds and tightening the budget belt where we could. It was important for us to pass this savings along to the residents, especially in times like these. We are working for you, keeping your best interests and concerns in mind. Our Treasurer and Auditors were pivotal in helping us to pass a responsible, solid budget that will keep the township running well at the same time preventing an additional tax burden to the residents. Our Tax Collector has also been instrumental in guiding us through this period of adjustment. Thanks to all who made this possible.

Hoping that this message finds our residents and their families safe and well. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Best wishes on behalf of the Township Committee,

Charlie Herman
Mayor, Delaware Township