

The Special Virtual Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Freehold was held on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. through online video conference.

Mayor Kane stated that the notice of the time, date and location of the meeting had been provided pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975 (Open Public Meetings Act).

Chief Dispenza opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT	MAYOR KEVIN KANE
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DIBENEDETTO
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN ANNETTE JORDAN
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN ADAM REICH
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN MARGARET ROGERS
PRESENT	COUNCILMAN GEORGE SCHNURR
PRESENT	COUNCILWOMAN SHARON SHUTZER

Mayor Kane read Item No. 4 on the Agenda as follows:

“Public Hearing on the Amendment to the 2020 Municipal Budget.”

Councilman DiBenedetto made a motion to open the meeting to the public and was seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer. All in favor.

CFO, Ricky Gartz explained the amendment reduces anticipated revenues and appropriations by \$189,500.00 evenly and keeps the introduced budget at the same rate of 2.55 tax rate increase. He stated revenues are estimated based on what has been seen so far.

Borough Attorney, Kerry Higgins stated the revenues are lower based on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Gartz stated that is correct.

Mayor Kane opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

Councilman DiBenedetto offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer:

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

On roll call, Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Reich, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer voted its adoption: opposed none; abstain none; absent none. Mayor Kane declared the motion

adopted.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Reich, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; absent none. Mayor Kane declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Kane read Item No. 5 on the Agenda as follows:

“Resolution Adopting the 2020 Annual Budget of the Borough of Freehold.”

Councilman Schnurr offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Jordan:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD.

Councilman Schnurr stated the net proposed municipal tax increase is .0255 cents. He stated considering the construction of a new water plant and moving Borough Hall, it is pretty extraordinary that we held down expenses in a number of other areas. He thanked CFO, Ricky Gartz.

Councilwoman Shutzer stated considering the pandemic and previous commitments, she thanked Ricky Gartz, Kathy Caruso, Administrator Steve Gallo, the Finance Committee and anyone that had anything to do with this budget. She stated it is amazing it was kept at what it is.

Councilman Schnurr added the ratables and valuations have increased \$56 million over the last three years. He stated that proves the Borough is still a very attractive place for people to build and expand and that is thanks to everyone. He stated that helps keep the tax rate down.

Mayor Kane thanked the CFO and everyone involved. He stated there is a lot going on this year so to be able to produce this budget is impressive.

On roll call, Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Reich, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer voted its adoption: opposed none; abstain none; absent none. Mayor Kane declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Kane read Item No. 6 on the Agenda as follows:

“Clerk – Late Communications.”

There were none.

Mayor Kane read Item No. 7 on the Agenda as follows:

“Public Comments.”

There were no comments.

Councilwoman Shutzer made a motion to close Public Comments, seconded by Councilwoman Jordan.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Reich, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; absent none. Mayor Kane declared the motion adopted.

Mayor Kane read Item No. 8 on the Agenda as follows:

“Council Comments.”

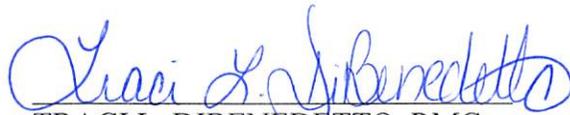
There were no comments.

Councilwoman Rogers offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Reich.

On roll call Council Members DiBenedetto, Jordan, Kane, Rogers, Schnurr and Shutzer voted its adoption; opposed none; abstain none; absent none. Mayor Kane declared the motion adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



TRACI L. DIBENEDETTO, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

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