
TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

Minutes of: Governing Body Special Meeting
Date of Meeting: June 24, 2019
Time of Meeting: 6:30 pm
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The Special Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Michele Dale.

Adequate Notice Statement

Mayor Dale read the following statement:

Please note that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this Special Meeting was advertised in the Herald News in its issue of June 9, 2019; copies were provided to the Suburban Trends, the Record and Star Ledger and posted continuously on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Please also make note of all fire and emergency exits - located to the left, right, front and rear of this room - for use in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Agenda No. I

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dale led all in attendance in a salute to the flag.

Agenda No. II

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Ada Erik, Marilyn Lichtenberg Patricia Gerst, Mayor Michele Dale
Absent: Andrena Pegel, Peter McGuinness, Luciano Signorino
Also Present: James Cerullo of Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva PA, Ellen Mageean, CFO/Treasurer

Agenda No. III

Minutes

None

Agenda No. IV

Meetings

Mayor Dale noted the future meeting schedule.

July 10, 2019 Workshop and Regular Meeting
August 14, 2019 Workshop and Regular Meeting
September 4, 2019 Workshop Meeting

Agenda No. V

Executive Session

None.

Agenda No. VI

Discussion Items

1.	<p>Discussion: Overview of the 2019 Budget as Introduced – Mayor Dale mentioned there will be no action taken tonight because there is no quorum of the full Council. It requires four affirmative votes to pass the budget. Mayor Dale stated the reasons for the absence of Councilman Signorino and Councilwoman Pegel. Councilman McGuinness was available then not available and then available again per Mr. Casey. Mayor Dale was not sure if there was miscommunication between these parties however, Mayor Dale contacted Councilman McGuinness and he replied he is not available this evening.</p> <p>Mayor Dale asked the Council members that were present, if anyone had any informal discussion items about the budget that they wanted to ask. Otherwise, the current Council members will not be conducting any other business tonight. Since no discussion developed, Mayor Dale discussed figures received regarding the proposed introduced budget showing an increase of \$62.81 on the municipal side. The Council had previously asked for numbers if the school budget and county had gone up what the municipal budget would be overall as introduced. The school budget has passed but the municipal budget as introduced with the county going down, would be an \$87.88 increase, which is inclusive of the municipality, the school and county budget.</p> <p>James Cerullo interjected that an item needing to be addressed tonight although carrying the municipal budget business over to the next scheduled meeting is that the public hearing was advertised for tonight's meeting. The Mayor replied that the public comments is on the agenda after the Council's discussion. Mayor Dale asked if there were any discussion or comments from the Council. There being no reply the Mayor proceeded to the public comments portion of the meeting.</p>
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Action Items

Finance Matters: 2019 Municipal & Solid Waste Budget Public Hearing

Public Comments

Notice of this public hearing for the 2019 Municipal and 2019 Solid Waste budget was published in the Herald News on June 9, 2019. The Mayor will open the meeting to the public to speak to the budget only.

Pamela Jordan, Bald Eagle – read an article from the June 14 through June 20 Messenger newspaper regarding the budget and surplus. She wanted residents to be aware of what is going on as not all residents know.

There being no one else wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Erik moved to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Lichtenberg and carried by unanimous voice vote to close the public comments period.

Agenda No. VIII

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried.

Approved: July 10, 2019

MICHELE DALE, MAYOR

DIANE CURCIO, ACTING TOWNSHIP CLERK