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**TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY**

Minutes of: Governing Body Special Meeting  
Date of Meeting: September 11, 2019  
Time of Meeting: 6:00 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 September 8, 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, Andrena Pegel, Marilyn Lichtenberg, Peter McGuinness, Luciano Signorino (arrived 6:07), Patricia Gerst, Mayor Michele Dale  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Interim Township Administrator Bob Casey

Agenda No. III

**Purpose**

2019 Municipal Budget – Public Hearing on adopted Resolution 2019-261: Resolution of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey Authorizing the 2019 Municipal Budget as Amended

Agenda No. IV

**Public Comments**

Notice of this public hearing for the 2019 Municipal & 2019 Solid Waste budget was published in the Herald News on September 8, 2019. The Mayor will open the meeting to the public to speak to the budget only.

Richard Randazzo, Wooley Road – Expressed his thoughts on the budget. He said the residents will suffer and he feels the budget will be easier next year because there will be no conflicts on the Council.

There being no one else wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Erik moved to close the public portion of the meeting.

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Lichtenberg  
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote  
Voted Nay: None  
Motion carried.  
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Agenda No. V

**Action Items**

Agenda No. V1

~ Resolution 2019 – 194 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE 2019 BUDGET RESOLUTION (AS REQUIRED BY DCA)**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of West Milford has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2019 budget year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Township of West Milford that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
  - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
  - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
  - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
  - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
  - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
  - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
  - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
  - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
  - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Approved: September 11, 2019

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Moved: Erik                      Seconded: Lichtenberg  
Voted Aye: Erik, Pegel, Lichtenberg, McGuinness, Signorino, Gerst  
Voted Nay: None  
Motion Carried:

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Agenda No. V2

**Discussion:**

Councilman Signorino asked about the fees owed to the Township from the sale of the MUA. Mr. Casey said they are still billing and collecting the fees. The money will be revenue in next year's budget. Councilman Signorino asked what their options are and what they can do with the money. Mr. Casey explained that they can amend the budget based on cash received.

~ Resolution 2019 – 195 ~

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET- AS AMENDED**

**WHEREAS** the Township Council has completed its review of the General Fund Budget , revised the proposal from the Administration where it deemed necessary, and held the required public hearings.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford of the County of Passaic that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$22,504,035.00 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type 1 School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18:9-3) and the certification to the County Board of taxation of



