

**SPECIAL MEETING
 Mayor and Council
 Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey
 April 22, 2019**

(PAH) Call Meeting to Order Time: 7:02pm

Mayor's Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been emailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been provided to individuals requesting the same.

(ALB) Roll Call:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
NAPOLITANO(AN)	x	
EVANELLA (GE)	x	
WALKER (DW)		x
BROCKMAN (JB)	x	
PEDERSEN (JP)	x	
CHUNG (JC)	x	

Also present:

- Ms. Ann H. Bistriz, Borough Clerk (ALB)**
- Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO, CTC (KJT)**
- Mr. Gary Higgins, Municipal Auditor**

(JP) Adoption of 2019 Budget

Mr. Gary Higgins, Municipal Auditor was present to discuss the Harrington Park 2019 Municipal Budget.

This year the Borough was subject to DLGS (State) review, rather than self-examination. Several additional documents were requested by the department and KJT supplied in a timely manner.

He praised how well the Finance Committee worked with the CFO, Council and the Mayor to put together a responsible budget.

Total municipal increase is \$280,000 which is 1.3 tax points – Average home is \$541,000 will have a \$70 annual increase.

Borough is also \$151,000 below the allowable CAP increase. Borough could have raised taxes up to \$500,000, but Council had chosen the responsible route, keeping the municipal taxes as low as possible.

Second Reading Ordinance #730

CALENDAR YEAR 2019 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)

**Addendum A
Motion JP
Second JC
No Discussion
Roll Call Vote AIF**

**Open to Public Discussion of Ordinance #730
Motion GE
Second JP
Vote AIF**

No Public present for discussion

**Closed to Public Discussion
Motion GE
Second JP
Vote AIF**

**(JP) Waiver of Reading in Full of the 2019 Budget- Addendum B
Motion JP
Second JB
Discussion No Discussion
Roll Call Vote AIF**

**(JP) Adoption of 2019 Budget-Addendum C
Motion JP
Second JC**

**Meeting Open to Public for Budget 2019 Discussion
Motion GE
Second JP
Vote AIF**

No public present for discussion

**Meeting Closed to Public
Motion GE
Second JP
Vote AIF**

**No further discussion from Council for the 2019 Budget
Roll Call Vote for adoption of 2019 Budget- AIF**

Other Business

GE updated all that he, JB and DW, along with Chief Maalouf, met with The Rodgers Group for a presentation on Police Accreditation. A proposal will be prepared with details to follow for consideration of Council. The cost is estimated to be \$39,000 with JIF paying a portion of the expense.

Meeting Open to Public

Motion GE

Second JP

Vote AIF

No public present

Meeting Closed to Public

Motion GE

Second JP

Vote: AIF

Addendum A
Ordinance #730
BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
CALENDAR YEAR 2019 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED
THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Harrington Park in the County of Bergen finds its advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2019 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget of said year, amounting to \$51,348 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Harrington Park, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2019 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Harrington Park shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 1.0%, amounting to \$51,348, and that the CY 2019 municipal budget for the Borough of Harrington Park be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Addendum B
RESOLUTION 2019-82
Waiver of Reading in Full of the 2019 Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8 permits that the Budget as advertised may be read by its title providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget shall

- a) be posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted and at the free public library, and
- b) is made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Harrington Park has complied with the aforesaid requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body, the reading in full of the 2019 Budget be dispensed with.

Addendum C
RESOLUTION 2019-83
ADOPTION OF 2019 BUDGET

Be It Resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Harrington Park, County of Bergen that the budget hereinbefore 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) \$5,049,663 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
 - (b) \$_____ (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S. 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. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
 - (d) _____ (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
 - (e) \$331,261 (Item 5 below) for Minimum Library Tax
- Including the additional information as per the cover of the submitted budget prepared by Borough CFO in conjunction with Lerch, Vinci, Higgins Certified Municipal Auditors.

(PAH) Motion for Closed Session JC Time: 7:20pm
Second GE
Vote AIF

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.

1. Potential Litigation-Recreation Commission

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.

Return to Open Session 7:24pm

Adjournment-Time: 7:25 pm

Motion: JP

Second: JB

Vote: AIF