

**REGULAR AGENDA MEETING**

**Mayor and Council**

**Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey**

**May 11, 2020**

Under the provision of the Open Public Meetings Law, you are hereby notified, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park, will hold their Regular Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00pm EST, through electronic media.

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**(PAH) Call Meeting to Order**

**Time: 7:02 pm**

**Mayor’s Announcement:**

Mayor Hoelscher opened the meeting at 7:02 pm with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings 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 at 7:04	
PEDERSEN (JP)	x	
CHUNG (JC)	x	

**Also present:**

**Ms. Marti Francis, Office Assistant**

**Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO, CTC (KJT)**

**(PAH) Consent Agenda-Resolutions-**

All matters listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Should discussion be desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately under New or Old Business on the Agenda.

**Consent Approval Items: (A-**

- (A) 2020-74 Emergency Temporary Appropriation-Fire Department Radios
- (B) 2020-75 Property Tax Payment Extension of Time

GE moved to approve consent agenda items A and B, second JP.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call
NAPOLITANO(AN) yes
EVANELLA (GE) yes
WALKER (DW) yes
BROCKMAN (JB) not yet present
PEDERSEN (JP) yes
CHUNG (JC) yes

**Carried.**

**Individual Committee Reports**

(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher has called all department heads; everyone seems to have sufficient supplies of protective equipment. Mike Hunken has been distributing them. The Fire Department is concerned about radios. KJ stated that the purchase will be included in the bond this week. AN will report to the Fire Department.

(AN) Planning Bd., Bd. of Adjustment, Construction, Fire, Ambulance: The ambulance had 11 calls in April. Fire had 7 alarms. Fire and Ambulance are taking steps to protect their members and residents. AN will meet with the Fire Department to drill down their budget and focus on legally mandatory items.

(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel: Report will be given next week.

(DW) DPW, Building & Grounds, Sanitation/Recycling: In early March the DPW prepared the fields and worked with Rockland Electric on tree removal, worked on litter pickup and straightening signs. As of 3/16 they started closing parks. A report came in that people were using tennis courts. The DPW responded. Protective measures include one person per truck and sanitizing with a bleach solution. The catch basin project is on hold. 3/16 street sweeping began. 3/27 the recycling center was closed.

**(JB) Board of Health, Environmental Commission: The 5/22 Bloodborne pathogens workshop has been canceled. An online class is being investigated. CVS is spreading information about flu vaccines but is doing no Covid testing. There is a county mobile testing van. The Mayor asked the borough clerk to request that it come to Harrington Park. JB will follow up with the Clerk.**

**(JP) Finance, Admin. & Exec., Grants: The budget will be introduced at the next meeting. The capital budget needs to be introduced first. The audit has begun. Taxes are being collected.**

**(JC) Recreation Commission, Liaison to Board of Education, Public Information: The Harrington Park School and Northern Valley High School both passed their budgets. The 5/9 Executive order prohibits physical graduations of any kind.**

**(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator**

**Memorial Day Parade**-has been cancelled by Commander Simpson of American Legion Post #30-He hopes to perhaps to plan something for wither July 4 or Veteran's Day depending on the directives of our State Government

**Garden Club Proclamation**-Ms. Gibney has requested Council to place into record the Anniversary of the Garden Club. A proclamation will be written and posted on our website, sent through Swiftreach and placed on the Borough Facebook page after the May 18, 2020 meeting.

**Dog Licenses**-Friendly reminders have been sent out to those that have not licensed their dogs. If anyone is adversely affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, they have been advised to reach out to the Clerk's Office to request confidential discussion by Council.

**Stormwater Ordinance Introduction**-A long, lengthy, standardized ordinance, required by the State of NJ, reviewed by Neglia Engineering and Mr. Dineen will be on May 18, 2020 agenda for introduction.

**Meeting with Board Secretaries**-Met with Board Secretaries to ensure that all Board and Commission advertise and hold meeting in conforming manners to the Mayor and Council. All have been provided with official Borough Zoom links to be able to conduct Borough business.

**KJ: The paperwork for online payment of taxes has been submitted. This service should be operational in 2 to 3 weeks. The banks have paid their property taxes. There has been a steady stream of homeowners.**

**Old Business** Mayor Hoelscher reported that a report from Congressman Gottheimer's Office regarding CSX crossings spoke very little about Harrington Park. The Mayor asked the borough attorney to write a letter stating that the borough priorities are the wall at the Police Department and the crossing at Harriot. JP suggested that if our concerns are not addressed a complaint should be lodged with the Federal Railway Association.

**New Business** Because graduation cannot take place a banner and lawn signs congratulating graduates are proposed. The total fee would be around \$1500. JC will work with departments to use unused funds (such as portapotty money possibly) for this expense. JC will get a second bid. There will be a resolution next week.

Due to the special nature of this call there was no public interest.

**Motion to Open to the Public**  
**Second**  
**Vote**

**Motion to Close to the Public**  
**Second**  
**Vote**

**(PAH) Motion for Closed Session Time: NO CLOSED SESSION**  
**Second**  
**Vote**

**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.

**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**

**Adjournment-Time: 7:30 pm**  
**Motion: JP**  
**Second: JB**

**Addendum A**  
**Resolution 2020-74**  
**Emergency Temporary Appropriation-Fire Department Radios**

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to Current Fund appropriations for the acquisition of new radio equipment for use of the Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, no adequate provision has been made in the 2020 Temporary Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2020 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$172,475 for Current Fund and

WHEREAS, said emergency temporary appropriation will be funded by a bond ordinance prior to the adoption of the 2020 budget and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Harrington Park, County of Bergen, that in accordance with R.S. 40A:4-20, Temporary Emergency Appropriations be and the same is hereby made for:

CURRENT FUND

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Acquisition of New Radio Equipment for Use of the Fire Department \$172,475

**Addendum B**

**Resolution 2020-75**

**Property Tax Payment Extension of Time**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council are in receipt of the Governor's Executive Order #130 which allows a municipality by resolution to extend the grace period to pay taxes per statute until June 1, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, there now exists a real crisis in the state of New Jersey and in the Borough of Harrington Park that affects the health, welfare and safety of all residents in the form of the COVID 19 virus;

**WHEREAS**, the economy in the State of New Jersey has suffered serious and dire consequences which impact all residents in the state as well as the Borough of Harrington Park;

**WHEREAS**, the health, welfare and safety of all Harrington Park residents is served by recognizing the financial burden impacting residents within the Borough of Harrington Park and to provide some relief during this financial crisis;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council are satisfied that it is in the best interests of the Borough to implement an extension of the grace period to pay the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter taxes (May 1, 2020) to a date of June 1, 2020 and further provided that if such taxes remain delinquent as of that date, penalties and interest shall accrue to the taxpayer as of May 10, 2020;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council hereby approve extension of the tax payment grace period for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter taxes, 2022 to the date of June 1, 2020 and further providing that any taxes remaining delinquent as of that date shall accrue penalties and interest retroactive to May 10, 2020 (original grace period).