

**RARITAN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
RARITAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

MEETING CALLED: Mayor Kuhl called the special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: The following were present: Mayor, Jeff Kuhl; Deputy Mayor, Karen Gilbert; Comm. Gary Hazard; Comm. Scott MacDade

ABSENT: Comm. Louis Reiner

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator, Don Hutchins; Deputy Municipal Clerk, Stephanie Haver; Chief Financial Officer, William Pandos

MEETING NOTICED: Mayor Kuhl advised that the meeting was noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 February 21, 2020 to the Courier News, Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, TapInto, Express Times and was posted on the municipal bulletin board and the Township website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Kuhl asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and to remain standing for a moment of silence to remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces and in particular those serving in troubled areas around the world.

AMEND/APPROVE THE AGENDA

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, MacDade, Mayor Kuhl

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Reiner

Mayor Kuhl read Resolution #20-90 by title.

Mayor Kuhl extended gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Hutchins, Mr. Pandos and Committee Members for their efforts regarding the preparation of the 2020 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Kuhl commented, "In the end we are in solid shape as a town but unfortunately expenses do go up. As part of this budget, we have about an additional \$380,000 in healthcare costs; and are spending approximately \$1.7 million on road repairs, \$350,000 in facility improvements, \$750,000

for a new fire truck and approximately \$80,000 to \$90,000 for cyber security resulting in a .38% increase or approximately \$8.00 per year per the average household.”

Committee Member MacDade commented, “I just want to compliment the budget that was put together. We had some tough choices and kept the increase to a minimum....This is my first time through the process and I was impressed with how things were done.”

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to introduce Resolution #20-90 on first consideration.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by MacDade

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, MacDade, Mayor Kuhl

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Reiner

BUDGET RESOLUTION INTRODUCED

Second reading and public hearing date scheduled for March 30, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

(A COPY OF BUDGET RESOLUTION #20-90 IS HEREWITH ATTACHED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There was no public in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

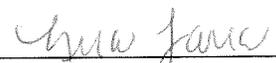
Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Hazard, seconded by MacDade

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk

MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

SECTION 1.

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for year 2020;

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the HUNTERDON DEMOCRAT in the issue of March 5, 2020

The Governing Body of the Township of Raritan does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2020:

RECORDED VOTE

(Insert last name)

{ Gilbert { None ABSTAINED { None

{ Hazard {

AYES { MacDade NAYS {

{ Mayor Kuhl {

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ABSENT { Reiner

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Township of Raritan, County Of Hunterdon, on

February 28, 2020

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building, on March 30, 2020 at 5:30 (p.m.) at which time and place

objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2020 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.