APPROVED AS AMENDED: May 26, 2020

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SPECIAL BUSINESS SESSION May 4, 2020

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: President Manzari called the meeting to order at Noon.

ROLL CALL: Gawas, Geevers, Mandel, Manzari, Stevens

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

This is to advise that the notice requirement provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given and transmitted to The Times and Princeton Packet; filed with the Clerk of the Municipality; and posted in the West Windsor Township Municipal Building at North Post and Clarksville Roads on April 30, 2020.

ATTENDEES: President: Manzari; Council: Gawas, Geevers, Mandel, Stevens; Mayor: Marathe; Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert; Township Clerk: Huber

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

President Manzari led the salute to the flag.

President Manzari advised that this meeting is being held for the purpose of extending the grace period for the second quarter taxes in accordance with Governor Murphy's Executive Order 130.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Per Executive Order 107 and Executive Order 108 from Governor Murphy on March 21, 2020 the Township Council will not be able to allow the public to gather (attend) the May 4, 2020 Special Business Session. The Township Council will be meeting in Room A at Noon to conduct the business of the Township per the agenda that was posted on the Township web-site on Friday, May 1, 2020.

There were three people signed in to listen to the meeting; none requested to speak.

Township Clerk Huber read an e-mail from Ms. Susan Brandon of 43 Lorrie Lane in West Windsor Township urging the Council to extend the grace period for taxes to June 1, 2020. This e-mail will be made part of the minutes.

Ms. Mandel read a statement from the Township Council into the record advising that the Township Council is considering extending the grace period for the second quarter taxes due May 1st from May 11th to June 1st, 2020. She advised that normally the Township Council would not have this right, but Executive Order 130 gives the Council the right to extend the grace period for the second quarter to June 1st. Ms. Mandel noted it is important at this time to help our residents who may be experiencing some financial hardships due to this crisis. She reported that although the Governor has provided this extension for payment of property taxes the Township is still obligated to pay the school and county payments that are due along with all other obligations. Ms. Mandel noted that if you need the additional time please take it but if you are able to pay now it would help the Township.

Ms. Geevers noted that normally the Township collects 99% of the taxes due each year. She advised that the Council passed a resolution earlier this year at the Reorganization/Business Session held on January $2^{\rm nd}$ setting the penalty amounts to be imposed for late payments.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL/CLERK

2020-R108 Authorizing the Second Quarter Property Tax Grace
Period Extended to June 1, 2020 per Governor Murphy's
Executive Order 130

Motion to approve: Geevers

Second: Mandel
RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel
Aye Stevens
Aye Manzari

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Geevers

Second: Gawas
VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Gay M. Huber

Township Clerk

West Windsor Township

Virginia Manzari

Council President

West Windsor Township