

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK  
280 GODWIN AVENUE  
MIDLAND PARK, NJ 07432  
June 11, 2020**

**7:00 P.M. –Work Session Minutes**

**On June 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., the Mayor and Council of Midland Park will conduct an Electronic Public Meeting in lieu of its in-person regular Public Meeting previously advertised. Members of the public may access the meeting by dialing this Toll-Free Dial in number (United States): : [1 866 899 4679](tel:18668994679) Access Code: 522-438-005**

**Agenda items for the meeting will be listed on the Borough website. The foregoing Electronic Public Meeting is recommended due to the current situation involving the COVID-19 Virus and directives of State and County governments.**

**Mayor Shortway** called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.

**The Mayor read the Sunshine Law Statement:** This meeting is being held in accordance with the Sunshine Law, notice having been published according to law with a copy on file in the Borough Clerk’s Office and a copy posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Mayor Shortway</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilman Kamp</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Councilman Iannone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Councilman Kruis</b>	<b>Present (arrived after Roll Call during discussion item # 1)</b>
	<b>Councilman Sansone</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Council President DeLuca</b>	<b>Present</b>

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Regan, Borough Administrator Seemon, Tax Collector Miller, Deputy Tax Collector Kalata, and Borough Clerk Martin**

**Administrator Seemon** takes a roll call of the public

No members of the public are present at this time.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1. Estimated Tax Bills & Tax Levy Calculation-** Both Deputy Tax Collector, Kalata and Tax Collector, Miller explained the reason for the estimated tax bills and how the calculation will be determined. **Councilman Sansone** asked if we do estimate tax bills will each property owners be receiving a letter. **Deputy Tax Collector Kalata** stated all property owners will be receiving an estimated amount for the third quarter. In September the accounts will reconciled with the rate the Borough receives from Bergen County and tax bills with the fourth quarter of 2020, first & second quarter of 2021. **Tax Collector, Miller** stated the third quarter estimation does not necessarily have to be a letter, it will most likely be a bill

stating estimated and only consist of third quarter data. This bill will probably be produced

in October. **Council President DeLuca** inquired how the mortgage companies handle the estimated taxes. **Tax Collector, Miller** responded that generally the banks do escrow analysis of each of their properties and have an idea of what the taxes will be for the coming year. The banks will all receive the estimated amounts and will pay. **Councilwoman Peet** asked if there was any indication of what the school taxes will be. **Deputy Tax Collector Kalata** stated the local school's numbers are from their adopted budget along with the numbers provided from CFO O'Hanlon which are the Library, Municipal, and Municipal Open Space, what we are estimating are the County and County Open Space. **Attorney Regan** made a recommendation suggesting sending out a letter otherwise the Borough may be inundated with calls, a letter may mitigate some of the concerns. **Borough Clerk Martin** asked **Tax Collector, Miller** how she is handling this in Glen Rock. **Tax Collector, Miller** stated a brief blurb will be included on the estimated bill, she will confirm with Edmunds. The consensus of the Mayor and Council was to proceed with estimated tax bills and to use the 105% for the calculation.

2. **Sample Resolutions for your information: see attached - RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF THE NJ TRANSIT GAS-FIRED POWER PLANT IN KEARNY (In January of 2019 the Council passed Resolution #043-19 Resolution Opposing Construction of the North Bergen Liberty Generating Gas-Fired Power Plant, see attached)** This item is being carried forward to the June 25, Work Session.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

There being no response from the public, at 7:27 P.M., Attorney Regan read the Closed Session Resolution:

**Resolution #088-20 Closed Session 6-11-20**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Midland Park has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

**WHEREAS**, the regular meeting of this Governing Body will reconvene;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council of Midland Park will go into closed session for the following reason (s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

\_\_\_\_\_ Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon):

\_\_\_\_\_ Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

\_\_\_\_\_ Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

\_\_\_\_\_ Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify

contract): \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

X Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

\_\_\_\_\_ Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

\_\_\_\_\_ Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is: \_\_\_\_\_ contract negotiations the nature of the contract and interested party is \_\_\_\_\_ in circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the Borough's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

X Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under South Jersey Publishing, 124 N. J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of discussion is Recreation Summer Camp.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Borough Attorney advises the Borough Council that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Borough, or any other entity, with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated as the time of said matter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Council, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place, and hereby directs the Borough Clerk to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

**Introduced by: Councilwoman Peet**

**Seconded by: Council President DeLuca**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Councilman Kamp</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Councilman Iannone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Councilman Kruis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilman Sansone</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Council President DeLuca                      Aye

**At this time the public is notified Council will be going into Closed Session and no further action will be taken. They are invited to attend the 8:00 pm Open Public Meeting by dialing ): [1 866 899 4679](tel:18668994679) Access Code: 201-603-597**

There being no further business to discuss, on a Motion made by **Council President DeLuca**, Seconded by **Councilwoman Peet**, and carried, the **Mayor** adjourned the Work Session Meeting and Council convened into the Closed Session at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Martin, R.M.C.  
Borough Clerk