

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK**  
**280 Godwin Ave**  
**Midland Park NJ 07432**  
**July 8, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M. –Work Session Minutes**

**On July 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., the Mayor and Council of Midland Park conducted an in person meeting the location has changed to 280 Godwin Avenue, there was also an option for the public to access the meeting electronically by dialing this Toll-Free Dial in number 1 866 899 4679 Access Code: 335-352-949**

**Agenda items for the meeting were listed on the Borough website. The foregoing electronic option was 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 reads 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 Damiano</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Councilman Kruis</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilman Sansone</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilwoman DeLuca</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Council President Iannone</b>	<b>Present</b>

**Also Present: Borough Attorney Regan, CFO O’Hanlon and Acting Borough Administrator/Clerk Martin and Steve Rogut-Bond Counsel**

**Acting Borough Administrator/Clerk Martin** took a roll call of the public

No members of the public were on the line or present in-person

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1. Bond Counsel – Steve Rogut** – spoke of the proposed Bond issuance, noting the amount would be \$3,809,000, part of which is comprised of the bond ordinance in 2020 in the amount of \$1,393,000 and the ordinance presented tonight in the amount of \$2,416,000. He explained that the maximum term of the bond is based on the average life of the assets being financed; because the majority of items being financed is equipment, the life is considered nine years. This is very good when presenting the bond to the market because the shorter term will pay a lower interest rate and the people buying the bonds want to know that the debt will be paid off quickly. He then presented two maturity schedules for paying it off: the first one results in level debt service, in which is the interest payment stays the same, \$465,022, with the tax impact on the average home assessed at \$397,000, to be about \$170

per year; the second schedule shows a scenario where the interest payments increase over time, which results in debt service starting at \$370,000 and steadily increasing to \$534,000 per year. He explained this scenario was done to try to line up the debt service with what was budgeted for capital this year and, for 2022, would be in line with what was budgeted to pay cash for capital items this year and increase by about \$20,000 each year. Mr. Rogut noted that, due to the low interest rates, using schedule #2 would only cost \$22,000 more than schedule #1. He explained more of the bond issue process and answered questions from the Council.

2. **Observing 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 – Councilwoman DeLuca** reported there are people who have plans in the works but she is not sure what is involved. There was a discussion as to coordinating a community effort to include churches, schools, Scouts and other organizations that want to contribute. It was suggested that the Recreation Director reach out to the people who have started working on it and collaborate with them for setting up a commemorative program.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**Borough Clerk Martin asked the members of the Public to speak individually.**

No members of the public are present at this time.

There being no response from the public, at 7:34 P.M., Attorney Regan read the Closed Session Resolution:

**Resolution #120-21 Closed Session 7-8-21**

**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 Personnel.)

\_\_\_\_\_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: Councilman Sansone**

**Seconded by: Councilwoman DeLuca**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Councilman Damiano</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Councilman Kruis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilman Sansone</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilwoman DeLuca</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Council President Iannone</b>	<b>Aye</b>

There being no further business to discuss, on a Motion made by Councilman Sansone, Seconded By **Councilwoman DeLuca** and carried, the **Mayor** adjourned the Work Session meeting and Council convened into the Closed Session at 7:35 P.M.

**At this time the public was notified the Council would be going into Closed Session. They were invited to attend the 8:00 pm Open Public Meeting in person or by dialing this Toll-Free number United States: [1 866 899 4679](tel:18668994679) Access Code: 766-030-917**

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Martin, R.M.C.  
Borough Clerk