

ELSINBORO TOWNSHIP

June 1, 2020 The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Elwell as advertised. The requirements of the Sunshine Law were met by notifying the South Jersey Times within the time prescribed by law. Notice was also posted on the bulletin board at the Emergency Management Building. This meeting was held by teleconference.

Mayor Elwell called this June 1, 2020 township committee meeting to order.,

Please stand for the flag salute

Present were: Mayor Elwell, Deputy Mayor McAllister, Committeeman Doug Hogate, John Willadsen, CFO, Solicitor Trunk, Clerk Uzdanovics, and several residents

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and to approve as submitted

Motion McAllister Second Hogate RCV 3 yes

Treasurer’s report and list of bills read by Chief Financial Officer

Motion to pay bills

Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 RCV yes

RESOLUTIONS approved

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-31 New Jersey Department of Transportation
Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Recommendation of Award
State Aid Project (N. Locust Avenue) Ricky Slade Construction, Inc.

Motion McAllister Second Hogate RCV 3 yes

**TOWNSHIP OF ELSINBORO
RESOLUTION NO. 32-2020**

Title: A Resolution of the Mayor and Members of the Township Committee of the Township of Elsinboro Authorizing the Township’s Tax Collector to Prepare and Issue Estimated Tax Bills for Third Quarter 2020 Property Taxes, Setting Estimated Tax Revenue for 2020 at \$3,263,727.60 and Fixing the Estimated Tax Rate at 2.822

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Members of the Township Committee of the Township of Elsinboro have determined that as a result of the State of New Jersey’s failure to adopt a budget due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Salem County Board of Taxation is unable to certify tax rates for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, without a 2020 certified tax rate, the Tax Collector of the township of Elsinboro will be unable to issue 2020 tax bills on a timely basis,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and members of the Township Committee of the Township of Elsinboro that:

1. They hereby adopt the facts and determinations as set forth in the preamble of this resolution as if the same were more fully set forth herein, and the facts and determinations shall have the same binding effect as the paragraphs set forth herein below
2. The Tax Collector of the Township of Elsinboro is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Township of Elsinboro for the third installment of 2020 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by Chapter 72, Public Laws of 1994 and NJS 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3.
3. The entire estimated tax levy for 2020 is hereby set, to wit: \$3,263,727.60. The estimated tax rate is hereby set at 2.822.

Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 RCV yes

**TOWNSHIP OF ELSINBORO
RESOLUTION NO. 33-2020**

Re: A Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Elsinboro Memorializing the Township Committee's Request that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services Approve the Insertion of an Item of Revenue and Appropriation in the Amount of \$20,000.00 in the Township of Elsinboro 2020 Budget as Permitted by NJS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such an item shall have been made available by a public source, and the amount thereof shall not have been determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has been advised by the Township's Chief Financial Officer that the Township has received \$20,000.00 from the Salem Health and Wellness Foundation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and members of the Township Committee of the Township of Elsinboro that:

1. They hereby adopt the facts and determinations as set forth in the preamble of this resolution as if the same were more fully set forth herein, and which facts and determinations shall have the same binding effect as the paragraphs set forth herein below.
2. They hereby request that the Director of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Township of Elsinboro 2020 budget, to wit: \$20,000.00, the amount of which sum of money represents payment made to the

Township of Elsinboro by the “Salem Health and Wellness Foundation” for the construction of a walking path

3. The like sum of \$20,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption “Salem Health and Wellness Foundation”.
4. The Township’s Chief Financial Officer shall forward a copy of this resolution, along with his certification, in appropriate form, to the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services for approval.

Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 RCV yes

Police Report, Building inspectors report, CO report and Tax Collector’s report to be kept on file

Township Solicitor Nothing at this time

Committee Reports

Fire Company – Sherry Biddle reported Fire and EMS calls were slow and that none of the personnel out on COVID19

Emergency Management - Deputy Mayor McAllister informed us that there is 1 case of COVID19 in Elsinboro.

Community Development- Mayor Elwell said the walking path is great, he also told us he held a virtual bike to school day with the kids. The shadowing was done virtually as well. We will have the kids at a meeting in the future. along with the veteran of the year. The beach is open and buffer zone signs have been put up.

Township Roads- Committeeman Hogate thanked Joe and Sean for their help.

Insurance-Committeeman Hogate attended the Jif meetings and checked for any new training that might need to be done.

Administration- Mayor Elwell reported the reopening of the state is starting slowly and we are actively monitoring COVID19, the building is still closed and we are hoping we can have an in person meeting next month.

Mr. Cornman the Planning Board Secretary said there is an application pending, will need completeness review.

Open to Public Comment

Mr. Grant spoke about Government opening up and shared he was opposed to it. He wants the beach open, but not business. He said they do not want to open soon. He stated they will not hold indoor events until next year although we have had some small events despite the executive orders. He

also shared he believed the municipal ordinances did not apply to him. Mr. Grant then asked if the buffer zone was for everyone. Mayor Elwell said 25 Ft. Buffer zone from sand fence. Mr. Grant asked how long will that last and does it pertain to residents? Mayor Elwell said that information was given at the last meeting and is dependent on COVID trends in the area.

Mr. Cornman asked if there were any issues with the beach opening to this point? Mayor Elwell said no. Mr. Cornman then asked about holding planning board meetings and Mayor Elwell asked Solicitor Trunk. Solicitor Trunk said the preference is to have meetings on line with limited documents and to hold off on the big applications, small projects are ok. Major projects should be postponed unless the town can adhere to social distancing.

Mr. Cornman is concerned about the timelines for application completeness and asked Mayor Elwell to broach the subject with the Governor. Mr. Cornman also asked if Elsinboro was able to meet its expenses. Mayor Elwell replied yes.

Date of Next Meeting: July 6, 2020

**Motion for Adjournment at 7:35pm by McAllister, Second Hogate, 3 RCV
yes**