BOROUGH OF RIVERTON

**EMERGENCY MEETING**

**May 1, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.**

Mayor Cairns Wells called the meeting to order and saluted the Flag. The Borough Hall was closed to the general public in accordance with social distancing guidelines in place due to the onset of COVID-19 and the meeting was held via conference call with notice for calling in provided under the guidance for Emergency Meetings.

*Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 and the Governor’s Executive Orders, the Riverton Borough Council will conduct an emergency meeting electronically on Friday, May 1, 2020, commencing at 10:00 o’clock a.m.*

*Formal action may or may not be taken. The public may participate in the public meeting by using the call in number 856-829-6840 and the participant code 1234# as was posted to website on April 30, 2020.*

*The purpose of this meeting is to consider a resolution allowing for the Borough Council to extend the grace period for the second quarter tax collection period from May 10, 2020 to a maximum of June 1, 2020 as now permitted by the Governor’s Executive Order 130 in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate Notice could not be provided due to the April 28, 2020 Order being issued and the May 1, 2020 deadline to comply.*

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Suzanne Cairns Wells present Councilwoman Laura Major present

Council President Bill Corbi present Councilman Ken Mills present

Councilman Hank DeGeorge present Councilman Jim Quinn present

Councilman Kirk Fullerton present

Other Borough Officials Present: Nicole Shively Treasurer, Solicitor Tom Coleman and Borough Clerk Michelle Hack.

Mayor Cairns Wells asked for a motion to authorize this emergency meeting. Mr. Corbi made the motion to approve the authorization, to which Ms. Major seconded. All approved in the affirmative.

Mayor Cairns Wells reviewed the Governor’s Executive Order #130. She stated that as with all grace periods for taxation, once the deadline passes the interest is retroactive to May 1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Mayor opened the Public Comment session of the meeting. No one was on the call from the General Public.

**RESOLUTION #71-2020**

**A RESOLUTION INSTITUTING A GRACE PERIOD CONCLUDING ON JUNE 1, 2020 FOR THE PAYMENT OF SECOND-QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES**

**(Full Resolution in Resolution Book)**

Mr. Fullerton read the resolution by title only and motioned for approval. Mr. DeGeorge seconded his motion. ROLL CALL: Mr. Corbi aye, Mr. DeGeorge aye, Mr. Fullerton aye, Ms. Major aye, Mr. Mills aye, Mr. Quinn aye.

Mr. Quinn questioned how and if this the adoption of this resolution will impact the Borough’s revenue to which a minor discussion ensued.

Related to the latest Governor’s Orders, specifically #133, Mayor Cairns Wells announced that Riverton Memorial Park will not be opening to the Public. Mr. Quinn asked how this effect the Dog Park construction however this is not the appropriate venue for this discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business to discuss, DeGeorge made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Mills seconded his motion. All voted in the affirmative.

Next meetings of the Governing Body are scheduled for a Special Meeting May 5, 2020 at 4 o’clock pm. and the regular monthly meeting on May 19, 2020 at 7 o’clock PM. The public may participate in the public meeting by using the call in number 856-829-6840 and the participant code 1234# as provided with Adequate Notice in the Official Newspaper.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hack, RMC

Borough Clerk