

**TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: MAY 4, 2020 TIME: 1:00 P.M. VIRTUAL MEETING

Join using URL:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84671870150?pwd=QUQ1VUN3R0dMVzI2dU9XbXVMNEVMZz09>

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

PRESENT	ABSENT	
_____	_____	Mayor Benowitz
_____	_____	Deputy Mayor Holliday
_____	_____	Committeeman Fuzy
_____	_____	Committeeman Kostoplis
_____	_____	Committeeman Mason
_____	_____	Administrator Theokas
_____	_____	Clerk Carrington
_____	_____	Attorney Fahey
_____	_____	Chief Financial Officer Elsasser

2. Salute to the Flag

3. Open Public Meeting Announcement

This meeting is called pursuant to the provision of the Open Public Meeting Act. On May 1, 2020, a notice of the 2020 meeting schedule was sent to the *Burlington County Times* and *The Times*. Additionally, a notice was posted to the Township website and on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building's lobby. Furthermore, a copy of the notice is available to the public and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

Proper notice having been given, the Township Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of the meeting. The proceedings of this meeting, which are open to the public, are being electronically recorded and will act as the minutes of the meeting in conjunction with the abbreviated written form of the minutes. Minutes are kept for all meetings, whether open or closed to the public.

4. Consideration of Resolution #2020-109 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, INSTITUTING A GRACE PERIOD CONCLUDING ON JUNE 1, 2020 FOR THE PAYMENT OF SECOND-QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES

5. Public Participation

6. Motion to Adjourn

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 –109

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, INSTITUTING A GRACE PERIOD CONCLUDING ON JUNE 1, 2020 FOR THE PAYMENT OF SECOND-QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey issued Executive Order 103 on March 9, 2020, declaring a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, said Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, property taxpayers may be suffering from financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to, loss or drop of income or unexpected expenses due to necessary health care; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a), a municipality may fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal liens or charges, on or before the date when they would become delinquent, and may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became delinquent, thereby establishing a grace period running through May 11, 2020 for the second-quarter property taxes, as to Bordentown’s budget cycle; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 130 (2020) was issued on April 28, 2020, which authorized municipalities to establish a grace period extension no later than June 1, 2020 for payment of second-quarter property taxes and that any provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a), N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.1(a) and N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a) inconsistent with Executive Order 130 (2020) were suspended for the duration of the Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to adopt a resolution instituting a grace period of June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes, to help the property taxpayers of the Township of Bordentown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Township Committee does hereby institute a grace period of June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes for properties in the Township, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 130 (2020).
2. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs within three (3) business days of the adoption of this Resolution.
3. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector/Chief Financial Officer and the Township Administrator.