

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Berger called this meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

2. Opening Statement and Roll Call

Township Clerk Wollman read the opening statement. Adequate notice of the holding of this meeting of the Howell Township Council was provided for in the following manner: (1) By the posting of a copy of said notice upon the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building on March 22, 2019. (2) By the faxing of a copy of said notice to the Tri Town News, Star Ledger and Asbury Park Press for information and publication on March 22, 2019. (3) By the filing of a copy of said form of notice in the Township Clerk's office on March 22, 2019. The public will be allowed to attend and will be allowed to participate pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law. The public is reminded that civility and decorum will be maintained during the meeting. Any contracts awarded at this meeting, or between now and the next meeting will be required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975 Chapter 127 (NJAC 17:27).

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Theresa Berger, Deputy Mayor Evelyn O'Donnell, Councilman John Bonevich, Councilwoman Pamela Richmond, Councilman Thomas Russo (4:35 PM). Also present: Township Manager Brian Geoghegan, Chief Financial Officer Louis Palazzo, Community Development Director/Deputy Township Manager Jim Herrman, Township Clerk Penny Wollman.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence.

4. Reports of Township Officials

None

5. Discussion

▪ **2019 Municipal Budget**

Township Manager Brian Geoghegan provided the governing body with a presentation reviewing the 2019 Municipal Budget and the 2019 Sewer Utility Budget. Tonight's budget presentation is for the municipal portion only. To calculate the tax rate the municipality calculates the total cost for all services, less any offsetting revenues such as grants, user fees, money borrowed or money transferred from reserves to arrive at the Amount To Be Raised By Taxes. This amount is divided by the total assessment of the municipality. *Power Point Presentation*

Departments with the largest portion of the municipal budget are present today to answer any questions the governing body may have of their respective budgets.

Police Department Budget. Present: Captain Mark Pilecki, Senior Dispatcher Steve Gerrity. Council discussion.

Public Works Budget. Present: Department of Public Works Director Paul Novello and Public Works Assistant Director Brian Greenfield. Council discussion.

Community Development Department Budget. James Herrman, Director of Community Development present. Council discussion.

6. *Hearing of Citizens*
None

7. *Meeting Dates*

Special Meeting - Tuesday, April 2, 2019 6:00 P.M.
NJAW Transmission Main – Green Acres Public Hearing

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, April 2, 2019
Executive Session 6:30 P.M.
Regular Session 7:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, April 16, 2019
Executive Session 6:30 P.M.
Regular Session 7:30 P.M.

8. *Adjournment*

Deputy Mayor O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Russo. Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Bonevich, Ms. Richmond, Mr. Russo, Deputy Mayor O'Donnell, Mayor Berger. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

Penny Wollman
Township Clerk
Township of Howell