

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mazza opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Sunshine Law Announcement – Adequate notice of this special meeting of the Union Township Committee has been provided by Notice; published in the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; posted on the public bulletin board and on file in the Municipal Clerk Office.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Mr. Severino	x	
Mr. Mazza	x	
Mr. Hirt	x	
Mr. Stothoff	x	
Mr. Stiger	x	

Others present: Grace Brennan, CFO, Robert Swisher, Auditor, Robert Clerico, Twp. Engineer and Ella M. Ruta, Township Clerk

4. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- a. Discussion of 2020 Municipal Budget and other matters that may come before the Township Committee.

CFO Brennan stated the last draft of the budget reflected a 1.4-cent increase on the Tax Rate. Appropriations of \$500,000.00 to the Capital Fund. She said the 2020 budget is within both levy and expenditure cap.

Ms. Brennan asked that the Committee discuss and decide on three items tonight pertaining to 2020 Budget.

Employees’ salaries and wages, allotment for Emergency Services and Capital Improvement Fund if different from the amount mentioned.

The following were discussed with regard to the 2020 budget:

- Salaries and Wages – Mr. Stiger proposed 2.5% for staff in Municipal offices and 3% increase for two of the DR&F members and one member an increase of \$2,500.00. He mentioned the Recycling Coordinator annual salary should be converted to an hourly rate of \$25.00. Discussed briefly.
- Contributions to Fire and Emergency Services covering the Township.
- Equipment Replacement Plan and Capital purchases for the DR&F.
- Repairs/improvements projects and funding for municipal roads. Discussed at length. Bonding to fund some of the projects was considered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patti Ventura from the Brass Castle Development expressed appreciation and thanked the Committee on behalf of Brass Castle residents for their time and effort trying to improve and repair Township’s roads.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Stothoff made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hirt seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:06 PM

Ella Malecki Ruta, RMC
Municipal Clerk