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Time: February 17, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**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 Clerico, Twp. Engineer, Marc Strauss, Public Safety Director, Jason Narbonne, PVFD Chief and Ella M. Ruta, Township Clerk

**4. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

- a. Discussion of 2021 Municipal Budget and other matters that may come before the Township Committee.

CFO Brennan stated that the 2021 Budget document before the Committee had been reviewed by the Auditors. She said it is a very conservative budget with less than a one cent increase on the tax rate. Appropriations of \$500,000.00 to the Capital Fund has not changed from last year. She said the 2021 budget is within both levy and expenditure cap. Annual allotment to Fire and Rescue Services, extra funds to purchase gear for Fire members requested by Mr. Strauss and an extra five thousand for each Fire Department servicing the Township were discussed at length. The Committee inquired about applying for State and Federal grants. CFO Brennan said the Township should request allocation amounts from the other Townships that the four Fire Departments are also serving.

Jason Narbonne, PVFD Chief mentioned purchasing a new truck this year. Mrs. Brennan said that purchase would be a capital expense to be decided at any time during the year.

The Committee agreed that additional information about the number of calls in each Township be gathered before the next budget meeting in March. Marc Strauss offered to compile that information before the March meeting.

Portions of the budget were examined line by line and clarified or explained by CFO Brennan. She said if the Committee has no major changes the budget could be introduced at the Regular meeting of the Township Committee in March.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – there were none

**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 6:58 PM

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Ella Malecki Ruta, RMC  
Municipal Clerk