

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Mayor & Borough Council Meeting Agenda
May 4, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Mary Jane Canose
Council Member John Donahue
Council Member Jeffrey Hammond
Council Member Jena McCredie
Council Member Chad McQueen
Council Member Thomas O’Dea
Council Member Christine Zamarra

2. **STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER**

Notice of this meeting was provided to the Bernardsville News, Courier News and the Star Ledger, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board on April 30, 2020.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **RESOLUTIONS**

**#20-136 RESOLUTION INSTITUTING A GRACE PERIOD CONCLUDING
ON A DATE NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2020 FOR THE
PAYMENT OF SECOND-QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES.**

5. **OPEN SESSION**

<p>At this point in the meeting, the Mayor & Council welcome comments from any member of the public. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers shall limit their comments to 3 minutes. If reading from a prepared statement, please provide a copy and email a copy to the Clerk's Office after making your comments so it may be properly reflected in the minutes.</p>

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

**BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
RESOLUTION 20-136**

**EXTENDING THE PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY
GRACE PERIOD TO JUNE 1, 2020**

WHEREAS, second quarter property taxes are due on May 1, 2020, with the grace period running through May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, property taxpayers throughout the Borough of Bernardsville and the State of New Jersey may be suffering from one or more financial hardships caused by or related to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy signed Executive Order 130, pursuant to and under the authority of his Declaration of a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency, in which he declared that the strict enforcement of certain statutory provisions relating to property tax grace periods is detrimental to the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, under Executive Order 130, Governor Murphy authorized municipal governing bodies to adopt a resolution extending the property tax delinquency grace period from May 11, 2020, through a date no later than June 1, 2020, for the payment of second-quarter property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the governing body wishes to extend the grace period as authorized by Executive Order 130;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Bernardsville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. It does hereby extend the delinquency grace period on the payment of second quarter of 2020 property taxes through and until June 1, 2020.
2. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to notify the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of this action taken by the Borough Council, as memorialized in this Resolution, not later than the third business day next following the adoption of this Resolution.

I, Anthony Suriano, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Bernardsville, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a duly convened meeting held on May 4, 2020.
