



Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

<http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com>

Meeting: 11/23/20 07:00 PM

2020 RESOLUTION APPROVAL

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STANDARD PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DURING REMOTE PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD COUNCIL

WHEREAS, in light of the dangers posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 103 on March 9, 2020, which declared both a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency that continues to exist and the facts and circumstances of which have been renewed through subsequent Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.3 permits a local public body to hold a remote meeting if a declared emergency prevents that body from conducting public business at a meeting where the public can physically attend or the declared emergency necessitates capacity restrictions reducing the number of individuals that can be present in the meeting room an amount below that reasonably expected for the public meeting by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the local public body shall adopt, by resolution, standard procedures and requirements for public comment made during a remote public meeting, as well as for public comments submitted in writing ahead of the remote public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bloomfield Township Council will livestream its remote Township Council Meetings live on Channel 35, (Comcast), Channel 30 (Verizon), YouTube or Facebook Live starting at 7 p.m. on the date of the respective meeting. A link for the livestream will be posted on the township website, www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com; and

WHEREAS, public comments may be submitted in writing by electronic mail to the Bloomfield Township Clerk at twpclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com. The Township Clerk will read

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on the record the submitted question or comment during the public comment portion of the meeting. Comments to be made on Ordinances listed for Second Reading on the Meeting Agenda may also be submitted in the same manner. An individual wishing to submit public comment by electronic mail should submit his or her name, address and the question or comment. Submissions will be accepted until 6:45 PM on the date of the respective meeting, and there will be a two (2) minute limit on written submissions read during the meeting; and

WHEREAS, individuals may make public comment during the meeting by telephone. Individuals wishing to make public comment during the meeting may dial 425-436-6348 and use Access Code: 277839#. When called upon, the individual shall state his or her name, address and then make a comment. Individuals will have five (5) minutes total to speak; and

WHEREAS, individuals shall be limited to one public comment per meeting, whether it be written or spoken comment, but this limitation shall not prohibit an individual from commenting both during the Public Comment portion of the Agenda and during a Public Hearing on an Ordinance. Individuals submitting their comment in writing for the Public Comment portion of the Agenda may not make an additional public comment during the meeting by telephone, and vice-versa; and

WHEREAS, if a member of the public becomes disruptive during a remote public meeting, including during any period of public comment, the member of the local public body charged with running the remote public meeting shall mute or continue muting the disruptive member of the public and warn that continued disruption may result in their being prevented from speaking during the remote public meeting or removed from the remote public meeting. Disruptive conduct includes sustained inappropriate behaviors, such as, but not necessarily limited to, shouting, interruption, and use of profanity; and

WHEREAS, a member of the public who continues to act in a disruptive manner after

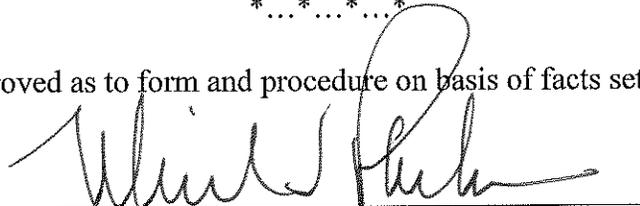
receiving an initial warning may be muted while other members of the public are allowed to proceed with their comments. If time permits, the disruptive individual shall be allowed to speak after all other members of the public have been given the opportunity to make their comments. Should the person remain disruptive, the individual may be muted or kept on mute for the remainder of the remote public meeting or removed from the remote public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council Meeting Agenda as well as supporting resolutions and ordinances will be posted in advance of the meeting on the Township website, www.bloomfieldwpnj.com.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield hereby establishes and adopts the foregoing standard procedures for remote public meetings of the Township Council.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.



Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.



Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on November 23, 2020.



Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

Michael Venezia

 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution						
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt	Jenny Mundell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deny	Nicholas Joanow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn	Sarah Cruz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Table	Wartyna Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Discussed	Ted Gamble	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> First Reading	Richard Rockwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Table with no Vote	Michael J. Venezia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve						
<input type="checkbox"/> Veto by Mayor						
<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion						
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