

Township Committee to Hold Remote Meeting

To ensure public safety during the state of emergency declared by Gov. Phil Murphy to help contain the COVID-19 virus, the Township Committee will limit the public from physically attending its meeting to be held on Thursday, March 26, 2020.

The 5:30 p.m. public meeting will be televised as normal, and members of the public may watch the meeting on Comcast Channel 29 and Verizon Channel 26. Members of the public wishing to participate in the Hearing of Citizens may be heard by calling 973-635-4600 ext. 209.

An executive session of the Township Committee is scheduled for 5 p.m. This remote meeting will be a first for the Township Committee and for Township residents," said Mayor Michael Kelly. "We ask for your patience as we all deal with the unusual challenges of this difficult time."

To allow social distancing and to reduce the chance of transmitting the virus among participants, the meeting will be attended by only some members of the governing body, with others participating remotely. A reduced professional staff will be in attendance.

The only others admitted to the meeting will be members of the media. All attendees will be separated by the six feet of social distancing required by the Governor's executive orders.

In addition to the television broadcast and telephone call-in procedure, the Township Committee will experiment with other remote meeting technology which will be announced at the start of the March 26 meeting. This technology will be used for future meetings.

The agenda of the public meeting will be limited to routine items and those necessary for municipal operations. The most important item on the agenda is the introduction of the municipal budget for 2020 which is scheduled for a public hearing at the Township Committee meeting on Thursday, April 23.

The March 26 public meeting includes no action on Affordable Housing issues.

The starting times for both meetings have been moved forward from the normal 7:30 p.m. to comply with the Governor's strong recommendation that citizens do not travel between the hours of 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Thank you for your understanding in coping with all these changes and please continue to take all the necessary steps to keep you, your family and your friends safe!