
BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 11, 2021

The special meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held via ZOOM live stream at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Conry, Cox, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, and Higgins.

Also Present: Matthew Hall, Manager
Laurie A. Barton, Borough Clerk
Leslie Parikh, Attorney

Absent: Heinrich

Mayor Higgins led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor Higgins read the following statement into record:

“The requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231, have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Express Times Warren County Edition and posted on the borough website and Facebook stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Special meeting and public input concerning the Recreational Cannabis Law.

Councilwoman Noone started the special meeting by stating this meeting is for the sole purpose of gathering public input. There are six classes of licenses the borough can consider.

Resident for and against stated their opinions and reasoning of either opting in or opting out.

Discussions ensued in the options the governing body has if they wait to opt in.

Attorney Parikh stated that if the borough opts out it will be able to opt in within the five-year period.

Mayor Higgins asked Attorney Parikh to get more information about the opt-in and opting out options. Attorney Parikh stated someone from the Land Use Board and the Planner should be at next meeting to discuss this as this has to go to the Land Use Board for review.

Mayor and Council thanked everyone for calling in and voicing their concerns. Mayor Higgins stressed he wants to make sure one way or the other they do the right thing for the residents.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Cox to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M., all were in favor.

Laurie A. Barton, RMC
Borough Clerk