

Municipal Public Questions 2020

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP

Question No. 1

Dedication of Additional Funding to Open Space Trust Fund

Should Middletown increase the levy for the existing Middletown Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, from the currently approved and implemented annual levy of two cents per \$100 of equalized valuation to three cents per \$100 of equalized valuation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7(a), such as funding additional acquisitions and improvements to open space and parkland properties.

Interpretive Statement

In 1998, Middletown voters approved the establishment of a Township Open Space Trust Fund, with a dedicated tax levy of \$.01 per \$100 of equalized valuation. In 2002, voters approved an increase in the collection rate to \$.02 per \$100 in equalized valuation. This referendum seeks voter approval for an increase in the dedicated tax levy by one cent to \$.03 per \$100 in equalized valuation. The increase would fund additional acquisitions and improvements to open space and parkland properties.

SEA GIRT BOROUGH

Question No. 1

Shall an Ordinance of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt entitled “ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-2019, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND THE LIBRARY, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SEA GIRT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE “BOROUGH”); APPROPRIATING \$3,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,333,333 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF” adopted on August 14, 2019 be ratified?

TINTON FALLS BOROUGH

Question No. 1

Shall the Borough of Tinton Falls abandon the holding of run-off elections as permitted by the ‘Uniform Nonpartisan Elections Law’?

Interpretive Statement

Currently, the Tinton Falls charter requires “run-off elections to be held ... if a sufficient number of candidates fail to attain a majority of votes” (more than 50%) at the November general election. Accordingly a candidate must receive both the greatest number of votes and a majority of votes cast in order to be declared the winner. If a candidate does not receive a majority of votes, then a separate run-off election would be held in early December between the municipal candidates who received the most votes in the general election.

A Yes vote on this referendum question would eliminate run-off elections in Tinton Falls, so that a municipal candidate receiving the greatest number of votes in the November general election would be declared the winner. The elimination of runoff elections would result in a cost-savings for Tinton Falls taxpayers, who pay for most of the costs of a run-off election, and would eliminate elections in December, which typically have lower turnout. A No vote would maintain the current requirement of a run-off election. The primary benefit of a run-off election is that candidates elected to office have received a clear majority (more than 50%) of votes.