

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE TO VOTERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN,
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A **SPECIAL ELECTION** concerning the **Blairstown Township Municipal Budget** will be held on **April 21, 2026** between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The following is the **Proposal** to be submitted to the legal voters of Blairstown Township at the Special Election:

Public Question

“Shall the Committee of the Township of Blairstown be authorized to increase to adopt the 2026 Municipal Purposes Budget in excess of the increase limitation by \$800,000 as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3(i)”

Explanatory Statement

The following identifies the changes in appropriations that warranted the governing body's decision to ask the public question.

| Increase in Appropriation Line Items | Amount |
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| Employee Group Insurance | 64,300.00 |
| General Liability Insurance | 17,000.00 |
| Police Salary and Wages | 491,250.00 |
| Police Other Expenses | 11,000.00 |
| Streets and Roads Salary and Wages | 35,000.00 |
| Streets and Roads - Other Expense | 150,000.00 |
| Vehicle Maintenance | 20,000.00 |
| Social Security | 11,450.00 |
| | \$ 800,000.00 |

A “yes” vote will authorize the governing body of the municipality to adopt the budget that was introduced and published that provided for an increase in the allowable municipal purposes appropriations over the amount authorized by State law at the amount of increase described in the ballot question.

A “no” vote means that the governing body must amend the budget through appropriation reductions in order to adopt the budget within the appropriation increase limits set forth by law.

THE POLLING PLACE FOR THE APRIL 21, 2026, BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL SPECIAL ELECTION IS:

Blairstown Township Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
Blairstown Municipal Building
106 Route 94
Blairstown, NJ, 07825

Your voting district and polling location will also be shown on the outside front of your **SAMPLE BALLOT** which you will receive shortly before the election.

You will find a NJ Voters' Bill of Rights posted at your polling place. The Bill of Rights addresses the following matters: interaction with the voting machine, ID requirements for first-time by-mail registrants, provisional ballot voting, Challenger Do's & Don'ts, the challenge process in the polling place, election offenses, and Voting by Mail. A copy of the NJ Voters' Bill of Rights may be obtained before Election Day by calling 908-475-6313 or 475-6314 between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

CHANGE OF RESIDENCE WITHIN WARREN COUNTY NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO THE BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL SPECIAL ELECTION OF APRIL 21, 2026:

If you are a WARREN COUNTY **REGISTERED** VOTER who has received a Confirmation Notice, or moved WITHIN WARREN COUNTY AND DID NOT NOTIFY THE ELECTION BOARD on or before the address change deadline of **March 31, 2026:**

- 1)** if you have moved **WITHIN your current Blairstown Township voting district**, you may vote at your usual polling place after filling out a form to update your voting records;
- 2)** If you have moved **outside of your former Warren County New Jersey voting district but still within eligible voting districts for the Blairstown Township Municipal Special Election**, you are permitted to vote by Provisional Ballot at the polling place assigned for your new and current residence. Such a REGISTERED VOTER may contact the Election Board at 475-6312 or 6313, OR their local Municipal Clerk to determine their **NEW** voting district and/or polling place.

Pursuant to provisions of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-435), a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) is maintained at the Election Division, Department of Law and Public Safety, Trenton, New Jersey. Persons wishing to utilize this service to obtain general voter information may do so by dialing 1-800-292-0039.

Any person who is unable to vote due to blindness, disability or inability to read or write may bring someone to the polls to assist them, or, you may be assisted at the polls by district board workers. You may also use the voice recorded ballot on the voting machine which allows for independent voting by the blind and visually impaired.

You have the additional option of applying to the WARREN COUNTY CLERK (908-475-6011) for a MAIL-IN BALLOT. This option is available to ALL Voters.

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Telephone (908) 475-6313 or 475-6314

James Tipton, Chief Clerk/Administrator