

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 23, 2020

UNAPPROVED

The Special Town Board Meeting in the Town Office was called to Order by Chairperson Webb at 8:39am and a Roll Call was done to establish a Quorum with Donna Porter and Seana Frint in attendance. Tom Emerson called in via conference call and Susan Jansen called in at 8:55. Also in attendance was Eric Polkoski and Ambulance Director and Fire Chief, Tom Renz. Clerk Bourassa verified notice.

A motion was made (Frint/Porter) to approve the Agenda. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Update from Tom Renz: he provided a document which he read out loud. The text is below:

He would like the Town Board to sign the document and post on the town website and Facebook page. Copies will be distributed as well. He reported that many needed supplies are on back order. He also requested that the planned EMS Committee for this Thursday be cancelled. A room at the Emergency Services Building has been converted to a de-contamination room. Barnes Emergency Services are well trained and ready to respond.

The Town Chair read a Public Health Emergency Declaration, text follows:

Updated Precautionary Plans:

Senior Meals: Senior meals are cancelled until further notice.

Official Meetings: All Town Board Meetings are cancelled, except those deemed necessary.

Town Hall: The Town Hall is closed but has been thoroughly cleaned.

Town Office: The Town Office will be closed to the public until further notice, except by appointment. Request a ballot online at myvote.wi.gov.

Transfer Site: The Transfer Site will ONLY be open on Wednesdays effective immediately. The Highway crew will work at the Transfer Site. ONLY HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE AND RECYCLING WILL BE ACCEPTED but ALL FEES WILL BE WAIVED during this time.

Election Day, April 7th: Notices have been posted on the Town's website and Facebook page encouraging early/absentee voting. Election Workers have been contacted and we have enough poll workers at this time.

Annual Meeting, April 21st: The meeting is scheduled as planned but that is subject to change.

All other Town Buildings are closed until further notice

All fulltime employees will continue to be paid during this emergency. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all part time employees are temporarily furloughed beginning Tuesday, March 24th.

Chairperson Webb proposed that the Board consider waiving liquor and cigarette licenses fees. Waiving fees for Operator licenses could be considered as well. No action was taken at this time.

A list will be kept of visitors to the Town Office and Transfer Site in the event a COVID-19 Infection for purposes of notification.

A motion was made (Jansen/Frint) to accept Resolution 20-01 declaring a public health emergency. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

A motion was made (Frint/Porter) to adjourn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49am.

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