

**BEACHWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES MARCH 14, 2020 AT
3:00PM**

Mayor Roma called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

Mayor Roma called roll.

Roll Call

Present: Council President Komsa, Councilmembers: Cairns, Clayton, Feeney and Zakar

Absent: Councilmember LaCrosse

Also present were the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Police Chief, Lt. of the Police Department, and the Office of Emergency Management

Municipal Clerk Hutchinson was available by conference call.

Mayor Roma asked everyone to rise for the Flag Salute

On a motion by Councilman Feeney seconded by Councilman Zaker the vote for holding the Emergency Meeting was taken to a roll call vote

On a Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Councilmember Cairns, Clayton, Zakar and Feeney

Ladies and Gentlemen, pursuant to the applicable portions of the N.J. Open Public Meetings act notice of this emergency meeting has been given. The following criteria were met: (1) an affirmative vote of three-quarters of the members present to conduct the meeting; (2) the providing of notice of the meeting as soon as possible following the calling of such a meeting; and (3) the inclusion in the minutes of a detailed statement explaining: (a) the nature of the urgency and its importance, (b) the nature of substantial harm to the public interest likely to result from a delay in holding the meeting, (c) that the meeting will be limited to those urgent and important matters, (d) the time, place and manner in which notice of the meeting was provided, and (e) that the need for such a meeting could not have been reasonably foreseen at a time when adequate notice could have been provided, or such need could have been foreseen, the reason(s) why adequate notice was not provided.

Mayor Roma posted the meeting notice in Borough Hall and the Borough Clerk noticed the newspaper on Saturday March 14, 2020 at 1:45pm. The Emergency Meeting was called to discuss the precautionary measures being taken in response to the COVID19 outbreak which affects the health, safety and wellness for the Beachwood residents and employees. The only matter to be discussed was the measures being taken to address the health emergencies in regard to the COVID19 outbreak.

Mayor Roma stated that there was one confirmed case in Ocean County and that the youth dance scheduled for Friday the 13th was cancelled and that the Toms River School district closed all schools through the 27th of April as precautionary measures in response to the COVID 19 outbreak. The Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled and the Fire Department has cancelled breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

On a motion by Councilmember Feeney seconded by Councilmember Clayton, with all present in favor, the shut off notices for water nonpayment be suspended during the health pandemic as well as

all borough building renters be contacted and offered a refund or a reschedule date free of charge. Also, if the renter still wished to utilize the rental building against the recommendation of the Borough Council that an additional waiver and hold harmless be required to be signed. The motion also included the suspension of all borough sponsored activities.

The Mayor also stated that all senior organizations should cancel all meetings until further notice.

The Mayor also stated that the Municipal Courts are closed until April 6th as ordered by the presiding judge.

The Mayor detailed that all office staff will be wearing gloves and that the Public Works Department has begun daily cleaning of all offices and high traffic areas.

The Chief of Police discussed the conversations with the Chief's Association regarding the health pandemic. The response protocols included eliminating close contact with groups of people. The Chief also stated that this health issue will get worse before it gets better and that the leadership of Beachwood is doing everything possible to assure the safety of the Borough and its residents.

Captain Horn from the EMS stated that he order 24 masks and when those come in he will order more to help keep the emergency services equipped with the proper equipment to maintain safety.

Chief Hull stated that the Fire Department cancelled all scheduled physicals and training events to help secure the safety of the Fire Department and Beachwood residents. The Chief reminded everyone to wash their hands and wear gloves whenever possible.

Councilmember Clayton thanked all of the town's first responders for taking care of the residents of Beachwood.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilmember Feeney seconded by Councilmember Cairns, with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kathryn Hutchinson, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Ronald Roma Jr.
Mayor