

2020-03-25 Emergency Village Board Meeting

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0:00:05.150,0:00:14.849

well welcome like we're meeting for

0:00:09.990,0:00:18.720

March 25th 2020 of the Board of Trustees

0:00:14.849,0:00:23.520

for the village of Wappingers Falls so

0:00:18.720,0:00:26.220

tonight's meeting is cancelled the this

0:00:23.520,0:00:28.649

regular meeting is canceled and I'm

0:00:26.220,0:00:31.200

asking the board to convene for an

0:00:28.649,0:00:34.370

emergency meeting the purpose of which

0:00:31.200,0:00:39.750

is to set a special meeting for

0:00:34.370,0:00:48.929

Wednesday April 1st 2020 with an agenda

0:00:39.750,0:00:51.329

and a set of tasks that the public will

0:00:48.929,0:00:58.469

be able to comment upon before the

0:00:51.329,0:01:00.269

meeting and public I would like to ask

0:00:58.469,0:01:05.519

the board members if they could mute

0:01:00.269,0:01:08.790

their microphones themselves and unmute

0:01:05.519,0:01:10.590

when they speak so before you do that

0:01:08.790,0:01:17.399

you're gonna have to establish a quorum

0:01:10.590,0:01:21.840
so ok so unmute all your microphones and

0:01:17.399,0:01:25.409
John would you go ahead and do a recall

0:01:21.840,0:01:29.159
for the emergency meeting that is now

0:01:25.409,0:01:34.009
being held March 25th 2024 the village

0:01:29.159,0:01:40.310
of Wappingers Falls Mayor Alexander your

0:01:34.009,0:01:45.479
trusty marker John absent trustee Davis

0:01:40.310,0:01:51.270
here trustee camor Nick yeah trustee

0:01:45.479,0:01:55.159
Huber here trustee Witten here trustee

0:01:51.270,0:02:02.270
pernessa absent

0:01:55.159,0:02:04.009
village attorney Wallace here you have a

0:02:02.270,0:02:06.380
quorum

0:02:04.009,0:02:10.849
okay I just like to note for the record

0:02:06.380,0:02:14.780
that trustee Marco John is still out for

0:02:10.849,0:02:20.269
his for an illness and trustee pan essa

0:02:14.780,0:02:22.580
is out for an illness and her family at

0:02:20.269,0:02:23.239
this time I would like to ask the

0:02:22.580,0:02:27.950
attorney

0:02:23.239,0:02:31.220
Craig Wallace to go over the purpose of

0:02:27.950,0:02:36.849
tonight's emergency meeting so this is

0:02:31.220,0:02:40.129
our first meeting as a board since the

0:02:36.849,0:02:42.470
governor of our state issued an

0:02:40.129,0:02:46.730
executive series of executive orders

0:02:42.470,0:02:50.150
that basically is now turned you know

0:02:46.730,0:02:52.670
our our open meetings law and our

0:02:50.150,0:02:54.410
proceedings in our government and

0:02:52.670,0:03:00.680
especially at the local level on its

0:02:54.410,0:03:03.650
head so basically we are being forced

0:03:00.680,0:03:07.549
because of these times to go indoors and

0:03:03.650,0:03:10.459
conduct our business as usual but in an

0:03:07.549,0:03:14.090
unusual way and that is by convening

0:03:10.459,0:03:18.290
meetings remotely such as the this video

0:03:14.090,0:03:20.269
conference that we set up and there has

0:03:18.290,0:03:22.450
been some guidance and it keeps changing

0:03:20.269,0:03:26.750
every day but there's been some guidance

0:03:22.450,0:03:29.150
as to how to perform all these these

0:03:26.750,0:03:30.709
meetings in accordance with the open

0:03:29.150,0:03:35.239
meetings law so that we don't run afoul

0:03:30.709,0:03:38.230
of any problems we had a regular meeting

0:03:35.239,0:03:43.639
that was set for today with an agenda

0:03:38.230,0:03:46.790
but we were not able to comport with

0:03:43.639,0:03:50.900
certain requirements so I recommend it

0:03:46.790,0:03:53.299
to the mayor that we adjourned or call

0:03:50.900,0:03:56.150
for a special meeting for April first at

0:03:53.299,0:03:58.310
5:00 p.m. so that we can iron out some

0:03:56.150,0:04:01.190
of the kinks that we had so that the

0:03:58.310,0:04:04.239
public can be informed the public can

0:04:01.190,0:04:08.359
participate in a meaningful manner and

0:04:04.239,0:04:11.030
you know our meetings will be

0:04:08.359,0:04:14.890
in accordance with the public officers

0:04:11.030,0:04:18.139
now having said that the governor

0:04:14.890,0:04:19.970
temporarily is suspending the open

0:04:18.139,0:04:23.030
meetings law requirement that public

0:04:19.970,0:04:26.389
bodies provide the public with in-person

0:04:23.030,0:04:28.639
access to public meetings so this is why

0:04:26.389,0:04:32.000
we're having these remote meetings so

0:04:28.639,0:04:35.000
that we can comply with the with the

0:04:32.000,0:04:38.930
temporary suspension requirements so we

0:04:35.000,0:04:42.169
open meetings law you know I said I had

0:04:38.930,0:04:44.389
previously sent in an email with all

0:04:42.169,0:04:47.270
those requirements we are going to set

0:04:44.389,0:04:50.180
up in accordance with those requirements

0:04:47.270,0:04:52.880
and I understand that rich is going to

0:04:50.180,0:04:57.169
help us do that so that we can have the

0:04:52.880,0:05:01.280
public participate in this process and

0:04:57.169,0:05:04.419
one of the you know agenda items that we

0:05:01.280,0:05:07.400
had that we wanted to discuss was that

0:05:04.419,0:05:09.650
was reconsidering you know the local law

0:05:07.400,0:05:11.720
so I I want the public to be able to at

0:05:09.650,0:05:13.460
least discuss that they have any

0:05:11.720,0:05:15.680
questions because we're not going to be

0:05:13.460,0:05:17.180
passing any legislation at these

0:05:15.680,0:05:19.909
meetings we're just going to be

0:05:17.180,0:05:24.620
conducting some emergency business okay

0:05:19.909,0:05:26.060
so does anybody have any questions or as

0:05:24.620,0:05:28.389
to what we're doing and why we're doing

0:05:26.060,0:05:28.389
it

0:05:30.070,0:05:39.590
so we're rich this this meeting is being

0:05:33.500,0:05:42.500
recorded correct yes I recorded this

0:05:39.590,0:05:45.259
meeting but we'll also have to post this

0:05:42.500,0:05:47.930
on our website so that the public has

0:05:45.259,0:05:51.940
sufficient notice the mayor and the

0:05:47.930,0:05:55.150
board calling for your special me

0:05:51.940,0:05:55.150
another question

0:05:56.120,0:06:03.080
did they post another date for village

0:05:59.419,0:06:05.479
elections or is that's probably going to

0:06:03.080,0:06:07.310
change right well that's the governor

0:06:05.479,0:06:13.970
actually adjourned the village elections

0:06:07.310,0:06:16.120
to the to the see me as the primary okay

0:06:13.970,0:06:20.979
that was part of it one of

0:06:16.120,0:06:23.440
executive orders now it's 1 April 28 now

0:06:20.979,0:06:39.460
now he's moved the primary to the - June

0:06:23.440,0:06:47.440
3rd so I would keep you guys surprised

0:06:39.460,0:06:51.039
if these effects know your until April

0:06:47.440,0:06:58.600
28th as of right now okay unless it

0:06:51.039,0:07:00.520
changes thank you okay so I think we

0:06:58.600,0:07:08.740
have to take a vote for the special

0:07:00.520,0:07:11.289
meeting yes okay so be emotional all for

0:07:08.740,0:07:16.120
a special meeting for April 1st

0:07:11.289,0:07:21.430
Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. to be noticed to

0:07:16.120,0:07:24.520
the public to collect comments as per

0:07:21.430,0:07:26.950
our written procedure which we will post

0:07:24.520,0:07:30.700
along with the the posted meeting notice

0:07:26.950,0:07:38.639
and that the public will be able to

0:07:30.700,0:07:42.970
participate and as well who second that

0:07:38.639,0:07:48.270
second you're gonna be join Ronnie

0:07:42.970,0:07:48.270
second that rusty come or neck yep okay

0:07:50.250,0:08:06.190
okay so trustee Witten I trust economic

0:07:59.410,0:08:10.180
hi rusty Huber okay and do we need to

0:08:06.190,0:08:12.460
adopt anything to take on executive

0:08:10.180,0:08:20.669
order two oh two point one Craig are we

0:08:12.460,0:08:22.289
good you're muted Greg Craig you muted

0:08:20.669,0:08:24.439
at this point

0:08:22.289,0:08:31.159
time with we can take all action

0:08:24.439,0:08:36.959
relative to that okay so we don't need

0:08:31.159,0:08:39.060
no no vote required okay okay I think

0:08:36.959,0:08:41.940
that's our only order of business am i

0:08:39.060,0:08:44.699
right correct yep that's the only order

0:08:41.940,0:08:47.519
of business and on April 1 we'll have a

0:08:44.699,0:08:53.459
full agenda that was pretty much

0:08:47.519,0:08:56.009
consistent with what we were okay just

0:08:53.459,0:08:58.160
to give the public a little bit of

0:08:56.009,0:09:04.380
understanding as to what's been going on

0:08:58.160,0:09:07.649
the village has been primarily tasked

0:09:04.380,0:09:11.730
with cleaning up Market Street as it was

0:09:07.649,0:09:14.579
before this copán 19 merchant emergency

0:09:11.730,0:09:18.750
started so we're finishing up the

0:09:14.579,0:09:20.069
demolition of that site we're making

0:09:18.750,0:09:23.550
sure that it gets hauled away

0:09:20.069,0:09:24.810
construction is not something that has

0:09:23.550,0:09:28.130
to be stopped

0:09:24.810,0:09:31.649
during the state of emergency we also

0:09:28.130,0:09:36.899
said about making sure that we had the

0:09:31.649,0:09:41.310
right procedures in place to ensure that

0:09:36.899,0:09:45.660
if we lost critical personnel to the to

0:09:41.310,0:09:47.639
infection by kovat 19 that we were

0:09:45.660,0:09:49.680
protecting the rest of the personnel

0:09:47.639,0:09:52.110
from getting infected and also

0:09:49.680,0:09:54.860
protecting the village of reservoir

0:09:52.110,0:09:58.680
injures Falls residents from having

0:09:54.860,0:10:01.680
multiple infections in one department so

0:09:58.680,0:10:04.350
we have segregated people where we need

0:10:01.680,0:10:07.470
to have them segregated we have made a

0:10:04.350,0:10:12.350
list of who are essential personnel is

0:10:07.470,0:10:15.630
we've put together an enforcement arm or

0:10:12.350,0:10:17.189
for our community during the executive

0:10:15.630,0:10:23.009
orders that have been put in by the

0:10:17.189,0:10:27.029
governor and we have also been moving

0:10:23.009,0:10:31.079
all of our work sites for non-essential

0:10:27.029,0:10:33.730
personnel to home offices at each

0:10:31.079,0:10:38.020
location and making sure that we have

0:10:33.730,0:10:41.310
the work papers that we need from the

0:10:38.020,0:10:44.860
office and we've cleared the office of

0:10:41.310,0:10:47.080
any personnel who doesn't need to be

0:10:44.860,0:10:51.370
there but for the purposes of water

0:10:47.080,0:10:55.630
sewer garbage code enforcement police

0:10:51.370,0:11:00.280
and our highway units we have all of

0:10:55.630,0:11:06.100
those people able to go to work with the

0:11:00.280,0:11:08.410
right procedures and order so this part

0:11:06.100,0:11:11.230
represents the the new wave of the

0:11:08.410,0:11:13.930
future for us of how we would continue

0:11:11.230,0:11:18.760
to have public meetings during this

0:11:13.930,0:11:23.110
crisis we have also been calling our

0:11:18.760,0:11:26.770
elderly citizens we've got a list of 750

0:11:23.110,0:11:30.070
names that were going over and we're

0:11:26.770,0:11:33.520
calling any any senior citizen on that

0:11:30.070,0:11:37.210
list and we're about halfway through

0:11:33.520,0:11:39.760
that list and we will continue to do

0:11:37.210,0:11:43.180
that and we will do that repeatedly we

0:11:39.760,0:11:45.190
started that as soon as we got into this

0:11:43.180,0:11:46.690
situation as soon as we took as soon as

0:11:45.190,0:11:50.680
the state declared a state of emergency

0:11:46.690,0:11:53.080
and the county did too so those that is

0:11:50.680,0:11:57.760
just an update as to what's going on

0:11:53.080,0:12:01.050
right now and I encourage anyone who is

0:11:57.760,0:12:06.430
looking for more information to email

0:12:01.050,0:12:11.010
myself Jon courage your trustees you can

0:12:06.430,0:12:14.770
reach me by my cell phone if need be and

0:12:11.010,0:12:18.040
we're trying to do business the best way

0:12:14.770,0:12:21.670
that we can at this moment and keep

0:12:18.040,0:12:26.680
things running so that's just an update

0:12:21.670,0:12:29.050
for your information and we know that we

0:12:26.680,0:12:31.210
will be able to get through this as our

0:12:29.050,0:12:35.200
village is able to face these kinds of

0:12:31.210,0:12:39.940
difficulties and we are working through

0:12:35.200,0:12:42.750
that now so I thank you for just letting

0:12:39.940,0:12:45.459
me give you that update

0:12:42.750,0:12:53.050
anybody else want to say anything as for

0:12:45.459,0:12:55.629
is the state of emergency okay I think

0:12:53.050,0:12:57.550
with that if there's nobody else I'd

0:12:55.629,0:13:02.199
like to ask if we could have a motion to

0:12:57.550,0:13:04.029
adjourn this emergency meeting somebody

0:13:02.199,0:13:07.809
needs to unmute themselves to make

0:13:04.029,0:13:11.050
multiple okay try second by trustee come

0:13:07.809,0:13:15.550
morning and a second I believe by

0:13:11.050,0:13:20.019
trustee Witten all those in favor

0:13:15.550,0:13:24.809
Oh any opposed okay goodnight and stay

0:13:20.019,0:13:24.809
well same to all you take care