



TOWNSHIP OF WALL
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2020

7:00 P.M.

MAIN MEETING ROOM

Mayor Newberry	Present	Attorney Wolf	Present
Deputy Mayor Braun	Present	Administrator Bertrand	Present
Committeeman Farrell	Present-by phone conference	Assistant Administrator Kohri	Absent
Committeeman Orender	Present	Township Clerk Lang	Present
Committeeman Kingman	Present		

Administrator Bertrand explained that a resolution needed to be passed to conduct an emergency meeting. He also explained that Committeeman Farrell would be attending via telephone conference.

Resolution No. 20-0309 - Authorization to convene an Emergency Meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee without prior public notice to address the public emergency associated with the COVID-19 Virus

As noted in N.J.S.A. 10:4-9, in order to convene an emergency meeting without adequate notice, three quarters of the Mayor and Township Committee members who are present at the call of the meeting must vote to hold the emergency meeting and the Mayor and Township Committee must publicly announce and enter in to the minutes a statement to the effect of the following:

1. The meeting is required in order to deal with matters of such urgency and importance associated with COVID-19 Virus that a delay in order to provide adequate notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest; and
2. The meeting is to be limited to discussion of and acting with respect to those urgent and important matters associated with COVID-19 Virus; and
3. Notice of such meeting is to be provided by posting written notice in the regular public place utilized for such postings and by notifying the Township's two official newspapers by telephone, telegram, or delivery of a written notice; and
4. The Mayor and Township Committee could not reasonably have foreseen the need for such meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided

Motion to Adopt: **Mayor Newberry**

Second: **Committeeman Orender**

Resolution No. 20-0309

Committeeman Kingman	Yea
Committeeman Orender	Yea
Committeeman Farrell	Yea
Deputy Mayor Braun	Yea

	Mayor Newberry		Yea	
Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent	
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Salute to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Sunshine Statement

In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act,” Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in the following manner: the annual notice was forwarded to the official Township newspapers and was posted in the Wall Township Municipal Building. All notices are on file with the Township Clerk.

Roll Call

Mayor’s reiteration of Declaration of Emergency

Mayor Newberry

- Mayor Newberry explained that he and Chief Brown signed a Declaration of Emergency that would be posted on the Township’s website.
- Mayor Newberry recapped the various meetings and efforts that have been made to understand and cope with the evolving situation that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has presented.
- He reminded the public of the various information sources and to be safe.

Presentation by Administrator Bertrand and Chief Brown regarding operational actions and preparedness

Administrator Bertrand

- Administrator Bertrand recalled the last time the Township had to conduct an emergency meeting, which was during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.
- He explained the need to conduct the emergency meeting. He introduced various Township employees.

Chief Kenneth Brown, Jr

- Chief Brown announced that the Wall Township Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated and will be staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- He explained that the EOC has been in daily contact with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
- He outlined the following:
 - The Health department will notify OEM about any positive results in Wall Township. They have received one result back and it was negative from a self-deployed patient.
 - Monmouth County OEM received PPE supplies from the National Stockpile.
 - The Wall Township Public School’s food distribution plan and use of virtual learning has been implemented
 - PPE Inventory is adequate at this time
 - 178 positive test results in NJ
 - 14 in Monmouth County
 - 0 in Wall Township
 - Wall Township Police Department has modified patrol operations to limit potential

- Administrator Bertrand highlighted that there is a mandatory 28 days between introduction and adoption of the budget which would conflict with internal policy to adopt a budget at a workshop meeting.

Mayor Newberry

- Mayor Newberry asked for clarification on the compliance dates.
 - CFO O’Hara noted that May 13, 2020 would be the last meeting to comply with the law.
 - He explained the complications of announcing the date of the public hearing for the budget if that date should get cancelled.
 - Committeeman Kingman asked what the economic impact of this crisis will have on the Township
 - Administrator Bertrand made note of some of the costs and revenue sources.
 - Committeeman Braun asked if action may be taken at this meeting. He also asked if the time of the next meeting could be modified.
 - Administrator Bertrand said that was an option.
 - Committeeman Kingman inquired further about the legal statute for the introduction and adoption timeline.
 - Administrator Bertrand provided a brief history and explanation.
- Mayor Newberry suggested that the Township introduce the budget at the April 8, 2020 meeting.
 - Administrator Bertrand suggested that the Township could utilize the March 25, 2020 meeting for updates on the virus. He noted in the worst-case scenario, the Committee could declare a special meeting to introduce the budget.
 - Committeeman Orender suggested that the Governing Body set a date and maintain communication with residents should there be any changes.

Committeeman Orender made a motion to introduce the budget on April 8, 2020. Deputy Mayor Braun seconded the motion.

Committeeman Farrell emphasized that while the Governing Body is making a motion, it is subject to change depending on evolving information and mandates by the State and Federal government.

Roll Call Vote: Introduction of Budget on April 8, 2020

Committeeman Kingman				Yea
Committeeman Orender				Yea
Committeeman Farrell				Yea
Deputy Mayor Braun				Yea
Mayor Newberry				Yea
Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent	
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Administrator Bertrand

- Administrator Bertrand thanked Chief Brown, Lieutenant O’Halloran, Lieutenant Hurden, Sergeant Gramlich, Sergeant Cadigan and Mr. Lentini.
- He noted that he does not believe that the Township needs to take the action that neighboring municipalities have taken.
- He thanked Chief Financial Officer O’Hara for monitoring the situation on the budget.

Mayor Newberry

- He thanked the staff and noted his appreciation. He further maintained that the Governing Body would continue to monitor the situation.

Committeeman Kingman

- He commended his colleagues for their response to the national crisis

Deputy Mayor Braun

- Deputy Mayor Braun noted the amount of new cases reported by the Governor and thanked everyone.

Committeeman Farrell

- He thanked everyone for accommodating him at the meeting and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication.

Public Comment: Opportunity for anyone to comment with a limit of seven (7) minutes per speaker

- No public comments were made.

Close Public Comment

Motion – Second - Roll Call Vote

Motion to close – Deputy Mayor Braun

Second- Committeeman Kingman

Roll Call Vote: Close Public Comment

Committeeman Kingman				Yea
Committeeman Orender				Yea
Committeeman Farrell				Yea
Deputy Mayor Braun				Yea
Mayor Newberry				Yea
Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent	
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Administrator Bertrand

- Administrator Bertrand thanked the Governing Body and Clerk Lang.

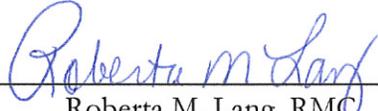
Motion to Adjourn

Motion - Second - Voice Vote - All in Favor

Motion to Adjourn by Committeeman Braun and seconded by Committeeman Kingman

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta M. Lang, RMC
Township Clerk