

APRIL 6, 2020  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the Collingswood Community Center 30 Collings Ave. Collingswood, NJ, on the second floor, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor M. James Maley, Jr. called the meeting to order, with Commissioner Joan Leonard present and Commissioner Robert Lewandowski present.

Mayor Maley read the Sunshine Notice stating that the Borough has complied with provisions of the Sunshine Law by adopting before January 10 of this year, a resolution prescribing the dates, times and locations of all regular meetings of the Commission. The Mayor stated there was a change in meeting format from in person to remote-conference. Written advanced notice of the change in format of at least 48 hours was supplied to two local newspapers. Mayor Maley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Maley explained this meeting is being held by remote conference because of the stay at home order COVID 19 virus. Mayor Maley explained how questions and comments can be submitted.

The Tax Collector, Municipal Court, Zoning Official and 2019 Annual Tax Collector's Report reports were approved and seconded.

***Public Comment on Resolution Agenda Items:***

***No Comments***

***The Following Resolutions were Approved without a Dissenting Vote***

82. Authorizing an Increase to the Emergency Temporary Budget
83. Approving the 2020 Independence Day Celebration
84. Approving the Extension of the Due date for Dog and Cat Licensing to June 30, 2020
85. Appointing Brian Beswick as a Firefighter/EMT for the Collingswood Fire Department. Approving Appointments to the Collingswood Housing Authority
86. Reappointing Brad Stokes and Reappointing Barbara Pine
87. Appointing Suzanne Ollek
88. Authorizing the Acquisition of a Temporary Construction Easement of a Portion of the Property Located at 450 Haddon Avenue
89. Approving the Payment of Bills as Presented by the Treasurer

Commissioner Lewandowski, thanked the community for being so fantastic during these difficult times. Comm Lewandowski talked about putting the plastic bag ban enforcement on hold for the time being; many businesses have already transitioned with the using environmentally friendly bags and containers but we are going to put enforcement on the back burner, we want everyone to stay safe.

Commissioner Leonard, said she wanted to echo Commissioner Lewandowski's thoughts, Commissioner Leonard thanked the residents for maintaining social distancing and she thanked the businesses for everything they are doing to work within the guidelines to help keep everyone safe. Commissioner Leonard talked about some of the little things that we will be missing this spring such as the arbor day tree planting with the third graders; we are going to do a tree planting video with DPW and supply it to the teachers. Commissioner Leonard talked about the postponement of the green festival and our farmers market will put off a little bit. But the Borough is working to make sure we will have Farm Fresh food, we are working with the farmers to keep everyone safe and have the fresh produce available for our citizens. Please keep in touch with any help we can do to help you.

Mayor Maley, stated there are 12 confirmed positive cases in Collingswood, 1 person is in critical condition and we ask that everyone that everyone please keep the family in your thoughts. Mayor Maley said the Borough staff has been working nonstop; our Police and Fire obviously, the DPW are keeping the borough systems running, Borough Hall is conducting business even though the office is closed to the public, our library has been running programs online, the Scottish Rite is closed, concerts have been rescheduled but they are still booking future events, as is the Community Center. Mayor Maley talked about the possibility of the property taxes due date being extended. Mayor Maley said that would come from the state and we have not heard anything as of yet. A delay would have a severe impact on the borough but we understand that everyone will be going through some hardship and we will deal with it as it comes. Mayor Maley said we are working having some form of Farmer's Market by working with our local businesses and the farmers in a safe environment. Mayor Maley talked about the revamping of the nonprofit organization Collingswood Cares. Mayor Maley explained Collingswood Cares was formed in the early 1990's and has been used to help Collingswood families with children who have chronic and life-threatening illnesses. Mayor Maley said the organization has done a lot of help very quietly over the years. We are revamping Collingswood Cares to help residents that have been affected by COVID 19 with food and medicine deliveries We will be meeting with the Police and Fire Chaplains to work on ways we can coordinate efforts. Mayor Maley said information about Collingswood Cares will be out soon Mayor Maley added a lot of people want to do something but the best thing to do is stay at home.

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the public.

Mayor Maley asked Fire Chief Davis and Police Chief Carey if they have any comments. Chief Davis asked people to practice social distancing when they are out exercising.

Joan Buehler, Retrospect reported asked who heads Collingswood Cares? Mayor Maley responded himself and his wife MaryKay. Mayor Maley said Ms. Buehler could call him with any questions.

With no other comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:18PM, which was seconded.

Adopted: May 4, 2020

Commissioners	Present	Absent	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mayor M. James Maley	x		x		
Commissioner Joan Leonard	x		x		
Commissioner Lewandowski	x		x		

