

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2020

I. ROLL CALL

A special meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on March 16, 2020. Town Council Members present were as follows: Michael G. White, Mary Meagher, Nancy A. Beye, William J. Piva, Jr. and Randy White. Also present Town Administrator Jamie A. Hainsworth, Finance Director Christina D. Collins, Town Solicitor Peter D. Ruggiero, Tax Assessor Christine Brochu, Public Works Director Michael Gray, Town Planner Lisa Bryer, Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Wade, Fire Chief Bryer and Chief of Police Edward A. Mello.

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Council President White called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 2:00 P.M. in the Jamestown Town Hall, Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS & REPORT

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:

- A) Town Administrator's Report: Jamie A. Hainsworth
Update on COVID 19 virus spread and actions taken by Town Administration to date; review of recommended best practices guidance for municipal government activities.

Town Administrator Hainsworth advised on the precautions taken in response to COVID-19. He explained (town building's have been changed to limited access), available resources to residents, rotating staff, virtual meetings and remote work.

Discussion ensued on COVID-19 concerns.

Carol Nelson Lee, Chair of the Board of Canvassers stated the Board will need to meet with the upcoming elections.

Chief Mello advised on steps and precautions implemented with Public Safety.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:

- A) Review, discussion and possible action to authorize the Town Administrator to take any and all necessary actions to implement best practices guidance regarding municipal government actions to curtail the spread of the COVID 19 virus.

Town Solicitor Ruggiero advised on the need for the Council to Ratify the Executive Order and Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to ratify 2020-1 Executive Order in full force and effect through March 23, 2020, and, with the consent of the Town Council, it shall continue in effect and automatically renew through April 30, 2020, unless it be revoked earlier. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

A motion was made by Councilor White with second by Vice President Meagher to authorize the Town Administrator and Finance Director to take any and all actions necessary to run the day to day business of the town, to pay bills when they become due; any other ordinary or extraordinary actions necessary to run the town; while protecting the health safety and welfare of the public. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to adjourn at 2:34 P.M. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

Attest:

Erin F. Liese, CMC, Town Clerk