

MINUTES FOR BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP SPECIAL CONFERENCE MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 2020
5:00 PM – Conference Call



I. Sunshine Compliance Statement

Mayor Venezia called the meeting to Order at 5:02 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the government of the Township of Bloomfield, County Of Essex and State of New Jersey will hold an emergency meeting pursuant to NJSA 10:4-9 on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5 p.m. via conference call at the following number: 425-436-6348; Access Code: 277839#. An update on the actions taken by the township's government regarding COVID-19 will be discussed.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jenny Mundell	First Ward Councilwoman	Present	
Nicholas Joanow	Second Ward Councilman	Present	
Sarah Cruz	Third Ward Councilwoman	Present	
Wartyna Davis	Councilwoman	Present	
Ted Gamble	Councilman	Present	
Richard Rockwell	Councilman	Present	
Michael J. Venezia	Mayor	Present	

Also Present: Louise Palagano, Municipal Clerk; Michael Parlavecchio, Township Attorney; Matt Watkins, Township Administrator; Karen Lore, Health Department Director; Kim Duva, Personnel Director; Catherine Finkler, Deputy Municipal Clerk

III. TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Update on actions taken by the Township's Government regarding COVID-19

Township Administrator Matt Watkins and Mayor Michael Venezia discussed the decision to allow all non-essential employees to work remotely with access to their email, work phones and voicemail. The Police, Fire, DPW and Health Department employees would be considered essential and would report to work on staggered schedules. Mayor Venezia signed a Declaration of Emergency in Bloomfield and the Office of Emergency Management had been opened. Public Safety Director Sam DeMaio was putting together protocol to hand out to the Council. Health Director Karen Lore provided an update on COVID-19 cases in Bloomfield and how the department was responding.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Venezia asked for a motion to close the meeting. Councilman Joanow motioned and Councilwoman Mundell seconded. All present agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Palagano, Municipal Clerk