

**MINUTES  
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING  
March 12, 2020**

The Emergency called joint meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee and the Township Board of Health was held in the caucus room at the Pennsauken Municipal Building: 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110 on Thursday, March 12, 2020

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Killion at 4:30 pm. who also called for the Salute to the Flag to be followed by a Moment of Silence

Mayor Killion announced the meeting was in compliance of the “Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act”.

There had been no special request for electronic participation in the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a roll call by the Township Acting Clerk.

**PRESENT:** Committeeman Dyer, Committeewoman McBride, Committeewoman Rafeh, Deputy Mayor DiBattista and Mayor Killion

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS:**

John Dymond, Suzette Price, Ana Matos and Pamela Scott-Forman

Also present were Township Administrator Joseph Palumbo, Acting Municipal Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman (in a dual capacity), and Representative from Parker McCay – Linda Gallela, Esq and Lou Meloni, JSC Retired.

The following resolutions were put forth for the emergency meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2020:131A**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS MATTERS THAT INVOLVE TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC’S SAFETY CONCERNING THE COVID-19 VIRUS ALSO KNOWN AS THE CORONA VIRUS.  
N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(6)**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken is subject to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6- et. seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey generally requires that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act further provides that a public body may exclude the public from a portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses items enumerated in the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b, which items are recognized as requiring confidentiality; and

WHEREAS, Township Committee and the Township Board of Health need to come together due to the Pandemic of the Corona Virus as described by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the Township Committee and the Board of Health of the Township of Pennsauken to discuss certain matters in a meeting not open to the public consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

WHEREAS, matters under discussion will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee and the Board of Health of the Township of Pennsauken, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey that:

1. The Township Committee and the Board of Health of the Township of Pennsauken shall hold a closed meeting from which the public shall be excluded, on March 12, 2020.
2. The general natures of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be matters of Public Safety concerning the Covid-19 Virus also known as the Corona Virus N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(6)

ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on March 12, 2020.

Committeewoman McBride moved the motion on Resolution 2020:131  
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion  
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded

#### BOARD OF HEALTH RESOLUTION 2020:8

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN BOARD OF HEALTH TO DISCUSS MATTERS THAT INVOLVE TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY CONCERNING THE COVID-19 VIRUS ALSO KNOWN AS THE CORONA VIRUS. N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(6) WITH THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Township of Pennsauken is subject to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6- et. seq; and

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Health Board member Scott-Forman moved the motion on resolution BH2020:8  
Health Board member Dymond seconded the motion  
An affirmative 8/0 roll call vote was recorded

Serious discussion about the Corona Virus pandemic was had. The discussion as to how to handle and what changes needed to take place for the safety of the residents and employees.

Administrator Palumbo and Mayor Killion had a plan in place for essential employees. Specific employees would be sent home immediately due to underlying illnesses (compromised immune systems, pregnancy and over a certain age due to vulnerability according to the CDC)

The doors would be closed to the public and ONLY Essential personnel would be allowed in the building to keep the ongoing need of the Municipalities day to day operations.

Administrator Palumbo would be the key contact for Department Heads and directives would come from him for dissemination to their staff members.

Committeeman Dyer moved to adjourn the combined meeting  
Board of Health member John Dymond seconded the motion  
An Affirmative 9/0 voice vote was recorded

Respectfully submitted



Pamela Scott-Forman  
Acting Township Clerk

ADOPTED: June 4, 2020