

Town of Hamilton Emergency Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
Held via Zoom Videoconferencing

Present: Eve Ann Shwartz, Peter Darby, Shari Taylor, Darrell Griff, Mary Lee Dinski, Sue Reymers-Town Clerk, Luke Dowsland-Highway Superintendent.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

Meeting was called by Supervisor to further discuss the decision about highway personnel working during the shutdown. Supervisor Shwartz asked Mr. Darby to begin the discussion. The town board discussed whether to lay the highway staff off during the shut down or keep them on the payroll, even if they are not working. The board was trying to evaluate what was fair and balancing their health and safety along with what other towns were doing as well as the County. Mr. Dowsland stated that the guys want to get back to work.

RESOLUTION 2020-51: Rescind decision on April 1 (non-resolution) to allow Highway Crew to go back to work until more protocols in place

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Dinski, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the town council rescind the non-resolution decision on April 1, which allowed the highway staff to go back to work; to continue to keep the highway crew on pause and on payroll, except if they are needed to plow or in case of emergencies, until the next regular town board meeting on April 9 to further discuss and a better plan is in place.

Meanwhile, Mr. Darby will meet with Mr. Dowsland to establish a set of rules, such as mask wearing, and bring that back to the board to review. Supervisor Shwartz will talk with other town supervisors and the County. Also, we will ask Brynley Wilcox to talk to the County on rules of labor with Eileen Zehr. The budget will be reviewed. Further discussion on this will take place during the regular town board meeting scheduled for April 9.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Dinski, seconded by Councilmember Darby, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Reymers
Town Clerk