

**MINUTES OF EMERGENCY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FOR THE TOWN OF CROSS ROADS
LOCATION: Virtual Meeting Only
Monday, March 23, 2020
EMERGENCY SESSION – 4:30 P.M.**

Call to Order – 4:30 P.M.

EMERGENCY SESSION

1. Roll Call
**Mayor Gorton; Council Members Phillips, Meek, White-Stevens, and Roberson.
Council Member Prins joined at 4:33 P.M.**
2. Mayor's Announcements and Updates
Mayor Gorton read prepared statement regarding impact of COVID-19. This notice may be found on Town's website.
3. Citizens Input for Items ON the Agenda
 - **John Knox requested General Election be moved to a date earlier than November, suggesting July.**
 - **Debbie McKenna requested use of an alternative voting method in order to move the election to a date earlier than November, and stated incumbents should not be able to vote in regards to the ordinance and should recuse themselves.**
4. Citizens Input for Items NOT on the Agenda
 - **T. Lynn Tompkins stated the Town should act on an ordinance to immediately enact budget cuts; Council should halt all development until election is held; Council should immediately appoint a committee including current candidates to discuss the 2020-2021 budget process; any forward action of public safety building be suspended; believes agenda was improperly posted and agenda item should be held at a later date.**
 - **Debbie McKenna stated she agrees with Tompkins statements; believes safety and economics are more of an emergency.**
 - **Herman Oosterwijk requested immediate action on funding by cutting staff or reducing salaries, and looking at reducing Police personnel.**
 - **Greg Gaalema stated he agrees with Tompkins; requested a committee to participate in the 2020-2021 budget discussions; stated that if the budget has been adjusted, it needs to be brought before Council**
 - **Shiryl Tompkins stated that an emergency meeting to postpone the election was not what the community wanted to be hearing; stated the budget shortfalls and safety of residents should be number one.**

5. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Ordinance 2020-0223-01 allowing for the May 2, 2020 General Election to be postponed to the November 3, 2020 Election date.

Motion to approve made by Prins;

Second by Roberson;

Roll Call Vote:

Prins – Yes

Phillips – Yes

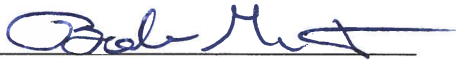
Meek – Yes

White-Stevens – Yes

Roberson – Yes

ADJOURN – 4:59 P.M.

CERTIFICATION



Bob Gorton, Town Mayor



Donna Butler, Town Secretary