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**EMERGENCY MEETING OF BERNARDS TOWNSHIP  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
03/16/2020 – COMBINED AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING  
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## CALL TO ORDER

Shimsky called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM via conference call. Belardo stated that while 48 hour public meeting notice was unable to be provided due to the emergent nature of the COVID-19 crisis and ever evolving situation, notice had been provided in accordance with NJSA 10:4-9 and was e-mailed to the Bernardsville News, Courier News, TAPinto.net, Patch.com, posted on the townships' web-site and township bulletin board on 03/16/20 at 10:09 AM.

## EXCEPTION FOR PUBLIC MEETING

Motion by Harris, second by Carpenter, to hold this emergency meeting notwithstanding the failure to provide adequate notice to discuss municipal actions dealing with urgent and important matters regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and public and employees safety and operations.

### Roll Call

Aye: Carpenter, Esposito, Fields, Harris, Baldassare, Jr.  
Nay:  
Abstain:  
Motion carried.

## ROLL CALL

### Present:

OEM - Chris Hurst, John Neiman, Mike Shimsky, Dennis Bettler, Tom Timko, Lucy Forgione, Chris Kyriacou, Jorge Casacuberta, Pat Monaco

Township Committee - Carpenter, Esposito, Fields, Harris, Baldassare, Jr.

Also Present: Scott Ward PD, Attorney Belardo, Municipal Clerk Pisano

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Esposito, second by Fields, and unanimously agreed that the meeting immediately adjourn to Executive Session at 11:03 AM.

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the regular meeting of the Township Committee will reconvene.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in NJSA 10:4-12; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee hereby declares that the discussion of subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Township Attorney advises the Township Committee that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Township or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated as the time of said matter.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Township Committee, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the discussion(s) shall take place and hereby directs the Municipal Clerk to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

<u>Reason for Closed Session</u>	<u>Estimated Time of Disclosure or Upon Occurrence Of</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. COVID-19	Upon Conclusion

The meeting resumed in open session at 11:56 AM.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fields, second by Carpenter, and unanimously agreed to immediately adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rhonda Pisano  
Municipal Clerk

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James Baldassare, Jr.  
Mayor

Approved: 04/14/2020