

MINUTES

**Commissioners of St. Michaels
Emergency Meeting
Friday, March 13, 2020, 12:00 Noon
Edgar M Bosley Jr. Municipal Building
300 Mill Street; PO Box 206
St. Michaels, MD 21663**

I. Call to Order

President Boos called to order an emergency meeting of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 12:00 noon in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building. Also present were Commissioners Jaime Windon and Michael Bibb. Also attending was Commissioner Glackin via telephone. Commissioner Harrod was absent. President Boos explained that the meeting had been called as a result of a telephone meeting with the County concerning response to the Corona Virus epidemic. President Boos said that the County had requested that Towns issue specific responses to the crisis, based on the Governor's executive order concerning gatherings of 250 or more people. President Boos then read a draft statement based on the Governor's order into the record as follows:

On behalf of the Commissioners of St. Michaels, the Town of St. Michaels will be following the executive order issued by the Governor of Maryland which prohibit gatherings of people of 250 people or more. The Executive Order states in part "Social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events ("large gatherings and events") of more than 250 people are hereby prohibited at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers."

- All permits for special events in St. Michaels have been cancelled until the State of Emergency has been lifted by Governor Hogan.
- At this point the Town Office will remain open; please do not come to the office if you are unwell.

Commissioner Glackin verified with Mrs. Weisman that there was no end date in the Governor's Order. President Boos made a motion to adopt the statement as read. Commissioners Bibb and Windon seconded it. President Boos then called for discussion. Mrs. Weisman said that the Chief of Police was concerned about enforcement. With regard to permits approved at the last regular meeting, President Boos said the permits have not been signed by the Commissioners and will be rescinded via an email from Mrs. Weisman, which would include the Governor's order. Mrs. Weisman added that the email would be followed by a formal letter. Commissioner

Winton said that the business community is not surprised by this and some have voluntarily cancelling events.

President Boos said the town government's obligation was to follow the direction and laws of the County and the State, Mrs. Weisman said that she would also be drafting a press release indicating St. Michaels' adherence to direction and regulation from the County and the State. The Commissioners agreed. The Commissioners then voted 4-0 in favor of the statement based on the Governor's order.

On the matter of the upcoming election, Mrs. Weisman said one of her election judges was concerned about how the virus issue could impact the election. She added that she had talked to the town's attorney, who said that the State may be going to a system of voting by mail. Mrs. Weisman concluded that there was time to work out the election details before May.

II. Adjournment

As there were no additional comments, Mrs. Weisman thanked the Commissioners for gathering so quickly, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.