<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Alright, good evening everyone. I'm going to call this evening's regular meeting of the Sweden Town Board to order. I'm going to ask everyone to rise as we recite the Pledge.

<u>All Board Members</u>: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Thank you and if you remain standing for a moment as we remember our first responders, our fighting men and women around the world, as well as the victims of COVID-19, the medical professionals who are caring for them and their families. And, then as we also remember Arnie Monno and his family. A long-time employee of the Town as well as a resident of the Town. (Silence) Thank you.

Alright, this evening we have one item of correspondence to note. That is a letter from the New York State Department of Transportation with regard to some changes to the signal timer at Sweden Walker Road and Route 31. Essentially what they said is that they are going to make some changes to the timing of that signal so that traffic will flow better there during rush or peak hours. So that's the only item of correspondence to report.

The next item is reports of departments and board members. I'm going to start with the various department heads that we have involved this evening. You know, let me do a quick roll call first, actually, if I could. Bob Muesebeck, are you there?

Deputy Supervisor Muesebeck: Yes, I'm here.

Supervisor Johnson: Ok, Rhonda Humby.

Councilperson Humby: I'm here.

Supervisor Johnson: Randy Hoke.

Councilperson Hoke: I am here.

Supervisor Johnson: And, Patty Hayles.

Councilperson Hayles: I'm here.

Supervisor Johnson: Ok, so the board is fully composed this evening.

Let's start with departmental, department heads, excuse me. We have Leisa Strabel, who's here with me. Leisa, anything to report from the Finance Department?

<u>Finance Director Strabel:</u> The sidewalk projects are going forward. As you all know, the bids are due next week. We'll be opening the bids. And, the water district project is going forward. We filed with several agencies this week as our plan. So, they're moving forward.

Supervisor Johnson: Excellent, ok, thank you Leisa. Karen Sweeting, Town Clerk.

Clerk Sweeting: No report at this time.

Supervisor Johnson: Ok, thank you. Brian Ingraham, Highway Superintendent.

<u>Superintendent Ingraham</u>: We just removed all our snow fence for the season, cleaned up the cemetery grounds, the grounds and the roads ready for the mowing season. All of our street sweeping is done for the Spring - all of our guttered and curbed roads on Town, State, and County highways. Removed all our plows, wings and salters as well as steam cleaned all our trucks and equipment to remove the winter salt residue and build-up. We completed some drainage work on Swamp Road and Holley Street. We've been working on cemetery burials and we started our first bond project of the season on East Canal Road. We started on some cross-culvert replacements and drainage work in preparation for paving, which will, well milling and paving, which will start around the 11th of May if everything goes as planned. Other than that, I think that's about it.

Supervisor Johnson: Ok, Brian, thank you. Town Attorney, Mr. Bell.

Town Attorney Bell: I have no report this evening.

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Ok, thank you. Now we'll move into...any other department heads on the line that I forgot? (Silence) Ok, very good. So, we will move into Board reports. We will start with Hayles, I'm trying to think of who's first in the alphabet. Patty Hayles, Councilperson Hayles if you would give your report please.

<u>Councilperson Hayles</u>: Sure, so I have my report for the Seymour Library and I just sent the written reports to all the board members and included Karen Sweeting on that email. For the library I've attached the March 2020 financials, which look pretty positive but the one thing that's counted in the March financials year-to-date and for the month is the receipt of the transfers back from the foundation so that gives them an extra \$200,000 of unbudgeted revenue. So, it looks like they've already received 96% of their budgeted amounts. I just caution you in reviewing these. That in my mind, I wouldn't count that as revenue but a transfer back to the library. You just have to look at these, not in an overly optimistic way.

Then I just want to mention that since my last report, which you have to remember our last reports were on February 25th, the Town of Sweden has appointed two Seymour Library Board members. Mark Scheda who will serve through March 31, 2020 and Kris Sharpe who will serve through December 31, 2021. They are serving out the terms of the board appointees who resigned and they will join Mary Squires who we appointed in December. She has a full five-year term that began in January. I feel our Town residents are well served by those three appointments and they've, kind of, hit the ground running with what they are doing with the library and the questions and things that they ask. Leading into that, Kevin and I are going to hold two virtual meetings on May 8th and the 15th to just sort of orient those three library board

members for the background and current status of the Tri-municipal agreement and the role of the library board members for the Town of Sweden.

The rest of my notes are about meetings that were held and meetings that were cancelled and those sorts of things. But I want to draw the board's attention to the article that was in the paper and was part of the Library Board's meeting on April 15th of what is going on during the New York State pause and how they're trying to conduct business under that, under this new dynamic. Really and truly they've been pretty creative in what they've done. They are holding a lot of virtual programs and, for children and adults. For example, there was a presentation by a holocaust survivor that was cancelled, or postponed in March that is going to be held soon. So, it's, they've brought in some new dynamics and that's a good thing. The other thing they're doing, a new service, is helping people, the name of it is Helping You Get Back from the Pandemic, which pairs adult patrons with librarians in search of jobs and it helps them craft resumes and cover letters and prepare for interviews. I feel that they're being quite appropriate for the new circumstances that everyone is living under.

I think, I do just want to mention that all of the principle of the funds, the library funds, have been returned from the Foundation. The last deposit was made on March 23rd and the spreadsheet of all transactions was forwarded to Jim Bell as the Town Attorney, Crista Filipowicz as the Treasurer for the library, for the CD interest calculations. Whether or not we were returned just the allowed CD money or all of the earnings, I think that still needs to be sorted out. Everything has been turned over to Jim. Jim did you receive my email?

<u>Town Attorney Bell</u>: I did and I'm going to be talking to the Town Attorney for Clarkson about it, Richard Olsen. Yes, I did receive it, Pat.

<u>Councilperson Hayles</u>: Ok, perfect. That ball is no longer in my court of what I promised the library to get that information together. So, does anybody have any questions about the library before I move on to the rec center? (Silence) I'll take that as a no.

Ok, so my usual updates on the rec center are obviously all about our goals and accomplishments are on pause as you can well imagine during this time. But again, the rec center has and the staff have been pretty nimble in what they're accomplishing. They're doing daily livestreams of programs and little things for our residents on Facebook. A lot of them are youth oriented. They've had science experiments, scoring drills for example for soccer to get ready for the season. Cooking, it's not just for youth, but they're simple healthy meals. At least most of them appear to be healthy.

Then there's craft classes and things like that. I looked at some of the sample number of views on these. They're anywhere from about 240 and the science experiment one of them I looked at was close to 800 views. So, it's not as if they're going into a black hole in space, they're actually being looked at and I'm happy to say that that's what's happening in the time of, you know, self-quarantine and social distancing. So, that's all good news. They actually for the SilverSneakers Program, they contacted by phone 166 seniors that are involved at the rec center and today's class for example had 48 views. So, it's really taking hold in a different form.

On top of the programs they are trying to do through livestreaming, they are cleaning the place from top to bottom. Literally, it goes from ceiling to floor, they have worked on the locker rooms and the fitness center. I hear that kitchen is next, that should be quite an undertaking. For each space they have a checklist of what to do and what has grown out of that is a checklist that they will use after the pause is over with so that, you know, things will have, instead of things you never get to that they'll stay on top of all the work that they've progressed on during this time. Todd and Roger have been involved in the cleaning of things there because they're not spending time striping the baseball fields and the soccer fields that are not being used, sadly, not being used.

There are a few other ongoing decisions that are going to have to be made, some of them involve the board. You know, whether or not to proceed, for example our July 3rd celebration. We will, the board will of course issue or not issue the fireworks permit. We still have a little bit of time to decide about that. And, you know, it depends on what social distancing requirements are required at that time. We are thinking that the day-long celebration on the hill will most likely be cancelled and just like a lot of summer festivals have been cancelled. But we are hoping that we can still hold the fireworks. Jill told me that most recreation departments have cancelled both the celebrations and the fireworks. But I'm hoping we will at least go forward with the fireworks and can adhere to the social distancing requirements.

And another reason for things, the summer scoreboard, we don't think we are going to pay for and go for all the printing that's usually done and because we have to make the decision next week, but most likely we will forego that cost in favor of using websites and advertising in social media to promote our programs as they become available. We paid for a few weeks ago, the Spring brochure. Most of those programs never even happened and we just don't know the state of things at this uncertain time. The Summer programs are due to start March 22nd and we'll just have to see how it goes. Summer camps are moving forward with the process and putting in applications with Monroe County until they tell us that we can't. And, that's the best we are going to do under the circumstances but, I'm proud of the staff there and what they are trying to accomplish with one hand tied behind their backs and I'm sure all of our departments are operating the same way. Does anyone have any questions for me? (Silence) Ok.

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Ok, thank you very much, Patty. I think those videos have been tremendous and you can pass along community thanks for that. I know a lot of younger people are using them, parents using them as a diversion, so, I think that's a much appreciated (inaudible) so, anyway.

<u>Councilperson Hayles</u>: Yes, I think they've been pretty creative about what they've done.

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Indeed, plus you get to see everybody's houses, at least a little shot of their houses, right?

Councilperson Hayles: Yes, a peak into their home.

Supervisor Johnson: Indeed, alright, Councilperson Hoke.

<u>Councilperson Hoke</u>: Ok, so regarding the courts, there's not much to report because they are closed for the pause just like everybody else. I talked to Justice Perry and he's confirmed that the last he heard the Court's, the Unified Court System will be closed until the end of May which, I guess probably will be up in the air depending on what the Governor has planned, but right now it looks like the end of May and the courts will start to get back into session.

On the IT front, I had a conference call with our IT provider. We went over a lot of things. We took the opportunity with some downtime to go over some of our disaster recovery and backups, we discussed our data retention policy, our disaster recovery policy, we went over quarterly backups and our annual backups and discussed exactly how that is done, how it's provided and we went over the actual amount of time it would take to bring us back up online, which is about 24 hours from a total data loss, fire, flood, things like that.

So, our IT provider is fantastic, we talked at length about ways to kind of cut costs in some of the projects we have coming up because obviously we don't know financially what the next year or two looks like based on kind of how the economy is going and he asked and decided, he would work with me a little bit and said that if we could do some of the heavier lifting with some of our town staff regarding some of the things that need to be put in place and changed around a little bit with people that have the skill set, they are willing to let us do some things that normally take hours and hours of labor and save the cost then come in and do the technical things to make sure everything was hooked up right.

So, one of the things we talked about is we have 17 pcs that are up at the rec center that are not on the domain, which means they are not part of the server network and they are not backed up the same way and they are also not able to access shared drives the same way. So, I'm going to actually do the work on joining those 17 pcs back to our domain and getting the user profiles moved over.

I'm going to work with Leisa, although she may not know it yet, I'm going to work with Leisa and we're going to kind of restructure the file, the file sharing and the drives and we're going to try to organize those and put those into a better way that people can find things and are a little bit more secure and make sure that our permissions are exactly where they need to be.

Let's see what else. They also, regarding the project that we discussed, obviously on hold, the one that we looked at potentially moving the internet from the Farmers Museum and beaming it over to the rec center, obviously we're going to hold that but that also gave me a chance to talk to him a little bit and he said if we do some of the heavy lifting like running the wires and putting up the antennas and things like that, they would come in and do the programming and kind of the easy stuff that would ultimately save us around 80% of the cost of doing the whole thing.

I did talk to him also about the ability of the staff to remotely access their pcs. Because we've got a pretty high-end firewall, they were actually able to allow people to use their home computers to remotely access their desktop. And, that doesn't compromise our network, but it

allows them to get some work done remotely without, kind of, getting access to the shared drive. That's about it.

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Ok, well I think, you know, in the last year or two we've pushed hard to bring our IT systems into the modern age and I think, Randy, to have an IT professional on the board and you are able to help us reduce some of the costs of doing our IT upgrades and perhaps even troubleshoot and make us better than we are now, I really appreciate the work you are doing with our IT systems. So, thank you for keeping it up and keeping the pressure on.

Councilperson Hoke: My pleasure.

Supervisor Johnson: Alright, Councilwoman Humby.

<u>Councilperson Humby:</u> Yes, hello. So, I have a few updates to pass along. Brian touched on the cemetery update that burials started mid-April, six burials so far this month and everything's cleaned up, the grounds, the roads to prepare for mowing which should be starting this week, I believe, that already started, correct me if I'm wrong, Brian.

The Flag Project is finished as far as the, is it the four smaller cemeteries, or is it five? Everything except for Lakeview has been finished digitally. So, the drone pictures are edited now to show where the Veterans' graves are located. The Flag Project should be starting Friday, May 15th at 5 p.m. I'm going to add this to my Facebook page, but we will be, we're going to be reaching out for some volunteers. We're going to start with the people who actually went stone to stone to list the names of the veterans to see if they're interested in putting the flags up at the smaller cemeteries. Then, also for Lakeview we are going to need about 20 people to set the flags out, that would be again Friday, May 15th at 5 p.m. meet at the Farmers Museum. I would be the contact person if people want to volunteer for that. I can add their name to the list and get in touch with them.

Bob Muesebeck ordered the flags. They haven't shipped yet, so we're really hoping, fingers crossed, to have them by early May to see if we can have them ready for flag placement on the 15^{th} .

As far as Dog Control goes, it's kind of interesting the effects that COVID has had on dog control, but people have more time on their hands and they seem to be a little bit more high strung so there's been a lot more complaints than normally. About barking dogs and people are just kind of on edge, so Kathy has responded to more complaints than normal. Of course, she is not doing door-to-door issuing tickets, but she's only doing door, not door-to-door but going to people's homes when there are complaints.

The Rabies Clinic has been postponed until at least August or September and we are going to share the date when we have that nailed down. But, as far as dog control, I asked, she doesn't have any immediate needs. She, just her and her husband are plugging away doing what they need to do. Lastly, Sweden Farmers Museum. Similar to what Patty was saying about the 4th of July Festival, the plans for the Harvest Festival ultimately will be a Board decision, but we're just kind of pushing that off a little bit longer just to see what happens, what changes. I was speaking with someone on that committee earlier, just saying that, it's not that hard to pull it together, but we want to make sure the right planning goes in. So, I guess we'll see what unfolds in the next month or so and our Board meetings have been on hold and will be until COVID restrictions are lifted again.

Supervisor Johnson: Ok, can I ask you just one question on your report, Rhonda?

Councilperson Humby: Yes, sir.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> With the flag placement, so the flag placement at all five cemeteries is happening on May 15th?

<u>Councilperson Humby:</u> Yes, after I said that out loud, I got confused. It's not, I don't believe it is on the same day. I guess it all depends on when the flags come in. So, that's the piece we are missing. So, when the flags come in, we can, we're going to send out smaller groups to do the smaller cemeteries which shouldn't be too difficult, but we are going to utilize that big group of twenty volunteers on May 15th at 5 p.m. But you are right, the smaller cemeteries will not be May 15th, so stayed tuned for when we get the flags in for that.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> May 15th at 5 p.m. will be the Lakeview flag placement. We will be using the old maps, for now.

Councilperson Humby: Yes, that's right.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> We'll do the other four small cemeteries at a time and date to be announced. In terms of doing data collection for new maps for Lakeview, that will be, info will be forthcoming on that?

<u>Councilperson Humby:</u> It will, Mike Zale is working on the drone pictures and when I checked in with him, I believe it was last week or the week before he was continuing to work on it. So, he is still working on that. I don't believe we will have that up and running before Memorial Day this year, but definitely before next year.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Yes, before next year, well we got delayed this year, everything has, so.

Councilperson Humby: That's right.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Alright, terrific. Well the maps look great, Rhonda. I think it's a tremendous upgrade to what we have. Brian, I'm sure it makes your job easier. Once we get the last, the biggest cemetery done, it's going to be a great thing for years to come.

Councilperson Humby: I agree.

Supervisor Johnson: Ok, we'll move on to the Deputy Supervisor, Mr. Muesebeck.

<u>Councilperson Muesebeck:</u> Good evening. Just to let you know why there's a delay with the flags. All the major flag companies who provide cemetery flags and all other American flags, all the different sizes we have at the Vets Club as well as the Town Hall and everything, they were not, they were not in the right concept as far as being necessary to stay open. They closed down for almost four weeks and it's put everybody behind the eight ball as far as receiving the flags. I spoke with Tom from Fred's Flags this morning and he's assuring us, the best he can find out is that we'll have our flags by the end of the first week in May, which isn't too far away. It's a better estimate, at first, he told me the end of April, then it's been updated today.

As far as what's going on at the Town Park, Todd and Roger. Todd has been doing a lot of relining of the baseball fields, weather permitting, as well as doing a lot of hand raking. Seems like it might have been a mild winter but there's still a lot of stuff laying around. On the interim, Todd's gone up to the community center, cleaned the carpets, steam-cleaned the carpets in a couple of spots and also painted the weight room, gave it a fresh coat of paint.

Since our last meeting we've had Oakes Tree come in and remove approximately 37 trees from the Town Park, grind them up, clean it up and ground the stumps down. Except for some little shavings left around, to keep the holes, you're going to have some settling where the stumps were, there's no evidence that we had any trees removed. They did a very nice job as they always do. Oakes does a good job.

Roger's been finishing working, weather permitting when he's inside, just making sure every bit of equipment is in good shape and also spent some time down at the Town Hall getting the heating ducts cleaned out, was kind of a time consuming job for him, as well as, he replaced a bunch of ceiling tiles that were stained.

We've had seventeen hall rentals cancelled because of the epidemic. We still have four on the books for May right now. We are holding out and hoping things may change, but it hasn't. Most of the people have been very understanding due to the circumstance. We have not had any problems so far with the playground.

I'm going to make a mention now and I'd like to have the board's opinion. The boys told me today that in the evenings or weekends they're sneaking on the ballfields and practicing and I'd like to see if could have signs made to keep them off the ball fields until the park is opened up. What's everybody's feeling on this?

Supervisor Johnson: Which fields, Bob, what type of sport?

Councilperson Muesebeck: Baseball

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Interesting, we don't know who, is it just a pick-up game, is it any organization?

<u>Councilperson Muesebeck:</u> We don't know, he doesn't know because it's happened after work hours or on the weekends. So, I'm just wondering if we can, because everything is pretty much in limbo as far as playing and stuff. Should we put some signs on the ball fields that they are not to be used during this, give me some guidance.

<u>Councilperson Hayles:</u> I think we need to because all recreational programs are supposed to be cancelled at this time plus just even normally, I don't think we let people just use the fields. Unless I'm wrong about that without having reserved the fields through the rec department but I think especially under these circumstances we don't really have a choice. All parks are supposed to be practicing social distancing. I think we have to put up those same signs up that we put up on the playground, yes on the playground.

<u>Councilperson Muesebeck:</u> I'm in agreement with that as well, like I said I'd like to have everybody's opinion on it so I can go ahead and not feel like I'm stepping on somebody's toes. Along with that, uh, go ahead.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Sorry, Bob, I was just going to say one thing to just clear up. We do not, we do not at all police those fields so once organized activities are done, we more or less let people use them and so that is not something that we would typically restrict but I understand in these circumstances we may want to think about it a bit differently. I will say I don't believe it's any of the rec teams. All the rec teams, all the coaches have been advised very carefully on this by the rec department. The rec department currently is just pushing the season back and might even end up in July and August instead of May and June. But I don't think it's any of the rec programs and the travel teams, Bison's in particular, I have a child involved in those, I'm not aware of any of the Bison's teams who are violating that either. They've had very strict rules. I don't know who it is unless it's just friends or people just playing like a pick-up game, I mean, I guess that could happen. But, either way, I probably, I tend to agree, Bob, that we probably should put up signs, but I don't know. Rhonda and Randy, do you guys have any thoughts?

<u>Councilperson Humby:</u> Yes, I would agree if it's off limits to everybody else it would only be fair that we make it across the board.

Councilperson Hoke: Absolutely.

<u>Councilperson Muesebeck:</u> I just also want to share along with that, since we put the tape up at the playgrounds naturally, we haven't had what you would call great spring days yet but everybody's following the no trespassing or playing on the equipment now so at least that's positive. I think that's all I've got.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Let me play devil's advocate for one second on this. I was just thinking about something. Are we sure that it's groups and not just, let's say, a parent taking their children out there to play catch on an open field?

<u>Councilperson Muesebeck:</u> We don't know, Todd brought it to my attention today. He's up there raking fields and stuff and all of a sudden now there's activity on them. He has not seen

anybody there during work hours or weekends so he doesn't know who it is but, you know, he said I get a field ready and next thing I know there's footprints all over the place.

<u>Councilperson Hayles:</u> Not that I ever want to spend money we don't need to but I think to err on the side of caution we should put the signs up. Especially as the nicer days approach or hopefully, the nicer days approach.

<u>Councilperson Muesebeck:</u> Well that's what I want, if everybody's in favor of it as far as going ahead, I will go ahead and take care of it.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> I think it's probably four to one from the sounds of it. I would not be in favor of it but I totally understand the reasoning. I think everybody's waring of this quarantine and I think it's about time to set people loose, but I understand the opinion of the board on it and I'm fine with that as well.

Councilperson Muesebeck: Alright, I'll get ahold of Todd and Roger in the morning.

<u>Councilperson Hoke:</u> This is Randy, I just want to make sure I caught that. So, we're going to limit like somebody going down to play a game of catch, like a father and son or something like that, mother and son or whatever. Is that, we're also limiting that?

<u>Councilperson Muesebeck:</u> We've got the total park closed down except the Dog Park and the guys are trying to get all the spring work done weather permitting. And, they'll go get a field ready and the next day or after the weekends over they go and they see that, they've got to go out and re-rake the infields and everything because people are on them and I don't know when it's happening. But it's just creating more work for them.

<u>Councilperson Hoke:</u> Well, the only thing I would add is that I think the state parks are technically closed as well, however, they are choosing to not gate them, bar them and throw people out so I might err on that side, so I might fall a little bit more with Kevin on this but I'm not sure, I'm not there to see it so I guess I'm a little undecided.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Bob, just to be clear, I don't think we have closed everything but the Dog Park. People are still, they can still walk in the park, they can still use the frisbee

<u>Councilperson Muesebeck:</u> Oh yes, they're walking and stuff but they're not going on, uh, just tell me what you want me to do. It doesn't matter to me one way or another what you do I'm just trying to keep these guys from redoing their work multiple times unnecessarily.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Understood. In case anybody is listening to the meeting that uses the park I think we only have closed the Skate Park and the playground at this point and the Splash Pad isn't open yet, but I think the playgrounds, the three playgrounds within the park and the Skate Park are the things that have been closed. But the question is, do we put some signage up just to let people know that we really don't want them using the fields at this point and I think we've heard the opinion of the board that we should put up some signage. Again, it's probably not going to be something we police. I don't foresee myself calling the police on anybody over this, but if we want to discourage it, I don't think that that's a bad thing.

<u>Councilperson Muesebeck:</u> That's the stance we have taken on everything else. We're not going to be up there policing it but this, you know, the guys have enough work to do. I don't want to be redundant when I'm saying it, but, you know, they make an improvement to something and move on to something next and find out they've got to do it all over again. I'll do whatever the Town Board wants, so if it's fine, I'll contact them and we'll see how it works out.

<u>Councilperson Hayles:</u> I'm still leaning in the fact that we should put the signs up. I think that's the conclusion we've all come to.

Councilperson Muesebeck: Ok, thank you.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Alright, Bob, thank you. I have a few items to report. First of all, one thing that I realize I've neglected to do in these meetings is just to make sure I say a big thank you to both, well not both, to Jim Bell our Town Attorney, to Randy Hoke, to Karen Sweeting, as well as to Leisa Strabel for keeping pace with the Executive Orders with regards to these meetings and how they are to operate. They work very hard on making sure we're streaming these meetings, we've been recording them, transcribing them. Karen does the hard work of transcribing all of this. We get these uploaded, the transcription of these videos, we get them on our website within a day or two of our meetings and we make sure we link everything so that our residents can find the information disseminated at these meetings promptly. So, I really appreciate, I want to make sure all of you know that that's something that I think means a lot during these times when people feel so disconnected. It means a lot probably to those in this town that we serve. So I really just, first of all, I just wanted to say that it's a lot of work, I know it moves fairly seamlessly in the way that we have it set up, but I want to make sure that everybody is recognized for the work they have done to make it seamless.

So, in terms of the last couple months, as Patty has said, we really haven't done reports in a couple months' time and I'm certainly not going to report on everything that we've done in relation to the Town in the last couple months because that would be voluminous, but. Suffice it to say that each day, well most days I don't make the calls every day but I participate regularly in the conference calls with state and county officials. Twice a week we have calls with the other town supervisors as well as some other calls with the County Executive and those as needed. Just to stay abreast of all the changes and the information that might be applicable.

Leisa and I also participated in a call with FEMA back on April 2nd with regards to disaster funding, unfortunately, we don't really have any out-of-pocket costs, we haven't set up a field hospital or anything like that so there's no, there really isn't anything that's going to apply for with FEMA, but we have vetted that program. And just like probably most of our residents and maybe most of the folks on the Board, I stay up on the Governor's daily press conferences as well as the President's as he was doing them. I understand he stopped that now, but just to try to stay abreast of what's going on in terms of the state as well as nationally.

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The Board is, I think, well aware that there's two little programs that we've started at the Town. One was the collection of masks that were being hand-made by people that started at the United Way Program that Heide MacPherson, the SUNY President, worked to get the community involved in. Shortly after I announced that the Town was going to work on that, the Fire Department, the Chief of the Fire Department reached out and said hey we need about a hundred masks, could you guys loop us in on this. At this point we've collected well over 300 masks, we've met the Fire Department's needs, we've met the need, well we've donated a number to the United Way effort and we've distributed some through what we're calling, again it's happily named, we were calling it the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program.

What we did is we started compiling a list of volunteers, people willing to do things for others in this community as well as people who are struggling. There are a number of social welfare programs, or safety nets to try to help people during times of need but there are gaps in how those programs overlap and we wanted to make sure that if anybody was struggling with food needs or with just making a run to the supermarket or maybe with yard chores or with a need for a mask, let's say, that they were plugged in and connected to a volunteer, and so we have, we have about 15 volunteers at this point, we've met a number of needs as we pair these volunteers with people who call in looking for help and it's ranged, like I said, from buying, doing a grocery run for people to dropping off masks, to just disseminating information that people need, so, they're small programs, they're good, I think they are positive efforts and hopefully they've reached those who are in need in our community.

I have over, especially the last month, I have taken several interview requests with Spectrum on this Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program as well as the mask donation effort and also, I met with Channel 10 last week. They called asking for an interview on the assessment question or issue.

In terms of what the Town Hall departments, that's the part of the Town that I liaise to. First of all, I've been communicating with Department Heads here in the Town Hall regularly, certainly not daily or even weekly at this point, but as needed. Building and Planning Department, they're doing some inspections, they're processing an awful lot of paperwork. The Planning Board is working on actually holding hearings once again. Their first hearing is going to be on May 11th. They're going to be doing that through Zoom in the hope and the effort, what I've challenged or perhaps what the department has challenged itself to do is to get everybody who wants to build or do something that requires permitting here in the Town, to get them ramped up so that as soon as the economy reopens or as soon as we are given the go ahead all of these projects can get going. We hope that it will really be a wave and it will bring us back. So, Planning and Building, they're actively working.

The Town Clerk's office, I know they're handling as many duties as is feasible with the restrictions. They are looking to ramp up and do more things like marriage licenses. The Governor made a new order about that just last week. So that's happening in the Clerk's office.

Tax collection, we are still collecting all the taxes, still collecting taxes via the drop box, online or by mail. One item to note in case people have not heard, either in the paper or on Facebook, the fourth installment date has been extended from April 30th to May 31st. The one

thing when the County Executive held the call to announce that to the Supervisors, I did ask him if they would delay the tax sale that is coming this Fall. So, every year delinquent taxes are sold to private company who then work to collect them. If they don't collect them in a timely manner then they proceed with tax foreclosure and people can lose their property over it. So, I did ask the County Executive to investigate delaying that tax sale and we haven't heard back on it but I know that it's at least in the hopper for ideas coming up.

Assessments, Darla and Tammy are very busy at the moment working to address resident concerns to informal reevaluations of the reassessments to try to address as many concerns ahead of the Board of Assessment Review. Obviously, we addressed a lot of concerns, resident concerns to the reassessment process and why it's necessary this year. Although, it's admittedly a horrible time to do it. The Town Board really feels that financially for the Town and for our residents, the cost to residents and to the Town of not doing the reassessment would be far greater than not doing the reassessment process would bring. So, I'm certainly happy to answer any resident questions or concerns either if people want to email me – supervisor@townofsweden.org or call my office, which is 637-7588 or I'm happy to take calls on my cell phone as well – 615-5243, so if anybody has assessment concerns, I believe, your Town Board understands, we're all in this town, every one of us saw an increase as well. It is not a good time, it's unwelcome but, hopefully, will not result in any actual, or many actual tax increases. What's more likely is everybody simple sees an increase in assessments and, hopefully, therefore, we keep the revenue to the Town fairly stable and there aren't actual tax increases that follow.

So, in short, the efforts of our, the various departments within the Town Hall, I just have to say that I'm extremely pleased. Everybody's doing what we can, we see that everybody's putting in significant work hours even in this time when they can't work at their desks and here at the office as much, so I just, I know everybody's putting in their best. As soon as we get through this process or to a more open process, we'll be off and running. We're not going to be back at ground zero. I really appreciate what the Town employees are doing. All across the Town but also here at the Town Hall.

Ok, and then just a couple of actual project notes. The sidewalks, the four sidewalk, well four concrete projects – the sidewalk that runs north out of the park to Persistence Path it's also known as the path to the canal, Holley Street sidewalks on the north side of Holley Street from the terminus of the sidewalk at the Village line out to Holley Street, the Owens Road east side sidewalk as well as the slab in front of the Highway Garage. Those four projects, we have a prebid phone conference with any interested bidders, that's on the 30th, two days from now Thursday 10 a.m. and we'll actually be opening the bids on the 7th of May. We'll probably be doing that with a combination of conference call and Facebook streaming. Details on that are still being worked out.

Code changes. So, we've got that list of code changes that Jim put together, well, he actually put the draft code changes together, excuse me. What I'd like to do is our workshop next week on the 5^{th} of May that we would deal with those code changes next week so that hopefully we could actually call a public hearing and then pass them shortly thereafter. Ok, so we will have a meeting next week.

Water, MRB provided and I signed all the plans and they were filed with New York State Department of, well the DEC, the New York State DEC, New York State DOT, Monroe County DOT as well as the Monroe County Water Authority. So, I think, those filings have been done. Currently MRB is setting up all the boring tests. They're going to start, people will see them out actually drilling test holes, seeing how deep the bedrock is, trying to make sure that their estimates are correct. So that will be commencing very quickly, probably I don't know, maybe even next week. And there are going to be more answers that we are going to be filing with the USDA, they still need a pile of information and documents from us. Tons of it is financial in nature, so we're still working on those things.

And, then, finally despite the meat cleaver to our local economy that this whole process has been. CNB has been issued a final C of O so at some point, hopefully, people can actually use that bank once banks are allowed to reopen. So, that's where we stand, at least from my perspective. That completes all the reports.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: We do have one person signed up for privilege of the floor this evening but he did not call in, he is not on the line, so we will move on to the next item which is the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: There are four items on the Consent Agenda. The first being the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on April 14, 2020. The second is a resolution appointing a MEO, Dale Foster for the Highway Department. The third a resolution appointing seasonal laborers in the park and the fourth a resolution appointing seasonal laborers in cemetery operations. So as to those four items, would the Board like anything moved to the Non-Consent Agenda?

Councilperson Hayles: I would like items 2, 3, and 4 moved to the Non-Consent Agenda.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Ok, Patty, I've got that. So, items 2, 3, and 4 will be moved to Non-Consent. Everybody ok with the minutes staying on the Consent Agenda?

Councilperson Hoke: Yes

Councilperson Muesebeck: Yes

Councilperson Humby: Yes

Councilperson Hayles: Yes

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Alright, can I have a motion on the Consent Agenda which just includes the minutes at this point.

Councilperson Muesebeck: So moved, it's Bob.

Supervisor Johnson: Second?

Councilperson Hayles: Second.

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Thank you, Patty. Alright, any discussion on the minutes? (Silence) Alright, Karen, if you'd call the roll please.

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Hayles.

Councilperson Hayles: Aye

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Hoke

Councilperson Hoke: Aye

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Humby

Councilperson Humby: Aye

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Muesebeck

Councilperson Muesebeck: Aye

Clerk Sweeting: Supervisor Johnson

Supervisor Johnson: Aye. Minutes are approved. Thank you.

The following approved Consent Agenda item added for the recording of official minutes

• Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on April 14, 2020

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Alright, Non-Consent Agenda this evening we have number one, payment of the bills. So, as to that item could I have a motion. (Multiple voices heard) Ok, was that Rhonda?

Councilperson Hayles: It was Patty.

Supervisor Johnson: That was Patty, ok, thank you. Could I have a second?

Councilperson Muesebeck: Second

Supervisor Johnson: Thank you Bob. Any discussion on the payment of bills?

<u>Councilperson Hayles:</u> I do have one question and I don't want to breach any personnel confidentiality. There's an item, Leisa, for, to pay New York State Unemployment Insurance, and I'm wondering how long of a period that covers. Do we pay that monthly or quarterly? (Muffled voice) I didn't hear her answer.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> I think you've got to put the phone right up to your ear.

Finance Director Strabel: Patty?

Councilperson Hayles: Yes.

Finance Director Strabel: It was just the first quarter.

Councilperson Hayles: So, it is a payment.

<u>Finance Director Strabel:</u> Yes, and because unemployment has been extended it's probably going to go much longer.

Councilperson Hayles: Alright, I was just curious. Ok, thank you.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Alright, any other discussion on the payment of bills? (Silence) Ok, Karen, if you would call the roll again, please.

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Hayles.

Councilperson Hayles: Aye

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Hoke

Councilperson Hoke: Aye

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Humby

Councilperson Humby: Aye

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Muesebeck

Councilperson Muesebeck: Aye

Clerk Sweeting: Supervisor Johnson

Supervisor Johnson: Aye. Alright, bills are approved.

**Added for purposes of the official minutes:

All of the Board members reviewed the invoice audit journal. Motion was approved authorizing payment of the bills in Abstract 4 dated April 29, 2020 in the amount of \$139,982.63.

<u>General Fund:</u> In the amount of \$115,628.35 as set forth in Abstract 4 dated April 29, 2020. <u>Highway Fund:</u> In the amount of \$12,052.38 as set forth in Abstract 4 dated April 29, 2020. <u>Special Fund:</u> In the amount of \$6,981.74 as set forth in Abstract 4 dated April 29, 2020. <u>Capital Fund:</u> In the amount of \$5,320.16 as set forth in Abstract 4 dated April 29, 2020.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> As to the, what is now the second resolution on the Non-Consent Agenda, appointing the MEO, Dale Foster in the Highway Department. Could I have a motion please.

Councilperson Muesebeck: Bob makes the motion.

Councilperson Hoke: Randy seconds.

Supervisor Johnson: Ok, any discussion.

<u>Councilperson Hayles:</u> So, here's my thinking on that. We've known about Dale Foster for a while now and always wanting to err on the side of caution and the uncertain times that we live in financially for the Town as well as everyone else, and I've heard all the rational of why he needs to be hired now, a replacement employee needs to be hired at this time, but I feel it's irresponsible to add one additional dollar to our payroll during this crisis. Until the New York State pause has been lifted and for the safety of our employees, I don't believe the Highway Department should be returning to full staffing. We've said this for all of our employees and I don't see that there's a difference in the way our highway department should be treated and I understand that that's the rational of wanting to add this employee now is that they're not going to work every, I'm going to say half days, not half days, but about half of their normal scheduled hours. The plan is for them to go back to full work week. I am very concerned about this for their safety as well as everyone else's.

And, I think the current pause remains in effect until May 15th. We have another Town Board meeting on May 12th. By that time, we'll have a much better sense of the pandemic in New York State and especially in Monroe County. Monroe County has had, rather than a decreasing number of cases and deaths of late, within the last week to ten days, has had an escalating number of cases and deaths. So, early on we came to the conclusion that we should not be, have any unnecessary spending until we had a clear path forward in consideration of the COVID-19 epic.

And, with all due respect to Brian and his crew, I hope the Board will consider voting this resolution down tonight and then reconsidering it when we have a clear picture of things on May 12th. I know this might not be a popular decision but we were all elected to represent all of our 14,000 residents and I feel that's the best course of action for all of our residents. It's not to be adding payroll dollars at this time.

<u>Attorney Bell:</u> If I, this is Jim, if I can just bring up a procedural point. There is a difference between voting it down and tabling it. If you table it, you can revisit it in the future. If you vote it down, you can't bring the same resolution back in the future.

<u>Councilperson Hayles:</u> Thank you, Jim. So, then I'm making a motion to table this resolution until our next meeting.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Alright, well, motion to table cuts off all further discussion of the intial motion. So, at this time we'll move directly to whether or not there is a second for the motion to table from Patty. (Silence) Alright, so am I hearing that there is no second to Patty's motion? (Silence) Alright, then, the motion to table fails for lack of a second.

So, any further discussion on the original motion which is the motion to appoint, or resolution to appoint Dale Foster. Brian, did you, we already had a motion and I believe we've got a second, so we are already into discussion on that. Brian, is there anything you would like to, I didn't ask in particular in case you wanted to address these hiring questions, is there anything you would like to address the Board on in that regard. You don't have to but I thought I'd ask.

<u>Superintendent of Highways Ingraham:</u> Yes, obviously if the Board's going to allow the Highway Department to continue with full staff, obviously we were full staff this week for our Spring pick-up operations. We are going to be moving into our first bond project and have to have some of the money spent, I think, before June 1st, if I'm not mistaken. So, with the phases of that project we need upwards of twenty to twenty-five people especially for the milling and filling operations. So, we are going to be calling other Towns for help so I wanted to get to full staff. With hiring Dale, we will get to full staff before we started calling other Towns for assistance with that project. Obviously, once we continue on with that project, we have a full slate of county and Town work to do after that with a long laundry list of drainage work orders and things we just haven't had time to get to.

Supervisor Johnson: Ok. Any other discussion on the motion.

<u>Councilperson Hoke:</u> This is Randy, I guess I'd like to point out our Highway Department was deemed essential staff so the residents are relying on them to take care of the roads, the brush, the drainage, the trees that need to come down that are safety issues. I mean roads are certainly a safety issue. I know Brian has got a limited amount of time to deal with that, so that's why I'm in favor of pushing forward.

<u>Superintendent of Highways Ingraham:</u> I just want to say too that we only have a small window of time for our road work season. Obviously, it's our, it's most important to keep our employees safe, too. I'm more than willing to explain our process for keeping our employees safe.

Councilperson Muesebeck: Thanks, Brian.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Alright, any other discussion on the resolution to appoint Dale Foster. (Silence) Ok, Karen, if you would call the roll, please.

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Hayles.

Councilperson Hayles: Nay

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Hoke

Councilperson Hoke: Aye

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Humby

Councilperson Humby: Aye

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Muesebeck

Councilperson Muesebeck: Aye

Clerk Sweeting: Supervisor Johnson

Supervisor Johnson: Aye. Resolution carries.

** Resolution added for purposes of the official minutes:

• RESOLUTION NO. <u>59</u>

Appoint MEO – Foster

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Town of Sweden Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has recommended hiring Dale Foster as a fulltime motor equipment operator (MEO).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- <u>Sec. 1.</u> That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Dale Foster as a full-time motor equipment operator (MEO).
- Sec. 2. That the rate of pay will be \$20.00 per hour.
- <u>Sec. 3.</u> That the start date will be on or after April 29, 2020, depending on New York State staffing mandates regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.
- <u>Sec. 4.</u> That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Next item, number three on the Non-Consent Agenda is appointing seasonal laborers at the park. Could I have a motion on that, please.

Councilperson Muesebeck: So moved.

Councilperson Hoke: Second.

Supervisor Johnson: Alright, so a motion on appointing seasonal laborers, please.

Councilperson Hayles: I think Bob moved.

Councilperson Muesebeck: I made a motion.

Councilperson Hayles: And, Randy seconded it already.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Oh, did they? I didn't hear them do it. Alright, so we've got Bob on the motion and Randy on the second. Any discussion on appointing seasonal laborers.

Councilperson Hayles: Well, here I am again (voices) oh, go ahead.

<u>Councilperson Muesebeck:</u> Let me speak first, please. It's Bob, the seasonal laborers that work in the park are all returnees who have been working in the past years and Todd and Roger are very, very astute as far as when they come in and when they do not need to work. But this is the time of year that we normally get them approved to work. Like I said they have all been repeaters for a number of years. That's all I have to say.

<u>Councilperson Hayles:</u> And I respect that Bob, but I feel even more strongly about this in the fact that we have quite a number of staff that a good portion of their week is idle time and I heard the explanation that people who mow need to be trained and it's very difficult and all this and I understand perfectly that one staff person cannot always interchange with another. But in the past, I understand that these people that we are talking about tonight are repeat employees, seasonal employees, but in the past, we've used on a very regular basis and for many, many years we used college students and everything else to run these mowers for the summer. I think it's irresponsible of us to add dollars to the payroll with seasonal employees while we have, like recreation staff and other staff that are idle that could be running these mowers when we are already paying them. So, I don't understand why we are hiring seasonal employees and we could delay these hiring's. So, again I'm going to make the motion to table this motion and to be considered on May 12th rather than hiring them at this point. I feel that's the responsible thing fiscally for the Board to do.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Ok, thank you Patty. So, we have a motion to table, is there a second for that motion. (Silence)

Councilperson Humby: May I ask a question, Kevin? This is Rhonda.

Supervisor Johnson: Yes, Rhonda, go ahead.

<u>Councilperson Humby:</u> Is the budget for these employees, these seasonal workers, is it already budgeted and approved?

Supervisor Johnson: Yes.

<u>Councilperson Humby:</u> Ok. Just making sure. So, this isn't an additional cost that we didn't know about. This is already budgeted. We were expecting them to start now.

Supervisor Johnson: Yes, that's correct.

<u>Councilperson Hayles:</u> Yes, but Rhonda, we're going to lose a lot of revenue that's also budgeted. Look at all the

<u>Councilperson Humby:</u> I totally understand. (Voices) I completely understand. I understand what you are saying, I just wanted to verify.

Councilperson Hayles: Yes, I understand.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Ok, so is there a second on the motion to table. (Silence) Alright, the motion fails for want of a second. We are back to the initial motion which is the resolution to appoint seasonal laborers in the park. Any further discussion on that? (Silence) And of course, Jim, I defer to you as the parliamentarian if I've, if I've confused the rules in any way, please step in.

Attorney Bell: No, you're fine, you're fine.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Ok, alright any further discussion then on appointing the seasonal laborers. (Silence) Ok, Karen, if you'd call the roll, please.

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Hayles.

Councilperson Hayles: Nay

Clerk Sweeting: Councilperson Hoke

Councilperson Hoke: Aye

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Humby

Councilperson Humby: Aye

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Muesebeck

Councilperson Muesebeck: Aye

Clerk Sweeting: Supervisor Johnson

Supervisor Johnson: Aye. The resolutions approved.

**Resolution added for purposes of the official minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. <u>60</u> Appoint Seasonal Laborers – Park

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds department has recommended the re-appointment of Anthony Bryant, Dale Taber and Adam West as Seasonal Laborers for the Sweden Town Park for the 2020 summer season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

| <u>Sec. 1.</u> | That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint Anthony |
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| | Bryant, Dale Taber and Adam West as Seasonal Laborers at a rate of pay of |
| | \$11.80 per hour, not to exceed 28 hours per week, beginning on or after May 4, |
| | 2020 and ending on or before August 28, 2020. |
| Sec. 2. | That this appointment does not constitute an offer of permanent employment or |
| | |

- any benefits that are normally attached to permanent appointments.
- Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Alright, the final resolution this evening appointing, number four on the Non-Consent Agenda, resolution appointing seasonal laborers for cemetery operations. So, can I have a motion on that, please.

Councilperson Humby: So moved, Rhonda.

Supervisor Johnson: And a second.

Councilperson Hoke: Second

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Thank you Randy. Alright, any discussion on that motion or further motion.

<u>Councilperson Hayles:</u> And just because I've enjoyed these past few conversations so much, I'm going to make a motion again to table this resolution until our next meeting for all the reasons I have stated for 2 and, items 2 and 3.

<u>Supervisor Johnson:</u> Understood, thank you Patty. We have a motion on the table. Would anyone, a motion to table before the Board, do we have a second on that motion. (Silence) Ok, hearing no second that motion will, the motion to table fails for want of a second and we're back to the initial motion which was appointing, or a resolution which was appointing seasonal laborers for cemetery operations. So, any further discussion on that point. (Silence) Alright, Karen, if you'd call the roll again, please.

Clerk Sweeting: Councilperson Hayles.

Councilperson Hayles: Nay

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Hoke

Councilperson Hoke: Aye

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Humby

Councilperson Humby: Aye

<u>Clerk Sweeting</u>: Councilperson Muesebeck

Councilperson Muesebeck: Aye

Clerk Sweeting: Supervisor Johnson

Supervisor Johnson: Aye. Resolution is approved. Ok, thank you everyone.

**Resolution added for purposes of the official minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. <u>61</u> Appoint Seasonal Laborers – Cemetery Operations

WHEREAS, there is a need for seasonal laborers for cemetery operations; and

- WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has recommended re-hiring seasonal laborers John L. Duthoy, John P. Duthoy and Edward Schildt; and
- WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highway has recommended hiring new seasonal laborer Hudson Vasile.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- <u>Sec. 1.</u> That the Town Board of the Town of Sweden does hereby appoint John L. Duthoy, John P. Duthoy, Edward Schildt and Hudson Vasile for seasonal cemetery operations not to exceed 28 hours per week.
- <u>Sec. 2.</u> That this appointment does not constitute an offer of permanent employment or any benefits that are normally attached to permanent appointments.
- Sec. 3. That the rate of pay will be \$11.80 an hour.
- Sec. 4. That the term of appointment will begin on or after May 4, 2020 and end on or before August 28, 2020.
- <u>Sec. 5.</u> That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Next item, additional business and announcements. I have one item but I will defer to the rest of the Board if they have anything they would like to add. (Silence) Ok, hearing nothing, I did want to note that our effort to see that the Governor, or to ask the Governor to delay the reassessment process is, as a, I think the Board is well aware but for those who follow both the Suburban News where that letter was published this weekend as well as on Facebook where we have publicized that letter. Senator Rob Ortt as well as Assemblyman Steve Hawley signed a joint letter mirroring our request to the Governor requesting that, essentially that municipalities be given the option to go back to their nineteen assessments without an equalization rate. So, we'll see if this gains any traction in the Governor's office and let's hope it does. If it doesn't, I think we've still made the best decision to protect the financial situation of our residents and the Town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: The final item, I would like to ask the Board for a rather brief but important Executive Session under Public Officers Law Section 105 Subdivision A which is the

public safety exception. I would like to invite our Finance Director, Leisa Strabel as well as the Town Attorney to that Executive Session. I'd ask the Board for a motion on that.

Multiple voices heard

Supervisor Johnson: Ok, Rhonda with the motion, Bob, would you second that?

Councilperson Hayles: No, it was Patty with the motion and then Bob.

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Ok, sorry about that, it's hard to tell. I appreciate that. Ok, any discussion on that motion. (Silence) Alright, then can I have a voice vote on that motion. All in favor of the Executive Session say aye.

<u>Councilperson Hoke</u>: Aye <u>Councilperson Muesebeck</u>: Aye <u>Councilperson Humby</u>: Aye Councilperson Hayles: Aye

<u>Supervisor Johnson</u>: Aye, any opposed. (Silence) Ok, we will move into Executive Session. We will not come back to the regular meeting. No official business will be transacted in the Executive Session. I appreciate everyone watching or participating in the meeting here

tonight. Thank you. (Recording ended - Executive Session began at 7:09 p.m.)

At 7:29 p.m., Councilperson Hoke made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Humby to leave executive session. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Councilperson Hayles moved to adjourn the April 28, 2020 meeting of the Sweden Town Board at 7:30 p.m. Councilperson Muesebeck seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting Town Clerk

**I, Karen M. Sweeting, Town Clerk of the Town of Sweden, do hereby certify that the foregoing is the verbatim transcription of the Town Board meeting held telephonically on April 28, 2020 and shall also constitute the minutes of the meeting.

Karen M. Sweeting, Town Clerk