Friday, March 20, 2020
The Town of Fallsburg Town Board
Conducted a Legislative Meeting via Video Conference Call,
19 Railroad Plaza, South Fallsburg, NY
6:00PM

Present:
Supervisor Steven Vegliante
Councilperson Nathan Steingart
Councilperson Joe Levner
Councilperson Mike Weiner
Councilperson Rebecca Pratt

STEVEN VEGLIANTE: I need a motion to open the Emergency Meeting.

MICHAEL WEINER: Motion.
REBECCA PRATT: Second.
STEVEN VEGLIANTE: All in favor.

STEVEN VEGLIANTE: Everyone please rise for the salute to the flag.
Supervisor Vegliante led the salute to the flag.

STEVEN VEGLIANTE: Thank you. Thanks for jumping on the call everyone, I’ll turn it over to Simmie, our Police Chief, he’ll explain why we’re having the call today and what the agreement’s about.

SIMMIE WILLIAMS: We had a combined Chief’s meeting: Orange County Chiefs, Sullivan County Chiefs, and we came up with a great idea. The fact that we do have limited resources when it comes to police officers, we decided that it would be a great idea if we were all deputized so we can work throughout the County if one department becomes low in man power. So, we did have agreement for investigations, but we felt we needed something more concrete when it becomes now, this virus, and just answering calls period.

STEVEN VEGLIANTE: Alright, so, everyone, you were sent a copy of the proposed agreement. Paula brought up some good points, I had one point I added so we now are going back and forth with just some little knits in the agreement, but what I’m looking for is a motion to authorize the Town of Fallsburg to enter into a Inter-Municipal Agreement with the County of Sullivan that would, in times of – when the Sheriff deems it necessary - would allow him to deputize our officers and allow them to perform their function outside of the Town of Fallsburg.

MICHAEL WEINER: Motion.
REBECCA PRATT: Second.
NATHAN STEINGART: Second.
STEVEN VEGLIANTE: All in favor.
MICHAEL WEINER: I.
REBECCA PRATT: I.
STEVEN VEGLIANTE: Okay, that’s all we have for the regular portion of the meeting, I would ask –
MICHAEL WEINER: Can I ask a question?
STEVEN VEGLIANTE: Sure.
MICHAEL WEINER: Are we going to have something similar, if needed, by Orange County?

SIMMIE WILLIAMS: No, I, no because now we’re going into a different County and when you look at the manpower that Orange County police, and the Sheriff’s department has – it’s a whole lot different. I don’t know the exact numbers but there’s 20-30 different Police Agencies in Orange County. We just have Liberty, Fallsburg, Monticello, Sheriff’s Department.

MICHAEL WEINER: Okay

STEVEN VEGLIANTE: Anyone else have any questions?

REBECCA PRATT: Yeah, so Simmie, it’s not all the Police Departments in Sullivan County, it’s just the ones mentioned?

SIMMIE WILLIAMS: Well, I’m sure that Liberty’s going to do the same thing, and Monticello’s going to do the same thing.

REBECCA PRATT: Okay.

STEVEN VEGLIANTE: I file these kinds of things under the, you know, you don’t quibble over the price of a hose you need if your house is on fire. In the event that a sheriff needs our help we shouldn’t not have the ability to do that when necessary.

PAULA KAY: Absolutely.

SIMMIE WILLIAMS: And we all secretly did agree that we’re not going to charge for any services if we have to do this. It’s all going to be; we take care of our own. If I have to send my guys to wherever, they’re still going to be working for me, but now they’re covered when they have to do their duties legally.

STEVEN VEGLIANTE: That is correct. Well, we’re talking about that with the Sheriff but either way we’re going to provide the help that’s necessary.

PAULA KAY: And having that language in here also helps, potentially, in the future, that the state is going to reimburse, perhaps, for some of this under the State of Emergency – at least we have something on paper that shows the flow.

SIMMIE WILLIAMS: Yes.

STEVEN VEGLIANTE: Alright, anybody have any other questions? Hey, look, if anyone else in the Facebook world, or on social media – here or anybody else that’s watching this: these are uncertain times, we’re all trying to do our best to manage situations that none of us ever contemplated. So, be kind to each other, be kind to yourselves, be safe, stay in your houses if you can. If you have any issues, especially in the town of Fallsburg,
Fallsburg Police Department is always there: 845-434-4422 and every Town office is still available to the public by phone call or email address. We will do our best to go back to business as usual as soon as we can but let’s all be safe and take care of each other. Thank you everyone, for joining tonight.

PAULA KAY: Thank you.

MICHAEL WEINER: Motion to close?
STEVEN VEGLIANTE: Yes.
NATHAN STEINGART: Second.
STEVEN VEGLIANTE: All in favor.
REBECCA PRATT: I.
NATHAN STEINGART: I.
STEVEN VEGLIANTE: Thank you all.