

**TOWN OF MONMOUTH**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes (Remote) – June 3, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Doug Ludewig – Chair, Timothy McDonald – Vice Chair, and Harold Jones and Dianna Boisvert – Board Members.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Cohen - Town Manager, Kevin Mulherin – Police Chief, David Shaw – CEO, Bruce Balfour – PW Director, Patricia Hasch – President of Recreation Commission, Lisa Hasch, and Doreen Christ – Recording Secretary.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call.** This remote meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Doug Ludewig – Chair. Linda Cohen did the Roll Call.

**2. Approval of Minutes for 05/20/2020.** The following motion was made.

**MOTION:** by *Dianna Boisvert, seconded by Harold Jones, to approve the Meeting Minutes for 05/20/2020, as written.*

**VOTED:** 4-0 (*Passed*).

**3. Department Reports.** Kevin Mulherin – Police Chief reported that the speed sign trailer is now out on North Main Street. This gets moved to a new location every two (2) weeks. He stated that July 11, 2020 is the cut-off date for vehicle registrations that have been held up, due to Covid-19. He also stated that people who have received fictitious unemployment letters in the mail need to report this to the Dept. of Labor. He said that that they can also contact the Police Dept., who will then make the complaint.

David Shaw – CEO said he will have his written report available for the next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting.

Linda Cohen provided the following update for Dan Roy – Fire Chief, as follows: Jason Mills has been promoted to Assistant Fire Chief and Lance Reny as Captain.

Linda Cohen said that there is an event scheduled for this Saturday, June 6, 2020 and she asked the organizer to change the wording as the Town Manager and Police Chief do not get involved in political events. She said she and the Chairman are not scheduling a meeting on July 1, 2020. She mentioned that the Transition Committee and Jim Grandahl will be turning the schools over to the Town on July 30, 2020. With that said, furniture and equipment will be left for the Town as to what to do with it. She said that once the School Dept. is out of there, she and Laurie Walker would like to go in and catalog what is there and forward that listing to the Reuse Committee and the Board of Selectmen. Timothy McDonald suggested that photos be taken of the desks and filing cabinets and that these be included with the cataloging. She also stated that the Town Hall will be closed on June 30, 2020 to close out fiscal year accounts. The second meeting in July 2020 will be a live meeting. She recommends a “Zoom” be held for the Public Hearing on June 17, 2020, to get more people to attend.

**4. Select Board Reports.** None.

**5. Public Comment.** Emily Dufour reported that there is a “*Peaceful Gathering*” scheduled for this Saturday, June 6, 2020 at the Town Hall at 10:00 am. This is not a protest. It is a peaceful moment of solidarity. She said residents can read and speak and there will be a prayer.

Sandra Schiller asked how many people have taken advantage of absentee ballot requests.

**6. Setting the Time for Opening the Polling Place on July 14, 2020.** Linda Cohen presented this item. She said that Title 21-A, Section 626 sets the closing time for all polling places to be at 8:00 pm, but it is up to the Town’s municipal officers to set the opening time for each election. She is requesting an 8:00 am opening time for the State Primary, Municipal, and School Budget Election to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at the Monmouth Academy Gymnasium. The following motion was made.

**MOTION:** by *Harold Jones, seconded by Timothy McDonald to open the polls at 8:00 am on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at the Monmouth Academy Gymnasium.*

**VOTED:** 4-0 (*Passed*).

**7. Swimming Lesson Rules for 2020.** Linda Cohen presented this item. At the May 20, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting, the Board voted to limit beach access to residents only for the 2020 swim season. Harold Jones had also suggested that the swim lessons be limited to Monmouth residents only and that this discussion be continued to this meeting. Swim lesson participation is a policy decision for this Board. Linda Cohen stated that a lot of municipalities are cancelling. Lisa Hasch stated that the parents are present for swim lessons, but parents do not swim. She said most parents

sit in their vehicles during this time. She feels it would be a disservice and detrimental to not allow out-of-town residents. Their safety protocol includes: small classes, there is minimal contact (the only contact is with toddlers), and they also offer private lessons. Their equipment will be placed in a sanitizing bin. Harold Jones asked what percentage of kids are from out-of-town? Lisa Hasch said 30-50 percent. There are 20 different families. Harold Jones said that he is not opposed to those who have previously participated in other years. He is opposed to new. He suggested limiting non-resident families to those who previously participated. The following motion was made.

**MOTION:** *by Harold Jones, seconded by Dianna Boisvert to allow non-residents who have previously participated in swimming lessons for the 2020 swim season.*

**VOTED:** *4-0 (Passed).*

After the above motion, Harold Jones stated that he has complete confidence for both Patricia and Lisa Hasch to run the program. Patricia Hasch will place on Facebook and the Community Advertiser regarding beach access to residents only. Patricia Hasch asked if dump passes could be used or any form of proof of residency that they are a Monmouth resident. They will be asking for identification.

Timothy McDonald mentioned gatherings limited to 50 and cleanliness. Lisa Hasch said that they can sanitize and wipe down railings, etc. every hour. The lifeguards will wear masks and gloves when needed. Distancing has been in place so far. Patricia Hasch asked about getting Buddy Floyd to clean before the swim season begins. Linda Cohen will have Buddy Floyd do this.

**Public Comment Continued.** Donna Seppy questioned the language and posts that were removed from "Facebook" regarding this Saturday's event. Emily Dufour removed the wording signifying Town Hall supporting the event and that neither Linda Cohen nor Kevin Mulherin (Town Officials) are promoting the event. Buffy Dumont stated that she was asked to remove the posts. She said she was asked by public officials to remove it. She is being harassed. She said Linda Cohen asked her to remove the post. At this point, Linda Cohen said that she asked to have the reference to herself and Kevin Mulherin removed, as they are not promoting the event.

**8. Warrant #25 - Payroll and Payables.** Linda Cohen read a listing of items over \$1,000. The following motion was made.

**MOTION:** *by Timothy McDonald, seconded by Harold Jones, to pay Warrant #25- Payroll \$57,631.92 and Payables - \$514,682.30.*

**VOTED:** *4-0 (Passed).*

**9. Adjourn.** The following motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** *by Timothy McDonald, seconded by Harold Jones, to adjourn the remote meeting at 6:54 pm.*

**VOTED:** *4-0 (Passed).*

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen M. Christ  
Recording Secretary - Town of Monmouth