TOWN OF MANHATTAN
Special Meeting
March 19, 2020
MINUTES

Mayor Glen Clements called the meeting to order in the Town Meeting Room, at 207 S. 6th St. at 5:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Callie Hamilton, Betsy Mancuso, Greg Schack and Dan Ryan. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Pam Humphrey. No members of the public were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None

RESOLUTION NO. 20-004 – EMERGENCY DECLARATION:
Motion- Mancuso; Second- Ryan; Vote- Unanimous: Motion passed to approve Resolution No. 20-004, a Municipal Declaration Resolution of Emergency.
The reason for the resolution is to ensure that the Town can receive emergency funding if emergency measure have to be taken. It also gives the Mayor some addition powers to make some decisions without Town Council approval/meetings. It allows the Town to follow the County Emergency Plan which lets Towns combine resources if needed.
Council discussed some of the groups and options that are already offering assistance for seniors or anyone that needs them in the community.
Councilwoman Mancuso stated for the record that the Town is doing its best to prepare for a crisis. She acknowledged that many businesses have incurred a huge financial hit. She wanted to assure the citizens that this governing body will not allow their Constitutional rights to be infringed upon.
Mayor Clements added that the Small Business Administration is offering assistance to businesses that are feeling the effects of the shut downs.

Mayor Clements would like to enact a Manhattan Disaster Emergency Service Committee. He appointed Councilperson Mancuso to help set up the committee and contact the Police and Fire Chief as well as the Senior Citizens center for volunteers. Councilman Schack offered to also be on the committee.

ADJOURN:
Motion- Ryan; Second- Mancuso; Vote-Unanimous: Motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

Glen Clements
Mayor

Pam Humphrey
Clerk/Treasurer