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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 17, 2020

474 BROADWAY

SARTOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866

PRESENT:

- Meg Kelly, Mayor
- Michele Madigan, Commissioner
- John Franck, Commissioner
- Skip Scirocco, Commissioner
- Robin Dalton, Commissioner



1           MAYOR KELLY: Good evening. Welcome  
2 to March 17th, 2020 city council meeting.  
3 I have a short special announcement here.  
4 As you may probably know, City Hall  
5 closed on March 13th at 5:30 p.m. until  
6 further notice after calling a state of  
7 emergency due to -- due to the  
8 coronavirus, AKA COVID-19.

9           The city council meetings will be  
10 held as usual. Throughout this time,  
11 meetings will be livestreamed and taped  
12 but are closed to the public. The public  
13 is free to submit comments by email  
14 relative to any agenda item. For  
15 information -- information is available  
16 on the city website. Updates have been  
17 released to the press. And the  
18 Commissioner of Public Safety will  
19 discuss local and status -- local status  
20 during her agenda.

21           So at this time, I'd like to move on  
22 to our public hearings. We have one  
23 public hearing tonight. And we will be  
24 keeping this public hearing open probably  
25 until we have the public in front of us.



1           That will be to -- no, is that not the  
2           case?

3           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry. I  
4           didn't know that.

5           MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

6           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We've got to  
7           votes on it.

8           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: I would  
9           hold it open.

10          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

11          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2:

12          (Indiscernible) public hearing.

13          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

14          MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

15          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Even though  
16          they -- okay. That's fine.

17          MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So we --

18          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That you can  
19          still read. Yeah.

20          MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Okay. So we  
21          will be holding that open at least --

22          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

23          MAYOR KELLY: -- until the next  
24          meeting.

25          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.



1           MAYOR KELLY: And we'll see where  
2 we're at at that point.

3           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Got you.

4           MAYOR KELLY: So that is the  
5 first -- the only public hearing on there  
6 is to amend -- amendments to the Chapter  
7 225 of the City Code, stop intersections  
8 and speed limits outside the district.  
9 And I'll turn it over to Commissioner  
10 Dalton.

11           COMMISSIONER DALTON: That is  
12 correct. I have a comment from former  
13 Commissioner of Public Safety, Chris  
14 Mathiesen, that I wanted to read into the  
15 record. So this is regarding the public  
16 hearing to Chapter -- to amend Chapter  
17 225 of the City Code speed limits outside  
18 district.

19           "I have read the city council  
20 agenda, and I would like to offer  
21 suggestions regarding speed limits and  
22 other factors regarding certain roadways  
23 in the City's outside district. My  
24 comments address roadways that are under  
25 control of New York State Department of



1           Transportation.

2           "I fully understand that the City  
3           can only make suggestions and requests to  
4           DOT regarding recommended changes to the  
5           state and federal highways in the outside  
6           district.

7           "Lake Avenue, fifty-five miles from  
8           Scotland Road, east of the city line.  
9           While in the City Zoning Board of Appeals  
10          between 2000 and 2006, I and other  
11          expressed concerns that fifty-  
12          five-mile-an-hour limits in the vicinity  
13          of Saratoga Independent School. We were  
14          assured that line-of-sight factors  
15          allowed for safe entry and exit from the  
16          school's campus at the existing fifty-  
17          five-mile-an-hour speed limit.

18          "Since then, I am aware of at least  
19          one serious incident that has occurred at  
20          the entrance to the school. Traffic on  
21          outer Lake Avenue has increased, as has  
22          traffic into and out of the SIS campus.  
23          I would suggest a speed reduction to  
24          forty-five miles an hour in this area.

25          "South Broadway, fifty-five miles an



1 hour from Crescent Avenue to the city  
2 line. Traffic on South Broadway has  
3 increased. So has the number of curb  
4 cuts for new businesses. Those motorists  
5 traveling south trying to make a left  
6 turn into Kaydeross Avenue West and  
7 P.J.'s BBQ face terrifying circumstances  
8 as they sit in the turn lane. There's a  
9 history of fatal accidents along this  
10 roadway, the latest taking place  
11 recently. I would suggest a speed  
12 reduction to forty-five miles an hour at  
13 least from Kaydeross Avenue West North  
14 into the city.

15 "Also, I would suggest extension of  
16 the vegetative median at Crescent Avenue  
17 South to Kaydeross Creek with  
18 intermittent U-turn access and barrier  
19 protected left-turn lanes. Such  
20 improvements would allow commercial use  
21 of this important city entryway to  
22 flourish.

23 "Church Street, forty-five miles an  
24 hour between West Avenue and Locust Grove  
25 Road. This speed limit may have worked



1 well years ago before the construction of  
2 the Adirondack Trust Company branch  
3 office, the establishment of Care Lane  
4 with its many medical offices, other  
5 businesses and its busy daycare center.

6 "Allen Drive, Sunnyside Gardens,  
7 Tompion Lane, Jaipur Lane, two large home  
8 of the Good Shepherd facilities, two  
9 large medical professional buildings, and  
10 the many subdivisions that now exist off  
11 Kirby Road and Buff Road.

12 "The forty-five-mile-an-hour limit  
13 does not work well now. It should be  
14 reduced to thirty-five miles an hour to  
15 Kirby Road and forty to Buff Road. Also,  
16 the two adjacent curb cuts at the  
17 Adirondack Trust parking lot and Care  
18 Lane should be combined to one side of  
19 Care Lane. There should be a traffic  
20 signal at Care Lane, operating in  
21 coordination with the signal at West  
22 Avenue.

23 "I have been told that the traffic  
24 signal in Care Lane cannot be installed  
25 because it is too close to the signal at



1 West Avenue. However, the signals on  
2 West Avenue at Grand Avenue and West  
3 Circular Street and the signals on  
4 Broadway at Spring Street and Washington  
5 Street are in much closer proximity.  
6 They all operate well.

7 "Washington Street, fifty-five miles  
8 an hour between Buff Road and city line.  
9 The use of this roadway has changed  
10 significantly since the days when the  
11 area was rural and mostly used for local  
12 traffic. Route 29 is now a major  
13 highway, shortcut for motorists,  
14 including commercial traffic, taking a  
15 direct east-west route from Northway Exit  
16 15, and all of Northern New England to  
17 the throughway entrance in Fonda (ph.).

18 "The intersection at Washington  
19 Street, Brook Road, to Slate Road, is  
20 extremely busy during many hours of the  
21 day due to the increased activity at the  
22 Cory (ph.) and the significantly  
23 increased use of Brook road and Slate  
24 Road. There are now many more businesses  
25 and residences on the far west side of





1 Saratoga Springs as well as in Milton,  
2 Greenfield Center, and Middle Grove.

3 "Visibility of this intersection is  
4 compromised. And the condition of the  
5 roadway and shoulders is poor. Motorists  
6 must come to a nearly complete stop in  
7 order to turn into Brook Road or Slate  
8 Road while dealing with high-speed  
9 traffic. There's a long history of  
10 accidents at this intersection.

11 "I would suggest extending the  
12 forty-five-mile-an-hour limit from Buff  
13 Road west to the city line. I would also  
14 suggest that DOT again consider placing a  
15 traffic signal at the Brook Road/Slate  
16 Road/Washington Street/Route 29  
17 intersection.

18 "In 2017 they agreed with a need for  
19 at least a flashing caution light at this  
20 location which has yet to -- which has  
21 not been installed. Reducing speed  
22 limits to more reasonable levels in the  
23 City's outside district can help reduce a  
24 number of traffic accidents and, more  
25 importantly, lessen the seriousness of



1 injuries suffered by occupants of  
2 vehicles involved in the accidents that  
3 do occur.

4 "Chris Mathiesen, 28 Friar Tuck  
5 Way."

6 So thank you to Commissioner  
7 Mathiesen for his detailed comments. I  
8 very much appreciate it. And at this  
9 time, I do not believe we have anything  
10 else for the --

11 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So we'll keep  
12 this open. And from there we'll move on  
13 to our meeting. Roll call.

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: If you don't  
15 mind, I just wanted to weigh in.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Sure.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: When  
18 Commissioner Mathiesen was here, he often  
19 updated us on his interactions with DOT  
20 and basically everything he just outlined  
21 in the comment that you just read. And I  
22 think he has a very good grasp and handle  
23 on these things. So I really appreciate  
24 that he sent that in to us.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Me too.



1           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I read it.  
2           And it was good to hear you reread it.  
3           And hopefully we can take it and do  
4           something with it and, you know, talk to  
5           DOT about all of the development that's  
6           happening in these key point areas that  
7           he, you know, wrote about. So --

8           COMMISSIONER DALTON: I completely  
9           agree. And we have such a fantastic  
10          traffic department. And they were the  
11          ones that actually brought these speed  
12          limit issues to my attention. And so I'm  
13          going to continue working with them. And  
14          they have these comments. And we will  
15          definitely keep moving forward on these  
16          issues.

17          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

18          MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Any other  
19          comments? I guess not. Okay. Then  
20          we'll keep that. And I'll move on.

21          We're opening up the meeting. Roll  
22          call, please?

23          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioner  
24          Madigan?

25          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Present.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioner  
2 Dalton?

3 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Present.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mayor Kelly?

5 MAYOR KELLY: Here.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Supervisor  
7 Veitch.

8 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Here.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Supervisor  
10 Gaston.

11 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Here.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Please rise for the  
13 pledge of allegiance.

14 (Pledge of allegiance)

15 MAYOR KELLY: There will be no  
16 public comment period at this time.

17 We did receive numerous emails for  
18 the public record, and they will be added  
19 to the record. I've received probably  
20 over sixty or close to seventy emails  
21 related to the eastern -- Eastside fire  
22 station and EMS facility. So they will  
23 be added to tonight's record.

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I just wanted  
25 to add that I also have received about



1 the same amount.

2 MAYOR KELLY: So with that, we will  
3 send them all to Lisa Ribis, and she'll  
4 add them. So any email --

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Excellent.

6 MAYOR KELLY: -- just forward it to  
7 Lisa.

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Excellent.

9 MAYOR KELLY: And she'll add it to  
10 the record. That's with anybody. All  
11 right?

12 And then so we have no presentations  
13 tonight.

14 We have one executive session that  
15 we're going to move into right now,  
16 matters regarding employment.

17 So I move that the city council go  
18 into executive session to discuss  
19 discussions, matters regarding  
20 employment. This is a motion. Is there  
21 a second?

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
24 those in favor say aye.

25 IN UNISON: Aye.



1           MAYOR KELLY: Any oppose,  
2           abstentions? The matter passes. We are  
3           now in session. I'd ask everybody to  
4           leave the room.

5           (Recess)

6           MAYOR KELLY: We have returned from  
7           our executive session. We discussed the  
8           outstanding matters. And there will be  
9           an item on finance department, item  
10          number 3, that we will be voting on  
11          tonight.

12          Moving on to the consent agenda, I  
13          move that the city council approve the  
14          consent agenda as described with the  
15          agenda. This is a motion. Is there a  
16          second?

17          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

18          MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

19          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes. Usually  
20          once we sign the -- we approve the  
21          consent agenda, we give it to  
22          Commissioner Franck for his approval.  
23          So --

24          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

25          (Indiscernible).



1           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay, thank  
2           you. I wanted to know if there was  
3           somebody here from the office that would  
4           bring it to him for approval.

5           MAYOR KELLY: So Lisa Ribis will  
6           deliver that to --

7           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes.

8           MAYOR KELLY: -- Commissioner  
9           Franck.

10          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Excellent.

11          MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

12          All those in favor say aye.

13          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

14          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

15          MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The  
16          matter passes.

17          On to the mayor's department.

18          My first item is discussion,  
19          announcement, 2020 census self-reporting  
20          reminder. On March 12th, the U.S. Census  
21          Bureau began mailing out invitations to  
22          citizens to participate in the 2020  
23          census. By April 1, 2020, every home  
24          will receive an invitation to participate  
25          in the 2020 census. You have three



1 options for responding: online, by  
2 phone, or by email.

3 The results of this once-in-a-decade  
4 count determine the number of seats each  
5 state has in the House of  
6 Representatives. They are also used to  
7 draw congressional and state legislative  
8 districts.

9 Over the next decade, law makers,  
10 business owners, and many others will use  
11 2020 census data to make critical  
12 decisions. The results will show where  
13 communities need new schools, new  
14 clinics, new roads, and more services for  
15 families, older adults, and children.  
16 The results will also inform how hundreds  
17 of billions of dollars in the federal  
18 funding are allocated to more than a  
19 hundred programs, including Medicaid,  
20 head start, block grants for community,  
21 mental health service, and supplemental  
22 nutrition assistance program known as  
23 SNAP.

24 Please help Saratoga Springs receive  
25 the services and funds it needs and





1 deserves to complete the 2020 census.  
2 For more information, please complete  
3 the -- or to complete the census, please  
4 visit 2020census.gov.

5 Due to the extraordinary  
6 circumstances caused by the coronavirus,  
7 I am pulling the following three items,  
8 items number 2, 3 and 4, from the agenda.  
9 The following three items are all related  
10 to the Community Develop Citizens  
11 Advisory Committee which will outline the  
12 City's community development priorities  
13 over the next five years. Because of  
14 HUD's new deadline extensions, these  
15 items all will be revisited at a later  
16 date when the situation caused by the  
17 coronavirus becomes clearer.

18 My fifth item is an appointment open  
19 space advisory committee. I am  
20 appointing Jen Hunt-Dempsey to the open  
21 space advisory committee. Jen has been  
22 in the -- city resident for twenty years.  
23 She has served nine years on the board of  
24 directors of Saratoga Plan and is a  
25 current board member of Wilton Wildlife



1 Reserve and Park and is an avid user of  
2 parks, trails, and open spaces in and  
3 around the city. Her term will run for  
4 five years, from 3/17/2020 to 12/31/2024.

5 My sixth item is discussion and  
6 vote, 2020-2021 housing authority  
7 salaries. Pursuant to New York State  
8 public law, housing law, Article 3,  
9 Section 32, the City is required to  
10 approve the SSHA employee compensation.  
11 Saratoga Springs Housing Authority has  
12 provided us with the 2020-2021 salaries  
13 for approval. For salaries covered by  
14 the union contract, the City has  
15 maintained that there are -- that all  
16 parties were represented by competent and  
17 informed legal counsel. And it is  
18 appropriate to conclude that fair and  
19 reasonable salaries were effectively  
20 negotiated. All but one of the salaries  
21 in the 2020-2021 budget are covered by  
22 Civil Service Employee Association  
23 contract.

24 For salaries that are not covered by  
25 the union contract, the SSHA has



1 historically provided comparative  
2 compensations data sufficiently support  
3 the compensation provided. These  
4 salaries include one part time clerk and  
5 one executive director.

6 I move that the city council approve  
7 the 2020-2021 Saratoga Springs Housing  
8 Authority salaries as included with this  
9 agenda. This is a motion. Is there a  
10 second?

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
14 those in favor say aye.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

17 MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.

18 My next item is discussion and vote,  
19 application for 2019 municipal zero  
20 emission vehicle, clean vehicle rebate  
21 program.

22 And the New York State Department of  
23 Environmental Conservation, DEC, has  
24 rebates to municipalities for purchases  
25 of batteries -- of battery electric plug-



1 in hybrid and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles  
2 for the municipal fleet use. Rebates of  
3 5,000 per vehicle will be used towards  
4 the cost of an eligible clean vehicle and  
5 an all-battery electric range of greater  
6 than fifty miles.

7 On December 31, 2019, the City of  
8 Saratoga Springs purchased two Chevy  
9 Bolts. These two vehicles each qualify  
10 for the 5,000-dollar grant, for a total  
11 reimbursement to the city of 10,000.  
12 There is no match to this.

13 I move that the city council approve  
14 the submission of the application for the  
15 2019 municipal zero-emission vehicle --  
16 clean vehicle rebate program as included  
17 with the agenda. This is a motion. Is  
18 there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I just think  
22 in the future we need to keep thinking  
23 about adding more charging stations  
24 throughout the city.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.



1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. I think that  
3 you will start to see those come through.  
4 And I think as we change our fleet, we  
5 change over.

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Okay.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. So all those in  
8 favor say aye.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The  
12 matter passes.

13 My next item is discussion and vote,  
14 authorization for the mayor to sign  
15 Saratoga County economic fund grant  
16 application.

17 Saratoga County Economic Development  
18 Committee is sponsoring an economic  
19 development fund application. The City  
20 would like to apply for a 7,400-dollar  
21 grant based on the county's recommended  
22 maximum to support the CDBG fund economic  
23 development loans under the City's  
24 current economic development loan  
25 program.



1           For every 25,000-dollar loan through  
2           the City loan program, one fulltime  
3           position is created for a job SEQRA  
4           filled and retained for a period of at  
5           least three years.

6           I move that the city council  
7           authorize the mayor to sign Saratoga  
8           County economic fund grant application as  
9           included with this agenda. This is a  
10          motion. Is there a second?

11          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

12          MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
13          those in favor say aye.

14          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

15          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

16          MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.

17          Ninth item is discussion and vote,  
18          authorization for the mayor to sign  
19          memorandum of agreement, MOA, between  
20          city, firefighter's union, and the fire  
21          administrative officer's union.

22          And I'll ask Vince DeLeonardis, our  
23          City Attorney, to give us a brief.

24          MR. DELEONARDIS: Thank you, Mayor.

25          This is a -- an agreement that would



1 allow the donation of sick time from some  
2 fifteen members of both the firefighters'  
3 union and the fire administrative  
4 officers' union to a particular employee  
5 who is in need of such donation, given  
6 certain circumstances occurring in that  
7 individual's life.

8 The contracts that we have with both  
9 the firefighters and the fire  
10 administrative officer's unit does not  
11 expressly provide for donation of sick  
12 time, nor does it contain a sick bank.  
13 So we are facilitating this through a  
14 memorandum of agreement also with the  
15 understanding that in the future we do  
16 intend to develop with those unions a  
17 sick bank similar to what we have in  
18 other units.

19 I want to just point out also that  
20 the individual employees making the  
21 donation and the individual employee  
22 receiving the donation as identified in  
23 the MOA by way of employee number, not  
24 specifically by name, the donation of  
25 time is 480 hours. It's a significant



1 amount of time, but it should be noted  
2 that there are provisions in there that  
3 if that sick time is not utilized by the  
4 end of December of this year, it will be  
5 forfeited. It cannot be accumulated  
6 toward that employee's sick bank time.  
7 And it cannot be used for cash payment.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

9 Any questions? All those in favor  
10 say aye.

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The  
14 matter passes.

15 Did I not make a motion?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't think  
17 so.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Okay, sorry about  
19 that.

20 I move that the city council  
21 authorize the mayor to sign memorandum of  
22 agreement, MOA, between the City,  
23 firefighters' union, and the fire  
24 administrative officers' union as  
25 described with this agenda. This is a





1 motion. Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

3 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? Thank  
5 you. All those in favor say aye.

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

8 MAYOR KELLY: And the matter passes.

9 My next item is discussion and vote,  
10 SEQRA lead agent for easement agreement  
11 between New York State Franchise Board  
12 and the City of Saratoga Springs.

13 The City of Saratoga Springs  
14 continues to move forward with securing  
15 an easement agreement with New York's --  
16 with the State of New York, acting by and  
17 through the franchise oversight board.  
18 The easement will allow the City  
19 exclusive and perpetual use over 2.36  
20 acres along Henning Road for the eventual  
21 development of the fire and EMS facility.  
22 There are currently no specific site or  
23 design details for the facility, and the  
24 City recently retained a -- the firm of  
25 Hueber-Breuer to assist with needs



1 analysis and feasibility study so that we  
2 can appropriately determine the scope of  
3 this important future project.

4 At this time, we expect that the  
5 discussion and vote on SEQRA, the  
6 easement agreement, and the escrow  
7 agreement on the agenda for the next city  
8 council meeting that will be held on  
9 April 7th. It is currently unknown  
10 whether the meeting will allow for public  
11 attendance; however, the public is  
12 encouraged to submit any and all comments  
13 in written form. And they will duly be  
14 considered and made part of the record.

15 I move that the city council seeks  
16 lead agent status for coordinated SEQRA  
17 review for the easement agreement between  
18 New York State, acting by and through the  
19 franchise oversight board and the City of  
20 Saratoga Springs as described with this  
21 agenda. This is a motion. Is there a  
22 second?

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I just want to



1 say that over the next two weeks, I'm  
2 looking forward to helping the public  
3 understand a little bit what this  
4 easement agreement is because it is an  
5 unusual term. And I think people need to  
6 know exactly what this step means. And I  
7 have received a tremendous amount of  
8 emails supporting this decision. I think  
9 I've probably gotten maybe one or two who  
10 weren't in support, but I want to make  
11 sure they're clear on what's happening.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Right. And this is  
13 just for the land.

14 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Exactly.

15 MAYOR KELLY: This is not the  
16 building.

17 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Exactly.

18 MAYOR KELLY: The building has its  
19 own -- you want to talk about that,  
20 Vince? We'll have Vince clarify the  
21 process.

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: That -- I  
23 think that would be great.

24 MR. DELEONARDIS: Sure. So the step  
25 that you're taking tonight is to SEQRA



1 lead agency for SEQRA review. The review  
2 will be related solely to the easement  
3 itself because, as the mayor indicated,  
4 we have only recently retained the form  
5 of Hueber-Breuer to provide a needs  
6 analysis and feasibility study to help us  
7 move forward to figure out what will be  
8 developed with regard to the firehouse  
9 and EMS facility itself.

10 We, at this time, would be in the  
11 position of having to speculate with  
12 regard to the SEQRA analysis as to the  
13 size, the number of stories, the  
14 apparatus that will be used there, the  
15 number of bays, the location on the site.  
16 Site and design details at this point are  
17 currently unknown. So the SEQRA review  
18 will be moving forward solely with regard  
19 to the easement itself. We plan on doing  
20 that at the next council meeting.

21 But with regard to the easement was  
22 contained -- and just to give a brief  
23 overview, I know you plan on discussing  
24 that over the next couple of weeks as you  
25 indicated, but the easement is going to



1 be exclusive. It's going to be  
2 perpetual. And it's going to be for the  
3 purpose of enabling the system to build  
4 and develop a fire and EMS facility. And  
5 it will be conditioned on that use. The  
6 city will have a period of time, I  
7 believe the agreement provides up to four  
8 years initially to develop that facility.  
9 And it has to continue that without any  
10 break for any period of greater than two  
11 years. And so long as we meet those  
12 conditions, the State will provide us  
13 with that property at no cost.

14 So those are the general terms of  
15 it. But the specifics, I don't know if  
16 you have any other questions regarding  
17 it.

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: No. I was  
19 just -- I was going to say that when  
20 people have asked me about it, I  
21 basically said that this step of this  
22 easement agreement is essentially us  
23 confirming that we officially have the  
24 opportunity to do something on this site.  
25 And that's it.



1 MR. DELEONARDIS: Yes.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Well, we only have the  
3 ability to build an EMS fighter facility.

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: An EMS, I'm  
5 sorry. I shouldn't have said something.  
6 Yes, specifically.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Yes. Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: The --

9 MAYOR KELLY: It's just for that.

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Just for that.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Yep, um-hum.

12 MR. DELEONARDIS: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So what is  
14 the next step? So now we're going to  
15 declare ourselves lead agent.

16 MR. DELEONARDIS: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: What will  
18 happen at the next city council meeting?

19 MR. DELEONARDIS: We will provide  
20 notice of that to the state, acting, as  
21 the mayor indicated, by and through the  
22 Franchise Oversight Board. They will  
23 defer presumably lead agency. That  
24 enables us to then conduct our SEQRA  
25 review which we will do prior to the



1 council ultimately voting on the easement  
2 agreement.

3 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.

4 MR. DELEONARDIS: And we also  
5 anticipate having an escrow agreement.  
6 So when we do through our consultant  
7 Hueber-Breuer develop plans for the fire  
8 and EMS facility and move toward actual  
9 construction of that, OGS oversees the  
10 code compliance and the construction very  
11 similar to how our building department  
12 and building inspector would oversee  
13 projects within the city and outside of  
14 state-owned land.

15 So in order for them to provide  
16 those services to a non-state entity,  
17 they have to be reimbursed for the actual  
18 costs incurred by that entity. So the  
19 escrow agreement will require that we  
20 place in an escrow account an amount of  
21 75,000 dollars. That is to be used for  
22 those expenses. They have to show  
23 invoices and receipts. There are set  
24 hourly wages for individuals who will be  
25 providing review and oversight. So the



1 costs are actual costs. And any amount  
2 not used through the duration of the  
3 project will, of course, be reimbursed.  
4 But those three items will be on the  
5 agenda for April 7th.

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: And I believe  
7 the easement agreement is on our website.

8 MR. DELEONARDIS: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER DALTON: So --

10 MR. DELEONARDIS: The easement  
11 agreement and the escrow agreement have  
12 both been uploaded.

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: So if anyone  
14 wants to read them through, they're  
15 available on our website.

16 MR. DELEONARDIS: That's correct.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That's great.  
18 Thank you.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you  
21 very much.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any other questions?

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: No.

24 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say  
25 aye.





1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

3 MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.

4 Thank you. That concludes the major's  
5 agenda.

6 On to accounts, Commissioner Franck  
7 is not in attendance. So he has two  
8 items on his agenda.

9 The first item is an award of bid,  
10 CNA Environmental, LLC. Upon  
11 recommendation of the Department of  
12 Public Works, I move to award the bid for  
13 laboratory services to CNA Environmental,  
14 LLC for the amount not to exceed 23,106  
15 dollars. This is a motion. Is there a  
16 second?

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
20 those in favor say aye.

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Matter passes.

24 The next item is discussion and  
25 vote, resolution for electronic vouchers.



1           Our purchasing policy and procedure  
2           manual allows for processing of original  
3           paper vouchers. Should the need arise,  
4           we need to implement the processing of  
5           electronic vouchers. This resolution  
6           allows for that.

7           I move that the city council approve  
8           the resolution for electronic vouchers as  
9           described -- as distributed with this  
10          agenda. This is a motion. Is there a  
11          second?

12          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

13          MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
14          those in favor say aye.

15          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

16          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

17          MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.

18          The third item is being pulled from  
19          Commissioner Franck's agenda. So that  
20          concludes his agenda.

21          And we'll move right into accounts.

22          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: The first  
23          item on my agenda -- here, let me just  
24          pop back over to the agenda here because  
25          I don't know where it went.



1           MAYOR KELLY: I have one. Do you  
2 want one?

3           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, I do,  
4 actually. Sometimes it's just better to  
5 use the hard copy.

6           Okay. The first item on my agenda  
7 is an update on community choice  
8 aggregation. I thought about waiving  
9 this, but we're probably going to be in a  
10 similar situation two weeks from now. So  
11 might as well just get through the update  
12 on what's transpired with CCA.

13           The primary purpose of community  
14 choice aggregation is to get better  
15 energy supply pricing. As with most  
16 things, bulk purchase prices are usually  
17 less expensive than non-bulk or  
18 individual pricing.

19           The CCA group the city is  
20 participating in -- with now is comprised  
21 of thirteen capital region areas,  
22 including Albany, Schenectady, Troy,  
23 Glens Falls, Guilderland, and Watervliet,  
24 totaling 90,000 residents. This first  
25 group of CCA only needs 40,000 residents.



1 And we're at a point where we have double  
2 that.

3 In addition to better pricing,  
4 joining a CCA is also a way to help  
5 stabilize prices and provide access to  
6 renewable energy options. Again, this is  
7 for residents.

8 A fourth benefit is the CCA -- is  
9 that it provides protection from  
10 predatory practices of many energy supply  
11 companies, baiting you with lower prices  
12 for a certain time period but then  
13 suddenly switching to much higher ones.  
14 This is known to happen pretty regularly  
15 in the market to people, and in  
16 particular seniors.

17 For these reasons, thirteen local  
18 communities are banding together with the  
19 help of Municipal, Electric, and Gas  
20 Alliance, or MEGA. Saratoga started  
21 exploring community choice aggregation  
22 three years ago. We were the first  
23 community in our region to start  
24 exploring CCA. Now we are in step 5 of a  
25 very long process, the step in which MEGA



1 begins the ardent process of going out to  
2 bid and choosing a recommended energy  
3 supplier.

4           Once they have their recommendation,  
5 municipalities will each need to make a  
6 decision based on their constituents and  
7 energy supplier goals. Choosing the  
8 absolute cheapest price is one goal. The  
9 100 percent renewable or something in  
10 between is another goal, although it  
11 should be said that even the 100 percent  
12 renewable should be and could be less  
13 expensive than what residents are paying  
14 right now. All prices will be dependent  
15 on the market at the time they go out to  
16 bid.

17           There will be another round of  
18 community outreach events and materials,  
19 or so we hope at some time in the near  
20 future, but not before June. Please note  
21 if you are getting energy supply  
22 solicitations, and many people are  
23 starting to get a lot of energy supply  
24 solicitations -- and I think it is as a  
25 result of CCA and all of the education



1           that's been taking part in our larger  
2           region -- it is not our city's MEGA CCA  
3           program because we have been getting  
4           phone calls about that at the office.

5                     MEGA is in partnership with National  
6           Grid. National Grid is still the local  
7           distributor of your electricity.  
8           Thirteen communities are banding together  
9           for better pricing for this supplier of  
10          energy. Again, you will be hearing much  
11          more specific pricing information in  
12          about two months, really the council,  
13          from now and not before.

14                    I understand that the opt-out period  
15          was to take place in August or into  
16          September. I have asked MEGA, and I know  
17          this is a concern for the council, that  
18          we do not make that our opt-out time,  
19          that we need to either go into late  
20          October into the whole month of September  
21          or something beyond that.

22                    MAYOR KELLY: Right.

23                    COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So I will  
24          keep you posted.

25                    MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.



1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thanks.

4 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item number 2  
5 is a discussion and vote, 2019 county  
6 distribution recommendation revisions.

7 Last year Saratoga County received  
8 money from a settlement and distributed  
9 it to various municipalities throughout  
10 the county. On June 18th, 2019, the  
11 council approved the City's portion of  
12 this money be spent on the purchase of  
13 two electric vehicles, one for the  
14 building department and one for the  
15 Department of Public Safety.

16 Specifically, the building  
17 department was to retire a 2005 Ford  
18 Taurus, and the Department of Public  
19 Safety was to retire a 2007 Chevy Impala.  
20 Instead, the Department of Public  
21 Safety -- instead of them retiring that  
22 aforementioned car, the Department of  
23 Public Works has offered to retire one of  
24 their cars, an additional car, a 2007  
25 Jeep Patriot.



1           Therefore, I'm asking council to  
2           approve the revision of my original  
3           recommendation in order for the electric  
4           vehicle that initially went to the  
5           Department of Public Safety now go to the  
6           Department of Public Works.

7           I move that the city council approve  
8           the revised 2019 county distribution  
9           recommendation to have DPW replace their  
10          2007 Jeep Patriot with a more energy  
11          efficient electric vehicle instead of DPS  
12          as described in the memo included with  
13          the agenda. This is a motion.

14          MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?  
15          Second.

16          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

17          MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

18          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah. I just  
19          wanted to quickly point out that one of  
20          the reasons this is happening was because  
21          this car in particular we couldn't  
22          retrofit to work for the police  
23          department needs. And so I just wanted  
24          to clarify.

25          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes. And I





1 appreciate that. We understand that.

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So it's found  
4 a new home.

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Which we're  
6 delighted about that it has a new home.

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes. And to  
8 your point earlier, it is my goal to work  
9 with the departments as we retire certain  
10 vehicles within the fleet, whether it's  
11 Department of Public Safety, Department  
12 of Public Works, that we see what we can  
13 do about adding more electric vehicles  
14 and also additional electric vehicle  
15 charging stations.

16 And this item actually pertains back  
17 to the mayor's item where we are now  
18 going to submit for a rebate on both of  
19 these two vehicles. So it's kind of a  
20 win-win all around, two electric vehicles  
21 and 10,000 dollars in rebates.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum. Great.

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: So thank you.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.



1           MAYOR KELLY: All right. Those in  
2 favor say aye.

3           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

4           COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

5           MAYOR KELLY: Matter passes.

6           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

7           Item number 3 is a discussion and  
8 vote, new position duty statement and  
9 salary.

10           The City of Saratoga Springs, like  
11 the world over, is experiencing uncharted  
12 territory regarding health, safety, and  
13 welfare of its residents. Our efforts to  
14 protect our citizens and visitors are  
15 dependent on our ability to manage the  
16 economic impacts of the current and  
17 rapidly changing situation.

18           It is clear that financial  
19 challenges need to be worked through,  
20 utilizing the utmost expertise as well as  
21 resourceful innovation. While it may be  
22 difficult to contemplate an expenditure  
23 at this time, it is important to consider  
24 investing in our future for the safety  
25 and survival of our city.



1           The candidate for this position is a  
2           seasoned employee who is steeped in the  
3           knowledge and experience about our city's  
4           budget. She has been with the City for  
5           almost fifteen years, working with all  
6           city departments throughout several  
7           administrations, all very bipartisan, as  
8           well as a variety of historical  
9           circumstances and milestones. The city  
10          has felt the absence -- I should state  
11          that this is the creation of a budget  
12          director, by the way, for the city of  
13          Saratoga Springs.

14          The city has felt the absence of a  
15          budget director since the current charter  
16          was established in 2002. And this has  
17          been described as an oversight by the  
18          2001 charter committee.

19          Given the urgent and immediate need  
20          for budget guidance and proficiency, the  
21          availability of one of the best possible  
22          candidates for the job and the importance  
23          of the issue at stake, I believe that  
24          making this investment now could make a  
25          profound difference in the financial



1 health of the city now and for years to  
2 come.

3           Specifics about this position, the  
4 title is budget director. This will be a  
5 non-union fulltime position governed by  
6 the resolution for nonunion fulltime  
7 employees. The salary will be the same  
8 as the annual deputy salary of 77,680  
9 dollars. And under the resolution, there  
10 is no eligibility for overtime. The  
11 effective start date will be April 1,  
12 2020.

13           So I am asking the council for this  
14 support tonight because I believe we need  
15 a qualified -- strongly qualified  
16 financial team in place to weather what  
17 is coming, what is here right now as a  
18 result of the COVID-19 virus. We are all  
19 very focused on the public health, and  
20 that's great.

21           And I feel very confident in the  
22 mayor's abilities and Commissioner  
23 Dalton's abilities to help us weather  
24 through the public health and the public  
25 safety of this situation we are in. But



1           let's face it, we have -- we have  
2           economic uncertainty. And we are not  
3           unique. We are not unique. Every city,  
4           town, village, state, country is going to  
5           go through this.

6                         And I understand that this is not an  
7           opportune time to bring forward a new  
8           hire and fund it. But I am also telling  
9           you that we have someone who works for  
10          the city who has, you know, almost two  
11          decades' worth of knowledge about our  
12          financial situation. And I feel very  
13          strongly that we need this person on our  
14          financial team going forward.

15                        So with that, I move that the city  
16          council approve new position duty  
17          statement for budget director as included  
18          with the agenda at an annual salary of  
19          77,680 dollars and with an effective  
20          start date of April 1, 2020. This is a  
21          motion.

22                        MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

23                        Second.

24                        Any discussion? I'd just like to  
25          say a couple things. One is that, you



1 know, since I've been at the City, I've  
2 really thought that the City needed a  
3 budget director. I've said it from day  
4 one when I came in. And I think that  
5 it's critical that with two-year terms to  
6 have a deputy of finance doing the budget  
7 and then they leave and there's no  
8 continuation there, I think that that's a  
9 very, very difficult thing for anybody to  
10 walk into. So that is the one piece.

11 And the other piece is that we have  
12 VLT. We have NYRA admission. We have  
13 the COVID-19. We have bed tax. We have  
14 sales tax. We are taking some huge, huge  
15 hits here as a city. And we need to have  
16 the institutional knowledge and the  
17 budget knowledge on how to do this.

18 So I am in support of this, and I  
19 thank you for bringing it.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,  
21 Mayor.

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I echo the  
23 sentiments of the mayor. I feel exactly  
24 the same way. I don't need to repeat the  
25 details of what you just said, but I feel



1 exactly the same way.

2 But Commissioner Madigan and I also  
3 had a discussion today because I do think  
4 it's important in these uncertain  
5 financial times that if we're taking on a  
6 new position, that we look at the City  
7 and see if there's any other cuts we can  
8 make to perhaps make this budget-neutral.  
9 I know that would make me feel very  
10 comfortable and would be fantastic if  
11 possible.

12 But either way, I think this  
13 position is very needed. And I'm happy  
14 we're able to do it.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. I think at this  
16 time, I'd be a little bit cautious on  
17 that just because everybody is fearful,  
18 you know? So I have great faith in the  
19 commissioner of finance to figure this  
20 out. And, you know, I think that we're  
21 all on the same page here. And, you  
22 know, so let's take a vote.

23 All those --

24 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I want to say  
25 that I hear you both.



1           MAYOR KELLY: Sure. Um-hum.

2           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And we are  
3 going into difficult times. Relying on a  
4 politically appointed deputy to perform  
5 budget year in and year out, which I  
6 believe requires institutional knowledge  
7 and stability from year to year, really  
8 is not any longer sustainable here in  
9 2020.

10           As I said, we are basically going to  
11 go back into budget. There's no way  
12 around it. The charter calls for it.  
13 The charter calls on the commissioner of  
14 finance to come forward with a plan when  
15 revenues are not going to meet the  
16 planned expenses.

17           So I do hear you both. My main  
18 priority is, you know, our employees in  
19 the city and the public safety, of  
20 course, of the city. And so I thank you  
21 both because I do truly believe that with  
22 this position, we are going to have --  
23 we're going to come through this well.  
24 That's my goal. We are going to come  
25 through this well as a city. We have





1 this. So, again, I thank you very much.

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I have full  
3 faith in your team.

4 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.  
5 Thank you.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. All those in  
7 favor say aye.

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

10 MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you  
12 very much, council.

13 So I'm now going to ask council if I  
14 can add an item to my agenda. So is that  
15 okay? Because I have an item that --

16 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. Fine by me.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- pertains  
18 to this.

19 Okay. So I move that the city  
20 council approve the addition of an item  
21 to my agenda entitled discussion and  
22 vote, revised resolution for nonunion  
23 fulltime employees. I guess that's a  
24 motion.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?



1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
3 those in favor say aye.

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. And the matter  
6 passes.

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. So the  
8 item is discussion and vote, revised  
9 resolution for nonunion fulltime  
10 employees.

11 Attached -- not attached with the  
12 agenda, but I distributed to the city  
13 council and emailed twice today is the  
14 resolution for nonunion fulltime  
15 employees. And in it I changed -- made a  
16 change to include the budget director as  
17 described previously in my last agenda  
18 item. And it also establishes the salary  
19 and how this position will be governed  
20 going forward.

21 So with that, I move that the city  
22 council approve the revised resolution  
23 for nonunion fulltime employees as  
24 circulated today via email. And also, I  
25 can submit this to the secretary with



1           this meeting and distributed it to the  
2           city council. This is a motion.

3           MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

4           COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

5           MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
6           those in favor say aye.

7           COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

8           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

9           MAYOR KELLY: And the matter passes.

10          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

11          Item number 4 is a discussion and  
12          vote, budget transfer contingency, lines  
13          1 through 3, transfer funds from  
14          contingency to mayor's office, payroll,  
15          and social security lines to allow for  
16          the transition and information transfer.

17          Lines 4 through 6, transfer funds  
18          from contingency to the finance office  
19          payroll line and social security lines  
20          for the new title budget director. The  
21          contingency expense line currently has a  
22          balance of \$203,170.39. And following  
23          this approval of these transfers totaling  
24          70,025 dollars, there will be \$136,970.39  
25          available.



1           I move that the city council approve  
2           the budget transfer contingency as  
3           included with the agenda. This is a  
4           motion.

5           MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

6           COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

7           MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

8           All those in favor say aye.

9           IN UNISON: Aye.

10          MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.

11          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

12          MAYOR KELLY: Item number 5 is a  
13          discussion and vote, budget amendment,  
14          use of assigned fund balance.

15          At the last city council meeting, we  
16          approved an Article 7 settlement. This  
17          settlement requires prior year taxes to  
18          be refunded for \$23,271.62. This  
19          amendment to use the assignment for the  
20          refund of prior year taxes to make the  
21          payment.

22          The balance prior to approval in  
23          this assignment is \$194,858.50. And  
24          following approval, it will be  
25          \$171,586.88. I move that the city



1 council approve the budget amendment use  
2 of assigned fund balance as included with  
3 the agenda. This is a motion.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: second.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
7 those in favor say aye.

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

10 MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

12 Item number 6 is a discussion and  
13 vote, budget amendment payroll.

14 Lines 1 through 2 are to cover a  
15 reimbursement for DPW labor costs during  
16 first night. I move that the city  
17 council approve budget amendment payroll  
18 as included with the agenda. This is a  
19 motion.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
23 in favor say aye.

24 IN UNISON: Aye.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Matter passes.



1           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item number 7  
2           is a discussion and vote, budget  
3           transfers payroll.

4           Lines 1 through 2 are to cover sick  
5           leave buyout in the water fund. I move  
6           that the city council approve budget  
7           transfers payroll as included with the  
8           agenda. This is a motion.

9           MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

10          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

11          MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
12          those in favor say aye.

13          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

14          MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

15          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

16          MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.

17          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,  
18          Mayor, and thank you, Commissioner  
19          Dalton. That completes my agenda.

20          MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. On to  
21          public works, and that's me again.

22          So I'm going to Commissioner  
23          Scirocco's agenda. Okay. So David is  
24          going to keep tabs on me, right? Okay.

25          So the first item is an



1 announcement, restrict public access to  
2 the water treatment plant.

3 Due to the overabundance of caution,  
4 Commissioner Scirocco has directed the  
5 water treatment plant be closed to the  
6 public and there are no visitors to the  
7 plan until further notice. Should  
8 residents have questions for the  
9 treatment plant operators, they should  
10 call the plant directly at 518-587-7315.

11 My next item is discussion and vote,  
12 my -- not my next item, Commissioner's  
13 Scirocco's next item -- is discussion of  
14 vote, authorization for the mayor to sign  
15 addendum number 3 with Mesick Cohen  
16 Wilson Baker Architects, LLP for the  
17 Canfield Casino. Addendum number 3 is  
18 for the unforeseen emergency support  
19 under the casino parlor chandeliers on  
20 November 20th and 21st of 2019. The  
21 casino parlor and bar restoration project  
22 is being overseen by Mesick Cohen Wilson  
23 Baker Architects of Albany, New York.

24 As part of the investigation phase,  
25 Mesick Cohen Baker -- Wilson Baker had a



1 south -- (indiscernible) in the -- on the  
2 parlor opened up to assess the condition  
3 of the hanging hardware above the  
4 chandelier. During this procedure, the  
5 engineer observed corroded and missing  
6 structural fasteners. MCWB worked with  
7 their subcontractors, Ryan Biggs Clark  
8 Davis Structural Engineers and Quantum  
9 Engineering to develop an emergency  
10 support system for these two chandeliers.

11 As a result, temporary support was  
12 immediately installed under both  
13 chandeliers to avoid possibility of  
14 falling. This support was -- was able to  
15 be installed in time and scheduled for a  
16 wedding the following Saturday.

17 Therefore, I move for the mayor to  
18 sign addendum number 3 with Mesick Cohen  
19 Wilson Baker Architects in the amount of  
20 \$4,332.50 for the emergency design  
21 services. This is a motion. Is there a  
22 second?

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
25 those in favor say aye.





1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. The matter  
4 passes.

5 Next item is discussion and vote,  
6 approval to pay invoice number 1 to  
7 Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects for  
8 Canfield Casino project in the amount of  
9 1,970 dollars.

10 The casino parlor and bar  
11 restoration project was originally bid as  
12 FRP in 2020 to 2020 -- 2020-03. H'm, I  
13 don't know if that's a typo. But --

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think it's  
15 a bid number.

16 MAYOR KELLY: What's that?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That could be  
18 a bid number.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. RFP bid number  
20 2020-03, to include restoration of both  
21 the parlor and bar plaster ceiling and  
22 walls. The bids are opened and exceeded  
23 the available funds. As a result, Mesick  
24 Cohen Baker -- Wilson Baker Architects  
25 revise their bid documents with the



1 reduced scope of work to be within the  
2 available funds. This reduced scope was  
3 rebid under RFP2020-05 and is currently  
4 underway.

5 I move that the approval to pay  
6 invoice number 1, Mesick Cohen Wilson  
7 Baker Architects for Canfield Casino  
8 project in the amount of 1,970 dollars.  
9 This is a motion. Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
12 those in favor say aye.

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. The matter  
16 passes.

17 Next item is discussion and vote,  
18 authorization for the mayor to sign  
19 addendum 1 with CPL for City Hall  
20 renovation. Addendum 1 is supplemental  
21 to the original February 19th, 2019  
22 agreement. This addendum extends the  
23 agreement an additional four months to  
24 June 30th, 2020 and also provides  
25 additional professional services for the



1 following items:

2 During the City Hall renovation  
3 project, the number -- a number have --  
4 the number has raised, requiring CPL to  
5 provide more extensive reviews and  
6 analysis. I could list all these. I'd  
7 like to waive them. There's a bunch  
8 listed here. If the council is okay with  
9 waiving these --

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I'm okay with  
11 that.

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I'm fine.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Therefore, I  
14 move that the mayor sign addendum 1 in  
15 the amount of 41,850 dollars to CPL for  
16 City Hall renovation project. This is a  
17 motion. Is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
20 those in favor say aye.

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

23 MAYOR KELLY: All right. Aye. The  
24 matter passes.

25 Next item is discussion and vote,



1 accept donation from Sustainable Saratoga  
2 for Trees. The city of Saratoga Springs  
3 will be accepting donations of more than  
4 thirty trees from Sustainable Saratoga.  
5 The value of their gift in 2020 may be up  
6 to 3,500 dollars.

7 The trees that will be donated will  
8 be planted in prominent locations within  
9 the city of Saratoga Springs at different  
10 dates during the year. The first date  
11 will be April 25th for Tree Toga Number  
12 10. We expect that Sustainable  
13 Saratoga's tree donations will be an  
14 ongoing program for years to come.

15 Therefore, I move that the city  
16 council accept the donation of trees from  
17 Sustainable Saratoga in the amount up to  
18 3,500 dollars. This is a motion. Is  
19 there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I would just  
23 like to really thank Sustainable Saratoga  
24 for donating trees.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Yep.



1           COMMISSIONER DALTON: Tree Toga is a  
2 great day.

3           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yep.

4           MAYOR KELLY: It's a great day.

5           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: It is a good  
6 day.

7           MAYOR KELLY: Yep. All those in  
8 favor say aye.

9           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

10          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

11          MAYOR KELLY: Aye. The matter  
12 passes.

13                 Next item is discussion and vote,  
14 authorization for the mayor to sign  
15 addendum 1 with Schnabel Engineering for  
16 design and permitting service for  
17 Loughberry Lake dam spillway project.  
18 Addendum 1 is supplemental to the June  
19 19th, 2018 agreement.

20                 The scope of work includes  
21 additional design, permitting, and task  
22 for grant assistance. The design  
23 consists of routing new intake piping  
24 through the arch covert to currently --  
25 that currently exist beneath Route 50 and



1 is being rehabilitated as part of the dam  
2 rehabilitation project.

3 The advantage of adding water supply  
4 piping the dam rehabilitation project  
5 would allow this portion of the dam  
6 rehabilitation project to be associated  
7 or conduit repairs to be eligible for  
8 federal funding. For example, the  
9 project grant funding could be  
10 eligible -- available through the Water  
11 Infrastructure Improvement Act. Low  
12 interest loans could be obtained through  
13 New York State drinking water state  
14 revolving fund and as administered by the  
15 environmental facilities corporation.

16 Therefore, I move for the mayor to  
17 sign addendum 1 with Schnabel Engineering  
18 for design and permitting service for  
19 Loughberry Lake dam spillway project in  
20 the amount of 31,390 dollars. This is a  
21 motion. Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
24 those in favor say aye.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.



1 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. The matter  
3 passes.

4 Next item is discussion and vote,  
5 authorization for the mayor to sign a  
6 contract with CNA Environmental, LLC for  
7 laboratory services for water treatment  
8 plant. CNA Laboratory provides necessary  
9 testing for the city water supply.  
10 Operating a public water supply system  
11 involves testing on a regular basis to  
12 ensure the highest standards of water  
13 quality.

14 As per New York State Department of  
15 Health and the EPA, there are set  
16 sampling requirements that the City must  
17 meet every year. Through CNA  
18 Laboratories, the City of Saratoga  
19 Springs can meet all these sampling  
20 requirements.

21 Therefore, I move for this -- for  
22 the mayor to sign a contract with CNA  
23 Environmental, LLC for laboratory  
24 services not to exceed unit bid prices  
25 per 2020 bid submission. This is a



1 motion. Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
4 those in favor say aye.

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. The matter  
8 passes. And that concludes the  
9 Department of Public Works.

10 And on to public safety.

11 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you,  
12 Mayor.

13 The first item on my agenda is just  
14 an update on the COVID-19 virus. So one  
15 of the things I wanted to update everyone  
16 on is that yesterday the chief of police  
17 and the fire chief approached me because  
18 they wanted to form a taskforce  
19 specifically to address COVID-19 and make  
20 sure that we are reaching as many people  
21 in our community as possible to  
22 disseminate information about prevention  
23 and just information of resources on this  
24 virus. And we know that when we put  
25 things online, we're only reaching a





1 small portion of the whole city.

2 So they are working together and  
3 putting together this taskforce. And we  
4 are printing out materials that they will  
5 be bringing to people and handing out at  
6 homes. And if you know someone who is  
7 elderly or who doesn't have digital  
8 access, we have something on our website  
9 where you can submit your information.  
10 And we will bring out this information to  
11 you.

12 There's also going to be a telephone  
13 number that you can call and also request  
14 information. And so I think this is a  
15 really great step as we address this  
16 virus. So --

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: It is. Is  
18 this -- is this part of what you're doing  
19 online too with your -- you can sign up  
20 in constant contact and --

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yes. So --

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- say please  
23 put on this list?

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Correct.

25 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: One other way



1 to sign up for this information?

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Correct. It's  
3 not actually constant contact, but it's  
4 built into our website.

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Or one of  
6 those -- yes.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yep.

8 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Um-hum. It  
10 is -- you -- it's on our Facebook page.  
11 You click through. It goes right to a  
12 form. You can -- if you want this  
13 physically brought to you in paper form,  
14 you just put in your address, name and  
15 address, and we'll come deliver it to  
16 you. If you prefer it emailed, you check  
17 the email box and they can email to you.  
18 It's really quite easy, but it's just  
19 another way to reach people who aren't  
20 necessarily online.

21 MAYOR KELLY: So can you fill in  
22 like my neighbor's name if they don't --  
23 they're not online.

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Correct, yes.

25 MAYOR KELLY: That's what you're



1 saying. So --

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: You can do  
3 that.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Senior citizens,  
5 people that don't have internet access,  
6 you're filling in their name so we can  
7 check on them.

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Correct. And  
9 we'll also have a phone number. So if  
10 somebody is seeing this who doesn't have  
11 access to a computer that people were  
12 trying to reach, they can also call and  
13 leave that information with us as well.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Right. That's great.  
15 That's terrific. Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah. Sure  
17 thing.

18 So second item on my agenda is the  
19 discussion and vote, authorization for  
20 the mayor to sign a contract with Empire  
21 Ambulance. This agreement with Empire  
22 Ambulance Service is to provide backup  
23 ambulance service to the city. Empire  
24 Ambulance will continue to lease the  
25 facility owned by the city at 166 West



1 Avenue for 30,000 dollars a year  
2 annually. The term of this agreement is  
3 one year.

4 I make a motion for the mayor to  
5 sign the contract with Empire Ambulance  
6 Service. This is a motion.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
10 those in favor say aye.

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. The matter  
13 passes.

14 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Third item is  
17 the discussion and vote, authorization  
18 for the mayor to sign the contract with  
19 Tow Away, LLC.

20 The tow contractor shall provide  
21 towing services to the city on an as-  
22 needed basis and shall be one of the  
23 companies assigned to perform SSPD order  
24 tows for vehicles involved in traffic  
25 collision, vehicles illegally parked in



1 violation of City Code, vehicles  
2 considered legally abandoned or in any  
3 violation of the New York State vehicle  
4 and traffic law, and vehicles ordered to  
5 be impounded for any reason, including  
6 but not limited to evidence or  
7 involvement in criminal activity.

8 I make a motion for the mayor to  
9 sign the contract with Tow Away, LLC.  
10 This is a motion.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
14 those in favor say aye.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. The matter  
17 passes.

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Excellent.

19 The fourth item on my agenda is  
20 discussion and vote, authorization for  
21 the mayor to sign a contract with  
22 Saratoga Car Rental DBA Matt's of  
23 Saratoga.

24 The tow contractor shall provide  
25 towing services to the city on an as-



1 needed basis and shall be one of the  
2 companies assigned to perform SSPD order  
3 tows for vehicles involved in traffic  
4 collisions, vehicles illegally parked in  
5 violation of City Code, vehicles  
6 considered legally abandoned or in  
7 violation of any other NYS vehicle and  
8 traffic law, and vehicles ordered to be  
9 impounded for any reason, including but  
10 not limited to evidence or involvement in  
11 criminal activity.

12 So this is just a second towing  
13 company. So we're going to sign -- we're  
14 signing a contract with two towing  
15 companies.

16 So I make a motion for the mayor to  
17 sign the contract with Saratoga Car  
18 Rental DBA Matt's of Saratoga. This is a  
19 motion.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
23 those in favor say aye.

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.



1           MAYOR KELLY: Aye. The matter  
2 passes.

3           COMMISSIONER DALTON: I just wanted  
4 to quickly thank my administrative staff  
5 for working very hard on that contract  
6 and Marilyn Rivers as well. It was  
7 actually pretty complicated to put  
8 together, but it's going to be a great  
9 thing. So thank you to everyone who  
10 worked on it.

11          MAYOR KELLY: Great.

12          COMMISSIONER DALTON: The fifth item  
13 on my agenda is the discussion and vote,  
14 authorization to pay invoice to Rood &  
15 Riddle Equine in the amount of \$1,563.73.

16                 This invoice is for emergency  
17 services rendered at the end of the last  
18 year for mounted officers King Tut -- or  
19 mounted horses King Tut and Apollo. This  
20 was missed for the 2019 fiscal year. And  
21 because it came to -- over the 1,499  
22 ceiling required by purchasing, this will  
23 need council approval to pay.

24                 I make a motion to approve the  
25 payment to Rood & Riddle in the amount of



1           \$1,563.73. This is a motion.

2           MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

3           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

4           MAYOR KELLY: Andy discussion? All  
5 those in favor say aye.

6           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

7           MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

8           COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

9           MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.

10          COMMISSIONER DALTON: So I'm going  
11 to pull, I think, my sixth and seventh  
12 item because they are the public hearings  
13 that we started earlier but haven't  
14 closed out.

15          MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

16          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Okay?

17          MAYOR KELLY: Yep.

18          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Okay.

19          MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

20          COMMISSIONER DALTON: And then my  
21 last item is an announcement which is an  
22 update on the fire at the Raymond Watkins  
23 Apartments.

24          MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

25          COMMISSIONER DALTON: There was a





1 fire on the first floor at the Raymond  
2 Watkins Apartments earlier this week. It  
3 was responded to by multiple different  
4 fire departments, handled very well. And  
5 I will have all the details on everything  
6 involved with the response and the  
7 outcome, and I'll put this online.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you.

9 I was at the fire. And that day  
10 Commissioner Dalton was ill and unable to  
11 be out with the fire. But we were in  
12 contact the whole time. And it worked  
13 seamlessly. There was a lot of people  
14 evacuated and transported to the  
15 hospital. And it was really great to see  
16 that this emergency went so smooth. So I  
17 comment our first responders. It was a  
18 great, great scene to see.

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yes. Yeah. I  
20 have -- special thanks especially to our  
21 fire department and Chief Dolan. They  
22 all did a fabulous job.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Yep. And so I do want  
24 to go back to the virus for a minute.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yes,



1           absolutely.

2                   MAYOR KELLY:  Just if we could just,  
3           you know, tell the public a little bit  
4           about what I've been doing and  
5           Commissioner Madigan and yourself.

6                   So I have been in contact with the  
7           county, with Spencer Hellwig almost  
8           daily.  And he's updating me on what's  
9           going on in the county.  It has spread  
10          throughout the entire county.  So at this  
11          time, the number is going to rise, and we  
12          all know that.  It is rising as we speak.  
13          I was down there today at 2 o'clock, and  
14          they said it was ten.  And at 5 o'clock,  
15          it was twelve.  So it is -- it is  
16          climbing.  And that is -- you know, no  
17          need to name the cities.  It's throughout  
18          the county.  So the best thing is is to  
19          listen to the state and county on their  
20          protocol for social distancing, washing  
21          your hands, and staying home if you can  
22          work remotely.  So that is one thing.

23                   The other thing, I was in contact  
24          with Superintendent Mike Patton today.  
25          And he said that the kids will start to



1 receive food at home tomorrow. So that  
2 program is up and running. And so the  
3 kids will -- that need food will be  
4 getting the food. And he says that on  
5 his end, things are going really well.

6 So as Saratoga Springs progresses  
7 through this, I think that -- you know, I  
8 commend every leader out there from the  
9 not-for-profits doing their thing and to  
10 my city officials that sit in this  
11 building with me every day and to our  
12 staff that have been here every day with  
13 me. We're getting it done. We're doing  
14 it.

15 Please check our website. We have  
16 updates for the courts. We have updates  
17 from the state liquor authority. So  
18 we're updating them as we get them, and  
19 we're putting them on there. So that's  
20 my update. I don't know if you want to  
21 add anything.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I want to say  
23 that I think you're doing a fantastic  
24 job. I think the whole city is doing a  
25 fantastic job. We're listening to our --



1           our county officials.

2           But also I had the opportunity -- I  
3           mean, of course, I'm paying attention to  
4           what's happening on the state and federal  
5           level. Also, Governor Cuomo gave a  
6           phenomenal press update today. It's what  
7           you want to hear from the top down. He's  
8           paying a lot of attention to the curve.  
9           And he's working hard to flatten that  
10          curve. And we know that more illness is  
11          going to come. But if we can keep it  
12          down and we can keep it flat and we don't  
13          overwhelm our healthcare providers and we  
14          don't overwhelm our public safety, I  
15          think we really can manage our way  
16          through this. So I like some of the  
17          things that he's also implemented which  
18          makes it easier for us as city officials  
19          as well.

20                 MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

21                 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So I would  
22                 encourage you to go back and listen to  
23                 his one-hour press update today. I feel  
24                 like our state and our tristate area -- I  
25                 like that we're working on it as a -- as



1 a region because I think that's important  
2 too if we want to flatten the curve. And  
3 everything that we're doing here in  
4 working with the county, I don't know  
5 what more we could do right now.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Right.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I'd just like  
8 to say in terms of communication, there  
9 is a lot of misinformation out there.  
10 And anything that the city is putting out  
11 on our social media or on our website, we  
12 have corroborated and made sure that  
13 that's accurate. So if you have  
14 questions or concerns about something  
15 you've seen in the media or on social  
16 media, please go to our Facebook pages or  
17 our website because we are making sure  
18 everything we're putting out there has  
19 been vetted and corroborated.

20 The only other thing I'd like to add  
21 is that I've actually been getting a  
22 large volume of phone calls of people who  
23 have symptoms and fear they might be ill.  
24 And they're calling me. I'm not a  
25 doctor. The first thing you should do if



1           you've having any symptoms or you think  
2           you might have been in contact with  
3           someone who has this is call your medical  
4           provider. So that's what I'm responding  
5           to when I get these phone calls. But I  
6           should not be your first call. Your  
7           medical provider should definitely be  
8           your first call.

9           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Right. I  
10          would agree with you there.

11          MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

12          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

13          MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

14          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And actually,  
15          I think they really like for people to  
16          take advantage of telemedicine. I think  
17          more and more healthcare plans offer  
18          telemedicine. And I know that in the  
19          city of Saratoga Springs, if you're a  
20          city employee, just flip over your  
21          healthcare card and there's a  
22          telemedicine number.

23          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Absolutely.

24          MAYOR KELLY: Great, thank you. So  
25          we're doing it. And, you know, we'll all



1 get through this together, Saratoga  
2 Springs.

3 But at this time, I need to turn it  
4 over to the supervisors. And they have a  
5 lot of information for us I think.

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes.

7 MAYOR KELLY: They had a busy day  
8 today. So Supervisor Veitch?

9 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: All right.  
10 Thank you, Mayor. I don't know if I have  
11 a ton of information for the meeting, but  
12 I certainly have some information.

13 But I just want to first go through  
14 my agenda. Some of this seems almost  
15 quaint because it was a month ago. But  
16 first on the agenda is just a quick  
17 report on the National Association of  
18 Counties conference that we had in  
19 Washington at the beginning of the month.  
20 Definitely COVID-19 and coronavirus was  
21 pretty much on everybody's minds. And we  
22 were all at a big conference. So  
23 everybody was doing their best to -- we  
24 didn't have a term social distancing yet,  
25 but we were already kind of starting to



1 do that down there because of the looming  
2 crisis that we knew was going to come.

3 So first I do serve on the Community  
4 Economic and Workforce Development  
5 Committee there. And we had three  
6 resolutions at the national level. The  
7 first is relevant to the City which is to  
8 continue funding for the community  
9 development block grant program and home  
10 funding for affordable housing and  
11 community development projects.

12 The second resolution was to build  
13 more affordable housing through the  
14 expansion of the low income housing tax  
15 credit program.

16 And the third was another one that  
17 we usually always have at each meeting  
18 which is to support the appropriations  
19 for the workforce innovation and  
20 opportunity act which supports our  
21 workforce development programs in our  
22 county.

23 I also serve on the IT standing  
24 committee. And my meetings kind of  
25 overlapped, so I missed the first part of





1 the meeting. But they were talking about  
2 something that I think is maybe relevant  
3 to the city and we -- we might want to  
4 talk about at some point was going to a  
5 dot-gov type web suffix rather than --  
6 like right now I think we're saratoga-  
7 springs.org which is -- having dot-gov  
8 gives a certain amount of legitimacy.  
9 And I don't know if it adds any security.  
10 I mean, I was kind of getting at the end  
11 of that conversation. But they were  
12 talking about that municipalities may  
13 want to go to that. Saratoga County is a  
14 dot-gov. And I don't know if there's any  
15 benefit to that, but I'm not sure.

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I honestly  
17 have --

18 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: I mean, we can  
19 look into it more.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- no idea  
21 how we chose dot-org. I mean --

22 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- the  
24 website was definitely here prior to my  
25 coming to the board.



1           SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Right. And they  
2 do have -- they do have --

3           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: It is a  
4 little odd.

5           SUPERVISOR VEITCH: They do have  
6 meanings somewhat --

7           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yah, they do.

8           SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- in the  
9 internet world, like --

10          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Well, dot-org  
11 is usually --

12          SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- com is  
13 like --

14          COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- for a  
15 nonprofit.

16          SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- a community  
17 and --

18          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah,  
19 usually.

20          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

21          SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Right. So  
22 there's like a different type of suffix.  
23 And dot-gov was something that they were  
24 saying they were -- it was like a  
25 recommendation for governments to lean



1 toward as a --

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes, I would  
3 agree.

4 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- as a suffix  
5 to their --

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I would  
7 absolutely agree.

8 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- to their  
9 website. So I don't know if --

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So we'll look  
11 into that.

12 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- Saratoga-  
13 springs.gov exists.

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Or we could  
15 just get Saratogasprings.gov.

16 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Or Saratoga  
17 Springs.

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: We'll look  
19 into it.

20 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: But certainly  
21 something that was discussed at that  
22 meeting. So -- and I'll follow up with  
23 Commissioner Madigan on that. Maybe I  
24 can get some information from the  
25 committee as to what they talked about --



1           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Sure. That'd  
2           be great.

3           SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- because at  
4           the time --

5           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: What the  
6           benefits are.

7           SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- I kind of  
8           came in at the end of the conversation.

9           But I also serve on the  
10          International Economic Development  
11          Taskforce. And we had a good discussion  
12          on small business administration grants  
13          which I'm sure will be utilized heavily  
14          now with closing of small businesses  
15          around the country and various regions  
16          and how counties can expand their global  
17          presence and take advantage of the  
18          international markets.

19          And I do want to mention that we did  
20          have on the panel for that discussion  
21          Mary Ryckman who served as the -- the  
22          global markets director for Prosperity  
23          Partnership for a while. So she was a  
24          Saratoga County resident, actually a city  
25          resident, serving on the panel at the



1 national conference which I thought was  
2 great. So she gave some examples of  
3 Saratoga County, you know, one of the  
4 business here and the city, gets their  
5 coffee beans from Peru and how we were  
6 able to work through some global -- work  
7 with them to reduce the costs for them in  
8 doing their trade with the coffee  
9 producers. So it was interesting to talk  
10 about some of those examples in that  
11 meeting.

12 Really the only other thing I would  
13 like to mention from the conference was  
14 that we did have a staff briefing with  
15 White House staff down at the executive  
16 office building. We mainly talked about  
17 coronavirus. And the Department of  
18 Health folks were there. And we did have  
19 meetings with our senators, Gillibrand  
20 and Schumer. The main topic that we  
21 discussed with them was helping us with  
22 the -- basically the plan that's really  
23 at the state level which is to remove the  
24 Medicaid caps for the counties. This is  
25 going to be a huge expense for us if the



1 state budget passes with Medicaid caps  
2 removed.

3 Capping, that is, kept our cost down  
4 immensely at Saratoga County and allowed  
5 us to for the most part not have to raise  
6 taxes beyond the tax cap during that  
7 time. If they remove those caps, it's  
8 about a five-million-dollar hit to the  
9 county. That is more than our tax cap.  
10 And so we don't want to -- we don't want  
11 to have to go through that process going  
12 forward.

13 So -- so it was -- we really kind of  
14 pled with them. All the counties had  
15 that issue. There's about thirty of us  
16 in the New York State delegation that  
17 came down there to that conference. And  
18 as part of the house bill that they've  
19 put out there to provide relief for this  
20 virus, there are provisions in the bill  
21 to limit the state's ability to expand  
22 the county share of Medicaid. So it  
23 actually has moved to the federal level.  
24 And so when the house bill went through  
25 this week, both of our county



1           representatives voted in favor of that  
2           bill.

3           So I do want to say on the record  
4           that I thank Representatives Tonko and  
5           Stefanik for voting in favor of that, and  
6           especially Senator Schumer for -- on the  
7           senate side including that language in  
8           the senate bill. We had a -- I guess I  
9           would say somewhat lively discussion with  
10          Senator Schumer in his office about that.  
11          And he heard our message and took that  
12          down to the -- to the federal government  
13          for us. So I thanked him for that.

14          Second on my agenda is just a quick  
15          update on the Buildings and Grounds  
16          Committee. On our agenda this month we  
17          had a reappropriation of 434,000 dollars  
18          in unexpended 2019 funds for our capital  
19          projects. I do want to mention that  
20          today at the county board meeting, we did  
21          have a public speaker from the City of  
22          Saratoga Springs discussing potential use  
23          of the Woodlawn Avenue building on 31  
24          Woodlawn Avenue. Their suggestion is for  
25          us to give it to the City and use it for



1 a homeless shelter.

2 My comment, at least at this time as  
3 chairman of the committee, is that the  
4 City is really -- or the county is really  
5 exploring all different options on that.  
6 I don't -- we haven't yet talked about  
7 this directly. So the city hasn't come  
8 to me directly about this yet. There may  
9 be discussions that are happening. But  
10 at this time, I would say the county  
11 committee at least is open to anything.  
12 So I think at some point in the next few  
13 months or weeks after this other thing is  
14 over, we can talk about it.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Is this a  
16 resident comment?

17 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: It was a  
18 resident who came down from Southeast  
19 Neighborhood Group I guess which I think  
20 is around --

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I just have to  
22 say that I -- as we've gone through this  
23 Code Blue issue over the last several  
24 years, one of the biggest problems we've  
25 had is announcing possible locations





1 without really --

2 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- doing  
4 enough due diligence to see if they're  
5 realistic.

6 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Exactly.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: And so I just  
8 hope that we keep that in mind as we  
9 continue to talk about this.

10 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Yeah. And I  
11 mean, look, if you look at it from the  
12 county perspective, and I'm not  
13 necessarily looking at it from any  
14 perspective, but, you know, it's a  
15 valuable piece of real estate in Downtown  
16 Saratoga Springs that the county has had  
17 for a long time. So, you know, what does  
18 the county do when it comes to that too?

19 So, you know, the challenge of being  
20 in this role is I represent the City and  
21 the County at the same time, so I have to  
22 look at both sides of it as we go  
23 forward.

24 But really, the comment is that  
25 we're entertaining all and any option.



1           So whether it's the City, whether it's  
2           some other option, we're totally open to  
3           anything at this point. And really we  
4           haven't really gotten to the point of  
5           even really looking at it because we're  
6           still building the building town in  
7           Milton. And it looks like that's going  
8           to be delayed into the summer. So we  
9           thought we were going to be done in a  
10          couple of weeks, but it doesn't look like  
11          that is going to happen now. So we got  
12          time to talk.

13                 COMMISSIONER DALTON: We have time.

14                 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: So --

15                 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Um-hum.

16                 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Next on the  
17          agenda is just a review of the Public  
18          Safety Committee where there's also  
19          re-appropriations from the Homeland  
20          Security funds from 2019 and also to  
21          proclaim April 19th to April 25th as the  
22          National Crime Victims' Rights week which  
23          we do annually.

24                 And the only other really item I  
25          have on my agenda is today at the board



1 meeting. And Supervisor Gaston may  
2 mention this as well, is we did  
3 appropriate one million dollars from our  
4 fund balance for items related to the  
5 COVID-19 response, put that money into  
6 the public health budget to pay for both  
7 employee salaries and also supplies. So  
8 when we get into the point of having a  
9 lot of quarantine folks, the county is  
10 responsible to -- if they're mandated to  
11 be quarantined, they can't leave,  
12 providing food, providing, you know,  
13 medicine, providing whatever we need to  
14 for them to survive in that -- in that  
15 situation as well as for our senior  
16 population. So we -- the sheriff did go  
17 around to some of the seniors.

18 We have, I guess, a -- I don't know  
19 the exact name of the list, but we have a  
20 list of seniors that they go around to  
21 see around the county, special needs  
22 population. And, you know, they've  
23 already found that some folks have been  
24 in their house. They're running low on  
25 food. So the sheriff's office is working



1 with the Office of the Aging to make sure  
2 that these folks get the meals that they  
3 need while they're in their home.

4 So, you know, it's ever-evolving  
5 situation. And every day there's  
6 something new. But as of right now,  
7 that's what the county board did this  
8 afternoon at our meeting --

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That's great.

10 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- to provide  
11 some funds.

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I mean,  
13 really, that's fact-acting.

14 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you to  
16 the county.

17 SUPERVISOR GASTON: And the  
18 substantial -- you know, we have the  
19 resources that the county provide that  
20 level of funding for something if  
21 necessary. I mean, it's not even biting  
22 into our fund balance. So, I mean, we  
23 have plenty more resources if we need  
24 them to go --

25 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Right.



1           SUPERVISOR VEITCH:  -- for a long  
2           time to do this on -- with the money that  
3           we have.

4           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  So the county  
5           is comfortable with their current level  
6           of supplies?

7           SUPERVISOR VEITCH:  In terms of  
8           supplies, no.

9           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  No.

10          SUPERVISOR VEITCH:  Like the  
11          supplies we have on hand?

12          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  Yeah.

13          SUPERVISOR VEITCH:  No.  We've  
14          ordered a bunch of them.

15          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  Okay.

16          SUPERVISOR VEITCH:  But in terms of  
17          the resources to purchase those supplies,  
18          we need --

19          COMMISSIONER DALTON:  Right.

20          SUPERVISOR VEITCH:  -- we need to  
21          budget that.

22          COMMISSIONER DALTON:  Right, of  
23          course.  Yeah.

24          SUPERVISOR VEITCH:  And a million  
25          dollars seems appropriate, at least at



1 this point.

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Sounds good to  
3 me.

4 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: In a couple of  
5 weeks we'll find out if that's enough,  
6 and we'll go from there. So --

7 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

8 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: No problem.  
9 Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thanks.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Yep.

12 Supervisor Gaston?

13 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Thank you.

14 So the first item on my agenda is  
15 public health update. Like you mentioned  
16 earlier, Mayor, the numbers are very  
17 fluid. At a certain point it gets a  
18 little bit silly for us to be updating  
19 moment by moment because, as you said,  
20 they're changing hourly by hourly. And  
21 we don't want to either give undue stress  
22 to the population or provide calm where  
23 people should be still paying attention  
24 and maintaining physical distance from  
25 each other. So those numbers and how



1 they're reported may be handled a little  
2 differently ongoing.

3 Also, it's important to remember  
4 that, regardless of how the numbers are,  
5 the information that you're getting from  
6 the county and from the city is as  
7 accurate as possible as that moment. We  
8 were -- actually dealt with some media  
9 cases today that referred to cases in  
10 Saratoga Springs that had connections.  
11 Perhaps they had an address here. But  
12 they had never shown symptoms or been in  
13 contact with anyone within the city. So  
14 we are doing our best to make sure that  
15 you have the information and make sure to  
16 see accurate information, as you said,  
17 Commissioner Dalton, instead of relying  
18 on media reports that may be unclear or  
19 provide undue concern.

20 The primary focus and information  
21 from public health, maintain the distance  
22 which everyone is doing in here which is  
23 great. Also, make sure that if you are  
24 showing symptoms or you have a known  
25 exposure, that you isolate yourself as



1 soon as possible.

2 One of our best cases at the county  
3 has been an individual who knew they came  
4 in contact with a person who was  
5 positive. They immediately isolated  
6 themselves and -- the moment they started  
7 running a temperature and have no  
8 contacts. And I that's, I think, been  
9 the easiest case for public health so far  
10 because what they do is when there is a  
11 positive, they have to trace back where  
12 you have been for -- depending on how  
13 long your symptoms have been. Sometimes  
14 for some people that's over a hundred  
15 contacts. And that's not including  
16 people who maybe went to Hannaford to  
17 pick up some bread or some yogurt and  
18 then they went and -- so please make  
19 public health's life a little bit easier.  
20 If you have known exposure or if you've  
21 showing symptoms, stay home. Honestly,  
22 that's the best advice anyhow right now.

23 The Department of Public Health, the  
24 Office of Emergency Services, and the  
25 sheriff's department are all passing





1 along information. All of this is really  
2 important information for people to  
3 follow, and it has a lot of contacts. As  
4 Supervisor Veitch talked about, the  
5 sheriff's office has a special needs  
6 registry. Anyone can sign up for that  
7 right now. Their primary focus has been  
8 contacting seniors who are on the  
9 registry. They're our most vulnerable  
10 population. They're not going to be able  
11 to go shopping for groceries. And so  
12 they've been working to help and make  
13 sure and connect them with people who can  
14 help provide the things that they need so  
15 that they're safe at home but they're  
16 also well-fed and they have access to the  
17 services they need.

18 There's also a reverse 911 phone  
19 call. Many of you probably got it today.  
20 I got it on every electronic device I  
21 own. If you have not already signed up  
22 for that, you can do that by going to the  
23 county Office of Emergency Services  
24 website. We will be using that more  
25 often to push out information.



1           COMMISSIONER DALTON: We also have  
2           it on our -- the public safety page on  
3           our website as well.

4           SUPERVISOR GASTON: Great.

5           COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

6           SUPERVISOR GASTON: So both of those  
7           places are a great way to do that. You  
8           can sign up for it. And that way in the  
9           event that information needs to be pushed  
10          out to you, you can get it a lot faster  
11          than having to try and look up on the  
12          Facebook page or the websites.

13          Some other additional sort of  
14          illness-related information. As of this  
15          moment, there is no guidance regarding  
16          the April primary. So it currently  
17          stands as it is. Village elections were  
18          canceled that were to be held today and  
19          tomorrow, I believe. But right now  
20          there's no change. There's been no  
21          guidance from the governor's office. We  
22          will let people know as soon as possible  
23          because obviously that impacts polling  
24          places, early voting, and it is kind of  
25          within the eight weeks that's been



1 requested for us for maintain the  
2 isolation.

3 Additionally, the Saratoga County  
4 Prosperity Partnership and SEDC are  
5 putting out a lot of information to help  
6 small businesses. This is -- it's going  
7 to be a hit. And we're aware of it. The  
8 county Economic Development Committee is  
9 monitoring it very closely so that we can  
10 come out of this on the other end just as  
11 amazing a city and county as we are now,  
12 but it's going to take a lot of work.  
13 And any small businesses that need  
14 information are welcome to contact them.

15 At this time, they're working on  
16 connecting to the federal and state  
17 assistance as well. And as was  
18 mentioned, students who need meals  
19 delivered I was asked to give the --  
20 Margaret Sullivan is the director of  
21 nutrition. I may have that title wrong,  
22 but she's in charge of food services at  
23 the schools. And students who need meals  
24 delivered or who have particular dietary  
25 needs are asked to call or email Margaret



1 Sullivan directly. It's  
2 margaret\_sullivan@saratogaschools.org.  
3 And her phone number is 518-583-4704.  
4 You can contact her directly if you have  
5 a question about how your student is  
6 going to be able to access food during  
7 this time.

8 Also, it's great that our community  
9 has come together and so many businesses  
10 are also offering support for students  
11 who need it. And I'm very happy to be  
12 living here during this if --

13 MAYOR KELLY: So may I request that  
14 you email me that information?

15 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Absolutely.

16 MAYOR KELLY: And do you have  
17 information for SEDC and Prosperity on  
18 what they're doing, and can you send that  
19 email to me?

20 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Absolutely. I  
21 can send it to you directly after this.

22 MAYOR KELLY: So that'd be great.  
23 Thank you.

24 SUPERVISOR GASTON: In addition,  
25 there is the New York State Department of



1 Health hotline which is 24/7 for anyone  
2 who has questions: am I showing  
3 symptoms, I think someone was -- any of  
4 those questions, that's 1-888-364-3065.  
5 The county itself has an 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
6 hotline which is 518-885-2276. We're  
7 working to get it done as much as we can.  
8 Unfortunately, there are a lot of people  
9 who have a lot of questions. And with it  
10 being cold and flu season and allergy  
11 season as well, you can imagine we're  
12 having to do a lot to help make sure that  
13 we kind of weed out who has symptoms of  
14 what and make sure that people are  
15 treated appropriately.

16 They are also interested in hearing  
17 if there are any providers who have  
18 refused treatment. There are a few  
19 anecdotes. And the county would like to  
20 know to make sure that that if there are  
21 individuals who are having trouble  
22 getting access from a provider because a  
23 provider has to refer for a test --

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I have not  
25 heard anything at all.



1           SUPERVISOR GASTON: We've heard a  
2           few. And --

3           COMMISSIONER DALTON: But if I do, I  
4           will let you know.

5           SUPERVISOR GASTON: And that's why  
6           it's important to make sure that if  
7           anyone does have that, that they contact  
8           public health directly because public  
9           health will reach out and make sure that  
10          the provider is aware. Some of the  
11          concerns have been with PPE, the same as  
12          first responders. We're hoping that  
13          these are, you know, anecdotes that don't  
14          have a lot of backing to them or that  
15          they have -- they've been able to obtain  
16          care since then. But obviously it's  
17          important enough we want to make sure  
18          that anyone who's concerned can reach  
19          out.

20          And the key is call first. Always  
21          call. Please do not show up at SPAC or  
22          Saratoga Hospital or your own provider if  
23          you have any concern about the symptoms  
24          that you have. Everyone wants to make  
25          sure that everyone is wearing the proper



1 protective gear and that we're maintained  
2 so that we can take care of you if you  
3 are ill but also that we don't spread it  
4 any further than necessary. So always  
5 call the county. Call your provider.  
6 Call New York State Department of Health,  
7 whatever you need to. And if you do not  
8 have a provider, you can contact the  
9 county or the New York State Department  
10 of Health. And they will help arrange  
11 that for you.

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I also just  
13 appreciate -- I get a lot of questions  
14 that when you have a confirmed case of  
15 people asking, you know, do we know where  
16 this person has been or who they've  
17 talked to -- so I just think it's really  
18 important that you've articulated that  
19 public health does -- when you have a  
20 confirmed case --

21 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Yes, absolutely.

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- go and --

23 SUPERVISOR GASTON: That's honestly  
24 where a lot of their effort is going  
25 right now.



1           COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

2           SUPERVISOR GASTON: As soon as we  
3 get someone who is positive anywhere in  
4 the county or who -- there were some  
5 cases that were noted as being connected  
6 to Saratoga Springs. They're performing  
7 tracing on those individuals as well even  
8 though they are not currently in and did  
9 not test positive in Saratoga County so  
10 that they can make sure that there was no  
11 particular connection to it and that if  
12 they need to notify, you will know, you  
13 will hear from public health if there is  
14 a concern that there has been an exposed  
15 individual near you. If you don't hear  
16 and you think that's the case, contact  
17 public health. They're happy to talk you  
18 through that. I pass by the emergency  
19 services this afternoon, and they're  
20 working very hard. And I think they're  
21 doing an excellent job of trying to make  
22 sure that we can trace as much as we can.

23           COMMISSIONER DALTON: Awesome.

24           SUPERVISOR GASTON: Now, may get to  
25 the point where tracing becomes very





1           difficult.

2           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  It could.  It  
3           could also --

4           SUPERVISOR GASTON:  If the community  
5           spread increases --

6           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  It can also  
7           be very sophisticated, you know --

8           SUPERVISOR GASTON:  Right.

9           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  -- because a  
10          lot of people carry around swipe cards  
11          when they're working.

12          SUPERVISOR GASTON:  Um-hum.

13          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  I mean,  
14          you've got to swipe to get on a floor.  
15          You've got to swipe to get into an  
16          elevator bank.  So I've seen sort of  
17          firsthand experience --

18          SUPERVISOR GASTON:  Yeah.

19          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  -- just my  
20          husband working in the city where they  
21          can track every floor he's been on and  
22          did he come and --

23          SUPERVISOR GASTON:  I --

24          COMMISSIONER DALTON:  Yes.

25          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  -- did he



1           come in contact with anybody.

2                   SUPERVISOR GASTON:  It is also a  
3           little scary.

4                   COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  It's a little  
5           scary but --

6                   SUPERVISOR GASTON:  But it's  
7           beneficial at this time.

8                   COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  Yeah.

9                   COMMISSIONER DALTON:  I think a lot  
10          of people just don't know that, so then  
11          it becomes social media saying like  
12          does -- do we know this person, where  
13          they have been.

14                  COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  Right,  
15          exactly.

16                  COMMISSIONER DALTON:  And that's the  
17          kind of conversation I want to  
18          discourage.

19                  SUPERVISOR GASTON:  Right.  And I  
20          think the key that we had at our press  
21          conference today was be calm but be  
22          vigilant.  If you have any symptoms or  
23          you're concerned about it, reach out and  
24          call and make sure that you do so.  But  
25          know that your government, both the city



1           and the county and, as you said,  
2           Government Cuomo has been a great  
3           advocate for us on the state level for  
4           this, we're all working. And we'll get  
5           through it. It's just -- it's not going  
6           to be a lot of fun. As I tell my kids,  
7           sometimes you have to go through some  
8           hard stuff to get -- to do good on the  
9           other end.

10                    But if anyone has any questions,  
11           Department of Public Health is the best  
12           place to direct those. And as Supervisor  
13           Veitch said, we did amend our budget to  
14           include approximately a million dollars  
15           with the expectation that things may  
16           change. And there may be more, but we  
17           wanted to make sure that public health  
18           had that available at this moment for  
19           whatever we need for supplies.

20                    If there are hospital medical  
21           facilities or if there are law  
22           enforcement facilities who do not have  
23           access to supplies, they can contact Carl  
24           Zeilman in the Office of Emergency  
25           Services. And you can be put on a list



1 to potentially obtain supplies. These  
2 are all coming from the state stockpile.  
3 And as you can imagine, everyone is  
4 requesting them. At this time, medical  
5 and law enforcement facilities have first  
6 priority.

7 We also have been in contact -- so a  
8 number of the facilities that are already  
9 in our area have already reached out and  
10 been put on the list. But if anyone has  
11 any questions, that's the --

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I do have a  
13 question.

14 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Do you have --  
16 because we were requesting one thing. Do  
17 you have any sense of how long it's going  
18 to take to get those delivered? I know  
19 it's kind of a tough one.

20 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Right now -- I  
21 know there was a request put in for a  
22 facility in Saratoga Springs. And it was  
23 put in about a week ago. And they should  
24 be getting them in a week.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Okay.



1 SUPERVISOR GASTON: That --

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I just wanted  
3 to let -- yeah.

4 SUPERVISOR GASTON: That's not  
5 great.

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: It's easier  
7 to -- it's easier to plan. That's all.

8 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah. Okay.

10 SUPERVISOR GASTON: You know, and  
11 obviously, if you can obtain them from  
12 anywhere else, do. And I was on a phone  
13 call this morning with representatives  
14 from the federal government. And they  
15 were saying, well, we're going to ramp up  
16 our PPE and our masks. And I said, well,  
17 you should probably have already done  
18 that.

19 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.

20 SUPERVISOR GASTON: We need to -- we  
21 need to do that.

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

23 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Because in two  
24 weeks, you know --

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I believe it



1 was just a request --

2 SUPERVISOR GASTON: -- we don't know  
3 where we're going to be.

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- for more  
5 hand sanitizer. But --

6 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Right.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- it's better  
8 us to plan if I know the delivery.

9 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Yes.

10 MAYOR KELLY: We don't know where  
11 we're going to be, but we have an idea if  
12 we don't flatten this curve.

13 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Right. And so  
14 they have been made aware --

15 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

16 SUPERVISOR GASTON: -- that we would  
17 like the personal protective gear, the  
18 hand sanitizer, that sort of thing --

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Exactly.

20 SUPERVISOR GASTON: -- to be ramped  
21 up as soon as possible.

22 The second item on my agenda is just  
23 an update from the Board of Supervisors.  
24 April 2020 is Donate Life Month. We do  
25 that annually. There's also National



1 Crime Victims' Week as supervisor Veitch  
2 said. And April 12th through 18th is  
3 National Public Safety Telecommunicators  
4 Week. And let me tell you, they are  
5 going to need that after this. So we  
6 might postpone it and have a big party  
7 after is my opinion, but I don't know if  
8 that'll work.

9 We also expanded the Healthy  
10 Families New York program which I think  
11 is a great resource. It's a little on  
12 hold because it's also run through public  
13 health. But it expands services to  
14 families with small children to help  
15 prevent child abuse and neglect, to talk  
16 about ways to stay healthy, and help  
17 build our families within the county.

18 Today we also voted on the real  
19 property committee to postpone the county  
20 real property auction. It was scheduled  
21 for this Thursday. For obvious reasons,  
22 that is not feasible.

23 Whether it moves to an online  
24 auction or whether we postpone it and  
25 have an in-person auction at a later time



1 is undetermined. But that was postponed.  
2 So if you were hoping to go on Thursday,  
3 stay home.

4 And then additionally, regarding --  
5 I'd also like to thank Senator Schumer  
6 for his work on the COVID-19 bill that is  
7 going to really help us, especially as  
8 we're dealing with this crisis. The idea  
9 of having the additional five million  
10 dollars from Medicaid, the cap being  
11 changed, is -- it was a little scary. So  
12 we appreciate his work on that because  
13 that will help us better be able to  
14 respond to this.

15 My last item is -- as I said, I have  
16 a monthly public forum. This month will  
17 be on talking about what I did at NACo  
18 and questions that are upcoming. I  
19 imagine a lot of them will be about the  
20 current environment. However, because we  
21 are maintaining physical distance, this  
22 will be a live Facebook.

23 So if you go on March 26th at 7 p.m.  
24 to my Supervisor Tara N. Gaston Facebook  
25 page, I will be -- hopefully I can have





1           someone six feet away from me who can be  
2           texting me questions so I can talk to  
3           people and then answer any questions that  
4           anyone has.

5           The primary topic is going to be  
6           NACo and what did in the nearly week that  
7           I was there, meeting and advocating with  
8           federal officials. And then I'll take  
9           any topical questions that anyone has.

10          And that concludes my agenda.

11          MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Supervisor.

12          SUPERVISOR GASTON: Thank you.

13          MAYOR KELLY: Any other business  
14          from the counsel? Then we are adjourned.

15          (Meeting adjourned)

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