

The Special Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order via email by Administrator Senande at 9:09 p.m.

Adequate Notice Statement

Due to nature of this emergency and its importance and due to the nature of substantial harm to the public interest likely to result from a delay in holding this Special Meeting, the meeting was held and limited to this urgent matter only. The need for such a meeting could not have been reasonably foreseen at a time when adequate notice could have been provided and will be noticed to the Herald News on or about June 2, 2023 and posted on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Agenda No. I

Roll Call- VIA EMAIL

Present: Councilmembers Michael Chazukow, Marilyn Lichtenberg, Matthew Conlon, David Marsden
 Absent: Ada Erik, Kevin Goodsir and Mayor Dale
 Also Present: Township Administrator William Senande

Agenda No. II

Discussion Items / Action Taken

1.	<p>Greenwood Lake HAB - Harmful Algae Bloom</p> <p>Mark Mora RHS sent the following email to Administrator Senande:</p> <p>Good evening, I am reaching out to you regarding the reported HAB at Greenwood Lake. Samples collected on 5/22/23 and 5/25/23 confirms presence of cyanobacteria cell counts and microcystin toxin levels above allowable limits at the bathing areas operated along Greenwood Lake. The lab result indicate the affected areas are at an ADVISORY level where Advisory signage must be posted and a beach CLOSURE is required per NJAC 8:26. I visited the beaches at Awosting and Forest Lake Drive earlier today noting that Advisory signage had not yet been posted. Please follow this link to print and post the Orange (8.5X11"; 11X14") advisory posters that must be posted at the entrance of the bathing areas. Should you have any questions regarding the above do not hesitate to reach me. Respectfully, Mark Mora</p> <p>Administrator Senande sent the following email to Council members:</p> <p>Pursuant to prior directives, I am contacting you to hold an Emergency Meeting of the Board of Health. Our Health Officer has directed the closure of GWL beaches. Please review the below email thread and advise if you wish to override the Health Officer's decision and direct the Health Officer to have "swim at your own risk" signage posted at the beaches.</p> <p>The available Councilmembers were in agreement to override the Health Officer's decision and to direct the Health Officer to have "swim at your own risk" signage posted at the beaches. The consensus for action was the Governing Body, approving by a three-quarter vote, to post the required signage at Greenwood Beach bathing areas instead of closing the beaches.</p>
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Agenda No. II 1

Resolution No. 2023 – 215

SPECIAL EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO DIRECT GREENWOOD LAKE BEACHES TO POST "SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK" SIGNAGE RATHER THAN CLOSE THE BEACHES

WHEREAS, an Emergency Meeting of the Board of Health was held for the purpose to discuss the closing of Greenwood Lake beaches due to harmful algal blooms (HABs); and

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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WHEREAS, a public body may convene an “emergency meeting” when an urgent and important matter arises and a delay of the meeting for the purpose of adequate notice would likely result in substantial harm to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 the normal requirements of the law regarding adequate notice have not been met due to lack of time and subject matter, however notices of this Emergency Meeting were emailed to the Herald New and The Record on May 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer was directing the closure of Greenwood Lake bathing areas due to HABs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that a vote taken at the Emergency Meeting held in the evening on May 26, 2023 via email by the Governing Body on the following:

1. That an affirmative vote of three-quarters by the Council Members directed the Health Officer to have “Swim At Your Own Risk” signage posted at the Greenwood Lake beach areas.
2. This resolution shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.
3. This resolution is effective immediately.

Adopted: May 26, 2023

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023- 215 by three-quarter vote of the Council.

Voted Aye: Chazukow, Lichtenberg, Conlon, Marsden
Voted Nay: None
Motion carried:

Approved: June 14, 2023

Respectfully submitted:

DEIDRE ELLIS, KEYBOARDING CLERK II

MICHELE DALE, MAYOR

WILLIAM SENANDE, TOWNSHIP CLERK