

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2020

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING COVID-19 EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2
CONCERNING THE LOCATION AND HANDLING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency to direct all resources needed to respond to and contain COVID-19 in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed a National Emergency concerning COVID- 19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Village of Germantown declared a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the State of Wisconsin issued a Safer at Home Emergency Order, Emergency Order #12, in response to the emergency which has certain impacts on the operations of the Village; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, Village President Wolter issued COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation No. 2 wherein the location for Village Meetings was changed to require the use of electronic meetings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(4)(b), the Proclamation is subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to modify the Proclamation to provide additional clarity on the reasonable accommodations to be made for members of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Germantown that COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation No. 2 Concerning the Location and Handling of Public Meetings is hereby amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 3 of the Proclamation is amended to read:

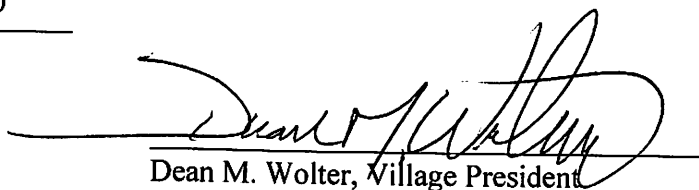
All such meetings shall provide an opportunity for the public to attend the meeting virtually and the means for such attendance shall be specified on the agenda for the meeting. Upon advanced notice of at least two hours, reasonable accommodations will be made for people without telephone or internet by opening, with appropriate social distancing protections, the Council Chambers which shall have technology available to allow attendance at the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Proclamation is approved as amended and shall be effective immediately.

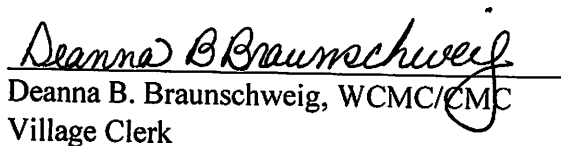
Introduced by: Trustee Zabel

Adopted: April 6, 2020

Vote: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0


Dean M. Wolter, Village President

ATTEST:


Deanna B. Braunschweig, WCMC/CMC
Village Clerk

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WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the State of Wisconsin issued a Safer at Home Emergency Order, Emergency Order #12, in response to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Paragraphs 1 and 12 of Emergency Order #12 recognize that all services provided by local governments to ensure the continuing operation of the government body and provide and support the health, safety, and welfare of the public are considered "Essential Governmental Functions" that must continue during the duration of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Order suggests that technology should be utilized to the greatest extent possible to avoid large, in-person gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 323.52(1) authorizes the Village to hold its meetings in other than normal locations when "during a state of emergency it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of local government at the regular or usual place;" and

WHEREAS, the directives of the CDC and the declarations of emergency specified above require the use of social distancing such that it is imprudent to conduct meetings in-person within Village hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Dean M. Wolter, Village President of the Village of Germantown, Wisconsin, on behalf of all of the Citizens of Germantown and the staff of Village government, hereby declare, as follows:

1. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(4)(b), upon current facts and the inability of the Village Board of the Village of Germantown to meet promptly, it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the Village to ensure that the Village's emergency response continue uninterrupted such that it is appropriate to issue this Proclamation to designate an alternate location for Village meetings.


2. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.52(1), it being imprudent to hold in-person meetings at Village Hall, all meetings of Village boards and commissions shall be held virtually to the greatest extent possible such that all members should attend their meetings utilizing telephonic, video or other electronic means as may be designated by the chair of the body in consultation with the Village Attorney with respect to compliance with Wisconsin Open Meetings Laws.

3. All such meetings shall provide an opportunity for the public to attend the meeting virtually and the means for such attendance shall be specified on the agenda for the meeting. The Village Board room shall also be open with technology available to allow attendance by any citizen who is unable to attend the meeting virtually at their residence provided that appropriate social distancing rules are implemented and followed.

4. This Proclamation shall supersede any statutes, ordinances, rules and the like that conflict with allowing virtual meetings including, but not limited to, rules for calculating attendance for quorum purposes that require physical presence.

5. This Proclamation is effective immediately.

Dated this 31 day of March, 2020.


Dean M. Wolter, Village President