



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEETING

JULY 31 – AUGUST 5, 2020

The Kure Beach Town Council held an emergency meeting on Monday, July 31, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. The Town Attorney was absent and there was a quorum of Council members present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
Commissioner Allen Oliver
Commissioner John Ellen

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Building Inspector – John Batson
Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy
Police Chief – Mike Bowden
Finance Officer – Arlen Copenhaver
Town Clerk – Mandy Sanders
Recreation Director – Nikki Keely
Deputy Town Clerk – Beth Chase
Public Works Director – Jimmy Mesimer

Mayor Bloszinsky called the emergency meeting to order stating the purpose was to discuss plans and management of the impending storm/hurricane Isaias. Notice was posted at Town Hall on Thursday July 30, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. and notification provided to the Sunshine List, thus meeting Public Meetings laws.

Fire Chief Kennedy stated:

- Additional staff will be on duty starting Sunday through Tuesday morning
- Department is fully stocked on food supplies and generators are fueled
- The lifeguard stands will be removed from the beach strand once the storm approaches

Police Chief Bowden stated the Police Department is prepared with food supplies and the gas tank is full.

Building Inspector Batson stated:

- Contractors are preparing for the storm and are taking the precautions necessary
- Met with the New Hanover County representative regarding the damage assessment software and received the training needed
- Real Estate signs will be removed in the next few days

Recreation Director Keely stated the Recreation Department has canceled the Market and the Turtle Talk for Monday and Tuesday of next week.



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Finance Officer Copenhaver stated all Department Heads have been updated on all required documentation needed for FEMA reimbursement.

Public Works Director Mesimer stated:

- All generators are fueled, and the Public Works buildings are secured
- Trash cans on the beach strand will be removed tomorrow and the ones at the beach access points will be picked up on Sunday
- 4 employees have volunteered to stay throughout the storm

Town Clerk Sanders stated all Town generators are fueled and the Town Hall building is prepared for the storm.

Emergency Manager Heglar stated:

- Hurricane Isaias is a Category 1 hurricane and the current track has tropical storms winds arriving at the earliest on Monday morning
- The tropical storm winds are most likely to arrive Monday afternoon
- Recommends delaying trash and recycle pickup until later in the week
- No surrounding Towns are declaring State of Emergencies and will not be announcing evacuations at this time
- Recommends scheduling an emergency meeting for tomorrow morning to discuss evacuations if needed for the Town

Emergency Manager Heglar read the Kure Beach State of Emergency Declaration that is hereby included in the Emergency Minutes.

MOTION – MPT Heglar made a motion to postpone trash pickup from Monday and Tuesday and to be announced after the storm has passed

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to cancel recycling for Monday and Tuesday of next week

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to declare a State of Emergency for the Town of Kure Beach on July 31, 2020

SECOND- Commissioner Oliver

VOTE- Unanimous



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MOTION- Commissioner Whitley made a motion to continue the emergency meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2020

SECOND- MPT Heglar

VOTE-Unanimous

CONTINUED EMERGENCY MEETING ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
Commissioner Allen Oliver
Commissioner John Ellen

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MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to open the emergency meeting on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

SECOND-Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

Fire Chief Kennedy stated the Fire Department has changed its operating period for the storm from Sunday to Monday at 7:00 p.m. If the lifeguard towers are taken off the beach strand it will be on Monday evening.

Public Works Mesimer stated the Community Center and all Town owned buildings have been boarded up. The trash cans at the beach accesses will be removed Monday morning.

Police Chief Bowden stated the Police Department preparations have been completed.



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Emergency Manager Heglar stated:

- Hurricane Isaias is still currently a Category 1 hurricane
- It is forecasted that when it hits Kure Beach it will be a strong tropical storm
- Tropical storm winds can still be expected to impact electricity throughout Town and citizens may not have power till Tuesday
- Recommendation to Town Council is to continue to monitor the Storm and amend the State of emergency regarding the shelters as the County has not announced shelter plans at this time

MOTION- Emergency Manager Heglar made a motion to amend the Kure Beach State of Emergency as New Hanover County has not announced shelters and add the Governors State of Emergency to the declaration

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

Emergency Manager Heglar read the Amended Kure Beach State of Emergency Declaration that is hereby included in the Emergency Minutes.

Public Comment period was held.

MOTION- Emergency Manager Heglar made a motion to continue the emergency meeting to Monday, August 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

CONTINUED EMERGENCY MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
Commissioner Allen Oliver
Commissioner John Ellen

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STAFF PRESENT

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MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to open the emergency meeting on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

Public Works Director Mesimer stated the Public Works Department did another round of trash pickup this morning for the Town businesses and ocean front properties.

Emergency Manager Heglar stated:

- Department Heads met over the weekend and all pre-hurricane checklists are complete
- Hurricane Isaias is forecasted to be a Tropical Storm at this time in Kure Beach
- Storm Surge is expected to be 2-4 feet with wind gusts of 60-65mph
- Low tide is at 1:40 a.m. on Tuesday morning
- The Town can expect impacts to roofs, down trees, and scattered powers outages throughout Town
- Citizens should sign up for the National Weather alerts to be able to receive tornados alerts throughout the storm
- If the Town loses electricity a curfew will be enacted until power is returned

Public Comment period was held.

MOTION- Emergency Manager Heglar made a motion to continue the meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

CONTINUED EMERGENCY MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
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Recreation Director – Nikki Keely
Deputy Town Clerk - Beth Chase

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to open the emergency meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

Fire Chief Kennedy stated:

- 22 total calls received since yesterday including one boat rescue and two electric calls
- The Department around 6:30 a.m. this morning started clearing the roadways and assisting the Public Works Department
- Lifeguards have put the lifeguard towers back on the beach strand

Police Chief Bowden stated when the electricity went out the Police Department patrolled throughout the night and will continue to do the same if power is still out this evening.

Building Inspector Batson stated:

- The initial damage assessment is complete this morning
- 30 houses with reasonable damage throughout Town
- One commercial property at Sand Dunes Motel had the membrane roof blew off the property
- The Town lost a lot of sand from the 1000 block of S Fort Fisher Boulevard to the 1300 block

Public Works Department Mesimer stated:

- The Town still has a few areas throughout Town without power
- Trash pickup will be on Wednesday, and Thursday of this week
- Debris pickup will take about one week to finish throughout the whole Town

Emergency Manager Heglar stated:

- Great job by all Town departments and staff during the storm
- The highest gust measured in New Hanover County was 81mph and 61mph sustained winds
- 35% of the Town has power at this time and Duke Power is working on restoring the rest of Town
- North Side of K Avenue is still without power at this time but should be reinstated by this afternoon
- If power is not restored to the majority of Town, another curfew will be issued again tonight



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- Recommendation to the Town Council is to remain under a State of Emergency till all electricity is resolved
- Department Heads need to report to Finance Officer Copenhaver any FEMA related costs accrued

Public Comment Period is held.

MOTION- Emergency Manager Heglar made a motion to continue the emergency meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

CONTINUED EMERGENCY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

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MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to open the emergency meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

Building Inspector Batson stated Layton Bedsole with New Hanover County will be in Town tomorrow to ride the beach strand.

Finance Officer Copenhaver stated he is requesting each Department Head to report to him by Friday the number of hours worked by employees during the storm, equipment that was used during the storm, and any purchases made related to Hurricane Isaias.



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Emergency Manager Heglar stated there is still 92 residents without power in Kure Beach. Please respect the Duke Power employees and allow them to work uninterrupted. His recommendation is to close the Emergency meeting.


Public Comment was period was held.

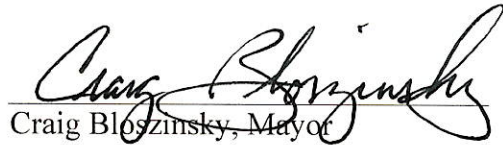
MOTION- Emergency Manager Heglar made a motion to close the State of Emergency at 3:17 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

ATTEST:


Mandy Sanders, Town Clerk


Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor

NOTE: These are action minutes reflecting items considered and actions taken by Council. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. A recording of the meeting is available on the town's website under government>agendasandminutes.



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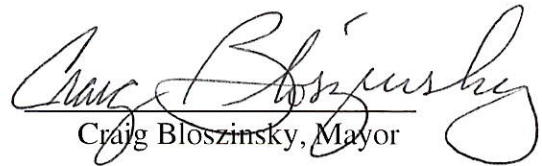
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the current forecast condition for Hurricane Isaias will impact Kure Beach with significant rain, gusting high winds, strong storm surge and flooding;


NOW, THEREFORE, the Kure Beach Town Council does hereby declare a State of Emergency and Threatened Disaster in the Town of Kure Beach and orders the following:

- Mandatory or Voluntary evacuation is to be declared at a later time
- Curfew is expected to be enacted as required and will be communicated with at least twelve hours' notice
- No Sale of Alcoholic Beverages expected to be enacted as required and will be communicated with at least 12 hours' notice
- Shelters to be provided by New Hanover County and the State of NC
- Town offices serving the public will close at 5:00 pm on Friday, July 31, 2020 until the State of Emergency is lifted
- Town emergency essential personnel to remain on duty and available during the duration of the State of Emergency
- Execution of Town of Kure Beach Emergency Operations Plan is effective immediately with all persons, businesses and emergency management personnel within the Town limits ordered to comply with the plan
- All Kure Beach officials are to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this Declaration

Declared this 31st day of July, 2020


Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor

ATTEST


Mandy Sanders, Town Clerk



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AMENDED DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, North Carolina Governor Cooper has determined that a State of Emergency, as defined in General Statute 14-288 and a state of Threatened Disaster as defined in General Statute 166A-4 exists, due to the approach and proximity of Hurricane Isaias; and

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Amended this 1st day of August, 2020


Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor

ATTEST


Mandy Sanders, Town Clerk