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Town of Tonawanda outlines changes in services due to COVID19

(Tonawanda, NY) - Following today's directive by the Governor's Office to reduce the size of local government by at least 50%, Town of Tonawanda officials today took decisive steps to meet that goal. Supervisor Joe Emminger stated that "as elected officials, our first goal is to ensure the public health and safety of our residents and employees. The steps the Town Board took today, while drastic in terms of cutting services, were necessary to protect the public and help slow the spread of the Coronavirus". Emminger added "the Town's basic and essential services will remain intact; those services being our Police & Paramedic Departments, Water & Sewer Departments and Highway Sanitation Pickup (including recycling). All three of these departments/services will be unaffected by the steps we took today". Limited full-time staff will be used to service all of our other departments and residents may call them with any questions they may have.

The Paddock Golf Dome and the Aquatic & Fitness Center will also be closed.

Effective immediately, ALL town offices will be closed to the public until further notice.

If a resident has a water or sewer break, they should continue to call 874-0490, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For Police emergencies dial 911 and for non-police emergencies dial 876-5300.

Normal sanitation schedules will remain in effect (including recycling). The Highway Department can be reached at 875-8822.

For further information on COVID19 in our area and updates, please visit our website at www.tonawanda.ny.us

Thank you for your patience and anticipated cooperation as we battle this outbreak together.

Note: Supervisor Joe Emminger issued a State of Emergency declaration on Sunday, March 15, 2020 with it expiring on Friday, March 20th at 1300 hours. At that time the Supervisor will revisit whether it needs to be extended for another 5 days. (State law requires Emergency declarations be 'visited' every 5 days). State law mandates that at that time the Emergency declaration be either rescinded or extended.

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