## **NEWLIN TOWNSHIP**

## CHESTER COUNTY, PA

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02**

RESOLUTION TO RATIFY ACTION TAKEN DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AS DECLARED BY THE TOWNSHIP AND TO ADOPT PROCEDURES AND POLICIES FOR CONDUCTING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING SUCH STATE OF EMERGENCY.

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 15, 2020, Coronavirus COVID-19 threatened to cause injury, damage and suffering to the persons and property of the Township and the entirety of Chester County;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa. C.S. §7501), as amended, the Township proclaimed the existence of a disaster emergency in the Township;

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Declaration of Disaster Emergency was issued on March 20, 2020 and was effective immediately and to remain in effect until further notice;

WHEREAS, pursuant to such Declaration of Disaster Emergency the Township Emergency Management Coordinator was directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency:

**WHEREAS**, the Township also determined to cancel certain public meetings and to restrict public access to Township buildings in order to comply with health safety advisories issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the County of Chester.

**NOW THEREFORE** it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors that the following actions are hereby adopted, ratified and/or consented to by the Board of Supervisors as follows:

- 1. The Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated March 20, 2020 is ratified by the Board of Supervisors and shall remain in effect until further declaration or resolution of the Board of Supervisors.
- 2. The procedures and protocols for conducting public meetings during the declared state of emergency shall be posted on the Township's website.
  - 3. The following additional actions are hereby ratified and acknowledged:



- a. the Township Maintenance Garage was closed to the public on March 13, 2020 and shall remain closed until further declaration or action of the Board of Supervisors;
- b. The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for March 25, 2020 was cancelled and the Open Space Committee meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020 was cancelled.
- c. The Board of Supervisors conducted a virtual public meeting on April 13, 2020 and the Planning Commission is scheduled to conduct its monthly meeting for April in the same manner. All other Township meetings scheduled for April are cancelled.
  - d. all questions related to public meetings, public participation in such meetings, conducting of township business, building inspections and applications for new building permits should continue to be directed to the email of info@newlintownship.org and by regularly checking the Township's website at www.newlintownship.org

RESOLVED and ADOPTED on the 13th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

Gail Abel, Secretary

NEWLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF

**SUPERVISORS** 

William J. Kelsall, Chair

James Cornell, Vice Chair

Robert R. Pearson, Member