

- ATTENDANCE:** Thomas E. Mincer, Chairman via conference call; Dennis L. Brink, Vice Chairman; Edward D. Nikles, Supervisor via conference call; and Karen Kleist, Secretary/Treasurer.
- ITEM NO. 1: CALL TO ORDER** An Emergency Meeting was held at 2:30 pm for the purpose of issuing a Declaration of Emergency relative to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- ITEM NO. 2: EMERGENCY DISASTER DECLARATION** MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Ed Nikles, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2020-03, Declaration of Emergency.

**DINGMAN TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03
EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR CORONA
VIRUS COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the President of United States of America and the CDC (“Center for Disease Control”) and WHO (“World Health Organization”) have declared a medical health emergency concerning the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth Pennsylvania, issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency in response to the coronavirus, now known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 18, 2020, the County of Pike declared the Coronavirus COVID-19 PANDEMIC, a public health threat with the ability to cause illness, suffering, and possible death to the persons of the County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has significant potential to endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing and working in Dingman Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania particularly the elderly and those medically compromised; and

WHEREAS, both the President of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have indicated that local governments should take the appropriate steps to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the Supervisors of Dingman Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 (b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Code, as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a Medical Disaster Emergency in Dingman Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania, and FURTHER DECLARES that:

- a. The effects of the COVID-19 coronavirus constitute a clear and present danger to life;
- b. The disaster emergency declared by the Supervisors under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7501 and the resulting enabling provisions of 35 Pa.C.S. § 7501 shall continue through Friday, April 21, 2020, at which time or before, Supervisors shall make the determination to either end or continue the Emergency Declaration;
- c. The Supervisors directs the Township Staff to take the appropriate measures to protect Township citizens, businesses, and employees by adopting without limitation, the following measures:
 1. Cancelling any and all non-essential Township meetings and use of the buildings and facilities by outside groups and organizations.
 2. Cancelling reservations for the group use of Township Park facilities;

3. Extending any and all deadlines for Township responses to Right-to-Know Requests and submissions for Land Development, Zoning, Permitting etc.; and
4. Closing or altering the hours that the Township Office is open to the public.
5. Changing employee schedules which may include prohibiting Township staff from reporting to the Township offices;
6. Act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, namely: by recommending to the Board the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

FURTHERMORE, the Township Supervisors hereby directs the Township Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate actions needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

In light of the health emergency this Declaration may signed in counterparts by the three Board Members.

APPROVED AND RESOLVED this 25th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

DINGMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Thomas E. Mincer, Chairman

Dennis L. Brink

Edward Nikles

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kleist, Secretary/Treasurer