

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-191

RESOLUTION TO RATIFY ACTION TAKEN DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AS DECLARED BY THE TOWNSHIP, TO EXTEND SUCH STATE OF EMERGENCY IF NEEDED, 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 17, 2020 and became effective immediately;

WHEREAS, pursuant to such Declaration of Disaster Emergencies, the Township Emergency Management Coordinator was directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response 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, restrict public access to Township buildings and to make determinations by consulting via telecommunication devices as needed 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 17, 2020, and any extension of such Declaration, has been consented to and is hereby ratified by the Board of Supervisors.
2. The Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated March 17, 2020 is hereby extended to April 30, 2020. The Board of Supervisors hereby consents to such extension.
3. The procedures and protocols for the conducting of the governing body's executive, legislative and judicial powers and functions, including the holding of public meetings, during a declared state of emergency shall be conducted in compliance with the law to the fullest extent possible without jeopardizing the public health, safety and welfare.

4. The procedures and protocols for conducting public meetings during a declared state of emergency shall be posted on the Township's website and door to the Township building, with additional notice given when deemed necessary, in an effort to provide public notice of how such meetings will be conducted in a safe manner but also to allow for transparency and public participation to the greatest extent permitted.

5. The following additional actions as taken by Township Staff and/or the Board of Supervisors are hereby ratified and acknowledged, and are hereby further expanded upon as follows:

- a. the East Goshen Township Building was closed to the public and such closure shall remain in place until April 30, 2020;
- b. essential services such as Fire/EMS services, police services, trash services, and sanitary sewer services have continued. These essential services shall continue to be provided;
- c. all non-essential municipal meetings scheduled through March 30, 2020 were cancelled and all non-essential municipal meetings shall continue to be cancelled until April 30, 2020 unless otherwise determined;
- d. all questions related to township business, paying of bills, police administration, Right-to-Know requests, building inspections and applications for new building permits should be directed to the Township website at www.eastgoshen.org for updates and detailed contact information.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED on the 14th day of April, 2020.



Louis F. Smith, Secretary



E. Martin Shane, Chairman

David E. Shuey, Vice Chairman

Michael P. Lynch, Member

John F. Hertzog, Member

Michele D. Truitt, Member