

RESOLUTION NO.: 1 of 2020

**DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND  
PROVIDING FOR THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO  
THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH  
AND PROVIDING FOR BOARD MEMBERS  
PARTICIPATION TELEPHONICALLY**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Newport Township recognize that the recent concerns raised by the reports of COVID-19 known more commonly as the Coronoavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Newport Township, recognize their duty to protect against the threat of illness, Township residents, employees and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Newport Township, has determined that the within provisions will best serve and most effectively and efficiently protect the community against the illness from the threat of the Coronoavirus;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. At the present time a State of Emergency is hereby declared by the Commissioners of Newport Township.

2. Participation in meetings telephonically. Unless and until the Declaration of the State of Emergency is lifted by the Board of Commissioners, all Commissioners with the exception of the President of the Board of Commissioners shall be permitted to participate in monthly or other meetings telephonically. The President of the Board of Commissioners will be present in the Newport Township Municipal Building so that members of the public who may desire to attend may attend in accordance with the Sunshine Act. All other board members shall be permitted to participate in the meetings telephonically.

3. The Township Manager is hereby granted the following limited powers to remain in effect unless and until the Declaration of the State of Emergency is lifted by the Township Board of Commissioners. The Township Manager may:

- a. Close the municipal building to the public for as limited a time necessary to avert harm;
- b. Send home nonessential employees/staff;
- c. Authorize employees/staff to work from home/telecommute;

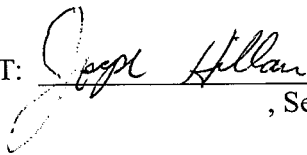
- d. Alter staffing requirements and/or scheduling;
- e. Release necessary information to the public;
- f. Authorize, approve or require self-quarantine or restrict access to the municipal or other township building(s) for potentially contaminated employees/staff;
- g. Promulgate rules and regulations for any employee/staff member traveling out of the area;
- h. Coordinate any necessary or recommended services with state, federal or other governmental officials.

4. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Resolution is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, it shall not effect or impair the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Resolution.

5. This Resolution shall become effective upon its final adoption by the Township Commissioners of the Township of Newport.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED at the Special Meeting of the Newport Township Board of Commissioners this 17th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

  
 , Secretary

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP  
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
 Paul Czapracki  
 President, Board of Commissioners

  
 John Zyla  
 Vice-President, Board of Commissioners

Presented by DEBORAH FORCACK ZALESKI

Seconded by MICHAEL ROKE