

MONROE TOWNSHIP
DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

March 26, 2020

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) has spread worldwide, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a disease capable of causing severe symptoms or loss of life, particularly to older populations and those individuals with pre-existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, presumed positive cases of COVID-19 exist in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania including Cumberland County and the possible increased threat to COVID-19 constitutes a threat of imminent disaster to the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth and Monroe Township; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster has caused schools to close and businesses to close or limit hours of operation, prompting municipal governments to declare local disaster emergencies because of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tom Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 6, 2020, which urged governing bodies of all political subdivisions affected by the COVID-19 emergency to act as necessary in meeting the current exigencies as legally authorized under his Proclamation, without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted. The Cumberland County Commissioners also approved a declaration of disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, emergency measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents in Monroe Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Supervisors of Monroe Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Service Code, 35 Pa. C.S.A., Section 1701 et seq., do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Monroe Township.

FURTHER, residents and business owners are encouraged to limit or refrain from coming to the Monroe Township building to address non-essential activities during the time this Declaration is in effect; and

FURTHER, public meetings of the Board of Supervisors shall be conducted via teleconference or other electronic methods that allows for two-way communication between and among the Supervisors and the public, which members of the public shall participate in such meetings by electronic methods and not by attendance in person at the Monroe Township building; and

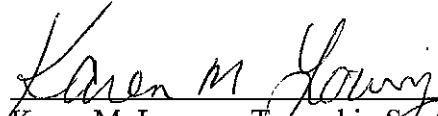
FURTHER, the Monroe Township Secretary and Roadmaster, and their designees, are authorized and directed to take all appropriate action reasonably available to help alleviate the effects of this disaster, maintain essential public services, and to take any other action deemed necessary to respond to issues that may arise during this disaster emergency if the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors are not able to authorize and direct them in a timely manner; and

FURTHER, this Declaration of Disaster Emergency shall remain in effect and be continued in excess of seven (7) days from its effective date until terminated by subsequent action by the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors.


This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

MONROE TOWNSHIP:

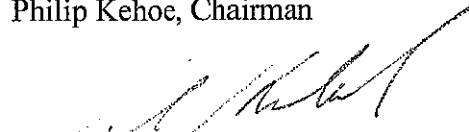


Karen M. Lowery, Township Secretary



Philip Kehoe, Chairman

(Township Seal)



Carl Kuhl, Supervisor