

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 30, 2020

An emergency meeting of the Rockland Township Board of Supervisors was held on March 30, 2020 at 2:00PM at the Rockland Township Municipal Building. The following board members were present: Chairman David Wartzenuft, Vice Chairman Nathan Ohlinger and Michele Albright. Also present were Township Solicitor Jim Smith (participating via phone), Township Emergency Management Coordinator Derick Wartzenuft, Township Roadmaster Michael Pott, and Secretary/Treasurer Karen Krall.

The meeting was called to order at 2:02PM by Chairman David Wartzenuft.

Resolution #2020-04 – On a motion by Michele Albright, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, Resolution #2020-04 was adopted officially declaring a state of emergency due to the pandemic resulting from spread of COVID-19 virus (as recommended by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Township Roadmaster Michael Pott informed the Board that it is getting increasingly difficult to provide work for the full-time road crew, due to the COVID-19 social distancing requirements, etc., and he is concerned about the safety of the employees amid the potential for the spread of the COVID-19 virus among Township staff. After a brief discussion, on a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board authorized the two full-time road crew workers (Edward Korn and Thomas Weisner) to stay at home with pay for the next two weeks due to the COVID-19 situation and authorized Township Roadmaster Michael Pott to use his discretion to call in employees on an as-needed basis, and this authorization is to be exercised in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the crew, Township employees and the community during this COVID-19 pandemic. The Board agreed to re-evaluate the road crew workers situation at the upcoming April 14, 2020 monthly Board meeting. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

April 14, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting – After a brief discussion, on a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Michele Albright, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockland Township Board of Supervisors to be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00PM will be CLOSED to the public insofar as no member of the public will be permitted to attend in person; rather, public participation will be allowed utilizing freeconferencecall.com or other similar option only so that any member of the public wishing to comment or otherwise participate may do so. Persons wishing to participate in the meeting may contact the Township Office prior to the meeting and will be emailed a link or log-in information to join the meeting. An agenda for the April 14, 2020 monthly Board meeting will be posted on the Township website in advance of the meeting, and draft minutes from the meeting will be posted on the Rockland Township website no later than 48 hours following the conclusion of the meeting. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mollie Prey, Tax Collector has informed the Township that there will be NO sitting hours during the month of April 2020 for the collection of the County/Township real estate tax payments, due to the COVID-19 situation. Therefore, property owners are encouraged to mail real estate tax payments to the address on the face of the bill (direct to Mollie Prey, 102 Orchard Road, Fleetwood, PA 19522). If a receipt is desired, property owners shall include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58PM on a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall
Secretary/Treasurer