

Township of Marple, Delaware County  
Board of Commissioners – Joseph A. Rufo, President

***MINUTES***

Emergency Meeting – March 19, 2020 – 11am

- ◆ President Commissioner Rufo called the Emergency Meeting to order at 11:05 am on Thursday March 19, 2020 at the Township Building and then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
  
- ◆ **Present @ Roll Call** - Disclosure of recording device -being taped by Township Secretary
  - Joseph Rufo, President (1<sup>st</sup> ward) - present
  - Daniel Leefson, Vice President (7<sup>th</sup> ward) - present
  - Robert Knapp (2<sup>nd</sup> ward) - phone
  - Robert Fortebuono (3<sup>rd</sup> ward) - phone
  - John Lucas (4<sup>th</sup> ward) - present
  - John Longacre (5<sup>th</sup> ward) - phone
  - Michael Molinaro (6<sup>th</sup> Ward) – email response
  - Lawrence Gentile, Township Manager - present
  - Sharon Angelaccio, Township Secretary - present
  - William Creighton, Director of Public Works – present
  - Joseph Romano, Code Director/Health – present
  - Edward O’Lone, Finance Director - present

1. **Declaration of Disaster and Extension - Resolution #5006** – On a motion by Commissioner Longacre and seconded by Commissioner Lucas to adopt Resolution #5006 approving the Emergency Declaration for Corona virus Covid-19 Pandemic, the vote being unanimous (7-0) Commissioner Molinaro voting yes by email

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PANDEMIC**  
**Resolution #5006**

**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 Corona vius; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth Pennsylvania, issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency in response to a novel coronavirus, now known as COVID-19, which emerged in Wuhan, China, and has since spread to 89 countries, including the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 10, 2020, the County of Delaware declared the Coronavirus COVID-19 PANDEMIC, a potential public health threat with the ability to cause illness, suffering, and possible death to the persons of Marple Township, Delaware County; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has significant potential to endanger the health, safety and Welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Marple Township, Delaware 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the Declarations of Emergency as declared by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Marple Township, all deadlines as imposed by the MPC and the Right-to-Know Act are hereby suspended for the next seven (7) days and/or until the suspensions of the Declarations of Emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED**, the Township Board of Commissioners of Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 (b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Code, as amended, does hereby declare the existence of a Medical Disaster Emergency in Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and **FURTHER DECLARES** that:

- a. The effects of the COVID-19 corona virus constitutes a clear and present danger to life;
- b. The disaster emergency declared by the Commissioners under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7501 and the resulting enabling provisions of 35 Pa.C.S. § 7501 shall continue through Monday, April 13, 2020, at which time or before, Commissioners shall make the determination to either end or continue the Emergency Declaration;
- c. The Commissioners directs the Township Manager to take the appropriate measures to protect Township citizens, businesses, and employees by adopting without limitation, the following measures:
  1. Limit any and all Township functions to only those deemed constitutionally mandated;
  2. Limit crowds in any and all Township buildings by eliminating any and all non-essential Township meetings and functions and limiting access to the Township facilities to only persons whose presence is absolutely necessary;
  3. Extending any and all deadlines for Township responses to Right-to-Know Requests and other submissions for Land Development, Zoning, etc.;
  4. Establish the appropriate measures for the payment and collection for Township taxes while assuring the safety of the Township taxpayers;
  5. If necessary, temporarily releasing all non-essential Township personnel from reporting to the Township offices for work;
  6. Immediately taking the steps necessary to properly clean and sanitize Township facilities; and,
  7. If necessary, the Township Manager is authorized, after the approval of Board of Commissioners, to employ temporary workers, rent equipment, purchase necessary supplies and materials; and to enter into contracts and agreements for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of Marple Township's citizens.

**FURTHERMORE**, the Township Board of Commissioners of Marple Township hereby directs the Marple 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.

**APPROVED AND RESOLVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

**2. Adjourn** – With no further business for the Board, the emergency meeting was adjourned at 11: 20 am

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Angelaccio, Township Secretary