

TOWNSHIP OF WEST HEMPFIELD

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION NO. 12-20

A RESOLUTION OFFERING GRATITUDE TO THE WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP PANDEMIC RESPONSE TEAM

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2020, West Hempfield Township readopted the Township's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), which included a new Pandemic Annex; and

WHEREAS, On March 7, 2020, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf declared a Disaster and signed a Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, West Hempfield Township issued a temporary Declaration of Disaster Emergency to be in effect for seven days, a declaration renewed March 26, 2020, for ninety days, and ratified by the Board on March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, March 18, 2020, Dave Dumeyer, Chairman of the West Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors, established the West Hempfield Township Pandemic Response Team and appointed the following members to this team

- Andrew Stern, Township Manager, West Hempfield Township
- John Leas, Emergency Management Coordinator, West Hempfield Township
- Joseph Ney, Fire Chief, West Hempfield Fire & Rescue
- Lisa Layden, Police Chief, West Hempfield Township
- Mike Fitzgibbons, President/CEO, Susquehanna Valley EMS
- Alice Yoder, RN, MSN, Executive Director of Community Health, Penn Medicine/LGH; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these appointed members of the Pandemic Response Team, the following individuals also provided their expertise to the team and Township:

- Dale Getz, WHT Public Works Director
- Doug Ober, Sergeant, West Hempfield Township Police
- Brenda Buescher, Health Promotion Specialist, Penn Medicine/LGH
- Barry Carter, Deputy Fire Chief, West Hempfield Fire & Rescue
- Dean Gantz, Jr., Fire Chief, Mountville Fire Company
- Joe Iacono, Emergency Management Coordinator, Mountville Borough
- Dr. Michael Riehart, Penn Medicine/LGH; and

WHEREAS, the Pandemic Response Team first met in-person on March 18, 2020, and then remotely for seven weeks, reviewing and addressing areas of concern for our employees, first responders, residents, businesses, and community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Pandemic Response Team, and our additional experts, significantly contributed to the ongoing success of the Township in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, many of the actions taken, decisions made, and information shared at these meetings aided the Township and Lancaster County to overcome the threat of this health crisis; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, the Pandemic Response Team chose to discontinue formal meetings and serve on an as-needed basis. The ability to discontinue these meetings was a testament to the work performed by this Team which resulted in a level of comfort by all involved related to communications, community needs, policies and protocols, and the availability of personal protective equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors extends its sincere gratitude to each of the individuals identified above for their dedication, skill, and expertise in helping this Township through the uncertain early days of the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020; and albeit further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to each individual in recognition of the contribution each has made to the health and safety of this Township during this pandemic.

DULY ADOPTED this 4th day of June 2020, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of West Hempfield, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

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Attest: Adm B. St
(Assistant) Secretary

By: David M. Summer
(Vice) Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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