

BOROUGH OF MILLERSVILLE

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILLERSVILLE, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO DECLARE A DISASTER EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (now known as “COVID-19”) that emerged in Wuhan, China, began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to 89 countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) have declared COVID-19 a “Pandemic,” and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Millersville Borough has been working in collaboration with the Lancaster EMA, PEMA, DOH, and local health agencies to monitor and plan for the containment and subsequent mitigation of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this pandemic is endangering the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the Millersville Borough, and threatens to create problems potentially greater in scope than the County and Municipalities may be able to resolve on their own; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent pandemic throughout the Borough is of such magnitude and severity as to render essential the Borough’s coordination of emergency resources to require the activation of all applicable state, county and municipal emergency response plans; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent pandemic has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population throughout the Millersville Borough; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this pandemic and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Millersville Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH, PENNSYLVANIA pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, [8 PA C.S. § 10A06 (b)], as amended, and Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Services Code, (35 PA C.S. §7501) as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency as a result of this pandemic in the Borough of Millersville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we direct our municipal Emergency Management Coordinator or his designee to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this pandemic, to aid in the continuation and restoration of essential public services as necessary, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we authorize officials of Millersville Borough to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we authorize (for the safety of our employees and citizens) that the Borough Office remain staffed, however, closed to the Public. Citizens are urged to use the drop box at the front door and to contact the Borough when needed by telephone or e-mail.

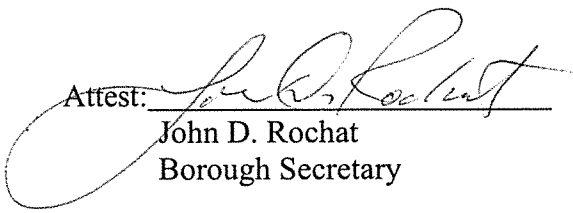
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we support our Governor's recommendation that all non-essential business close to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we direct that all Boards and Commissions meetings be canceled pursuant to this Emergency Declaration. Borough Council Committees are encouraged to continue to meet through Virtual Meetings, understanding that these virtual meetings will be for information only and no formal action or votes may be taken. This should help stream-line Council meetings, thereby reduce the likelihood of transferring the COVID-19 virus.

This state of Emergency Declaration shall take effect immediately and is in full effect unless rescinded, modified or ratified, or extended by resolution of the Borough Council at their council meeting Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

DULY ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2020, by Council of the Borough of Millersville, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

Attest:


John D. Rochat
Borough Secretary


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BOROUGH OF MILLERSVILLE
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