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REGULAR MEETING OF McKEAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order on May 21, 2020 by Chair Janice Dennis at 4:18 p.m. as previously advertised and took place at the McKean Township Municipal Bldg.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Janice Dennis, Brian Cooper, and Ronald Bole.

CITIZEN COMMENT – AGENDA

None

MINUTES

Ron Bole moved to approve minutes of the May 7, 2010 meeting, second by Brian Cooper and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Erie Water Works Water Quality Report for the year 2019

Felix & Gloekler, P.C.—Annual Audit and Financial Report for year ended December 31, 2019

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Cooper moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 1505

**A RESOLUTION SEEKING THE IMMEDIATE REOPENING
OF ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf ordered all “non-life sustaining businesses” to close with a vague and confusing list of criteria to be considered essential; and

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WHEREAS, despite Erie County being currently labeled in the “yellow” phase for reopening, there are little or no known criteria for the arbitrary and subjective nature of progressing to the “green” phase; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of businesses in Erie County are restaurants, hair salons or other vital services to the health, safety, and welfare of a community whose potential opening is still in doubt; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald Yealy, chair of emergency medicine at UPMC, and Dr. Steven Shapiro, UPMC’s chief medical and scientific officer, testified before the Pennsylvania Senate Aging & Youth and Local Government Committees on May 13, 2020, and in that testimony expressed that only the Philadelphia region should remain in lockdown; and

WHEREAS, the McKean Township Board of Supervisors strongly recommends that PA Legislators support, and the Governor sign, HB 2506, HB 2513, HB 2388, and all related pending legislation regarding the opening of many commercial entities currently shuttered in the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, municipalities in Erie County and McKean Township are suffering losses in Earned Income taxes, Local Services taxes, Real Estate Transfer taxes, and permit fees, all of which helps fund municipal operations include life sustaining public safety operations; and

WHEREAS, the continued loss of those taxes will likely result in substantial real estate property tax increases in 2021; and

WHEREAS, many residents of Erie County and McKean Township are struggling to support their families, and many businesses now face the strong possibility of permanent closure; and

WHEREAS, according to data from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Erie County Department of Health, Erie County residents currently have a .0004% chance of contracting the Covid 19 virus, including a .024% mortality rate for those that have contracted the virus and a .000007 mortality rate for all of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, McKean Township understands that our most vulnerable residents must be protected, particularly in nursing homes where 70% of statewide cases have occurred; and
WHEREAS, following CDC guidelines have allowed numerous other states to open as safely as possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors of McKean Township, Erie County express our support for the aforementioned PA House resolutions, and call upon the Erie County Executive to lobby for, and the PA Governor to grant, an immediate full and complete opening of all McKean Township businesses who wish to do so.

**Enacted this 21st day of May, 2020
By the McKean Township Supervisors**

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Janice T. Dennis, Chair

Brian P. Cooper, Supervisor

Ronald T. Bole, Supervisor

ATTEST:

Janice T. Dennis, Secretary

Motion was second by Ron Bole and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Jan Dennis moved that the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Douglas and Rita Wood has been reviewed and found to be acceptable. Approval of this module does not constitute individual onlot system permit approval, second by Brian Cooper and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Ron Bole moved to set and advertise the Conditional Use Permit Hearing for Nancy Gruver take place July 2, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. and authorize advertisement, second by Brian Cooper and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no objections, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice T. Dennis, Secretary