## **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-15**

## NESHANNOCK TOWNSHIP, LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF COVID-19

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has issued an Emergency Disaster Declaration as a result of COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, the Lawrence County Commissioners have declared a state of emergency for Lawrence County as a result of COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, Neshannock Township conducted a Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 and to discuss COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Supervisors declares an emergency as a result of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has announced through the Governor's Proclamation statewide mitigation to help stop the spread of COVID-19, to include suspension of non-essential services.

**WHEREAS**, Neshannock Township is responsible to govern and ensure essential services such as police, fire, emergency services, water, sanitation, trash collection, zoning, code enforcement and maintenance of Township roads must continue.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the undersigned Board of Supervisors of Neshannock Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Service Code (35 Pa. C.S. § 7501), as amended, does hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in the Township of Neshannock, as a result of COVID-19, in effect as of the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 emergency meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

FURTHER, we direct the Neshannock Township Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Neshannock Township to act as necessary to meet the current demands 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.

This Proclamation shall be effective retroactive to March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 as approved at the Regular meeting of the Neshannock Township Board of Supervisors.

ENACTED AND RESOLVED, this 25th day of March, 2020.

**NESHANNOCK TOWNSHIP** 

ATTEST:

Leslie Bucci, Secretary

Stephen Demoionte, Chairman

Joseph Gierlach, Supervisor

Leslie Bucci, Supervisor