

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY
POTTER TOWNSHIP, BEAVER COUNTY, PA**

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 Governor Tom Wolf declared Pennsylvania to be in a State of Emergency and as a result, Beaver County, Pennsylvania Commissioners declared the same to be in effect for the County;

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic has caused or threatens to cause imminent injury, damage and suffering to the persons and property of Pennsylvania, Beaver County and Potter Township;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 will endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing and/or working in Potter Township and threatens repercussions greater in scope to Potter Township; and

WHEREAS, immediate emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents, businesses and workers in Potter Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the undersigned Supervisors of Potter Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S. Section 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Potter Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania;

Further, we direct the Township Staff, Solicitor and Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of an emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the impact and 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; and

Still Further, we authorize the Township Staff and Solicitor of Potter Township to act as necessary to meet the current emergencies of this disaster, 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 essential 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 Declaration of Disaster Emergency shall take effect immediately on this 24th day of March 2020.

Linda McCoy, Sec/Tr

Attest

3/24/2020

Date

email Motion – 3/24/2020

Rebecca Matsco - Chair, Board of Supervisors Aye

email Motion made – 3/24/2020

Earl Shamp - Vice Chair Aye

Motion seconded – 3/24/2020

Al Cwynar - Supervisor Aye