

**CHESTER TOWNSHIP**  
**OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**(Resolution No. 2020-04-02)**

At a regular meeting of the Chester Township Board held at 7:00 p.m. on April 13, 2020, the following Resolution was offered for adoption by Township Board Member Redding and was seconded by Township Board Member Coxon:

**A RESOLUTION CONFERRING EMERGENCY POWERS UPON THE TOWNSHIP BOARD,  
RATIFYING PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ACTIONS TAKEN AND ESTABLISHING A  
TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ALL SERVICES DEEMED AS NON-ESSENTIAL.**

RECITALS

- A. The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. There is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease.
- B. On March 10, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. On that same day, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-4. This order declared a state of emergency across the state of Michigan.
- C. The Township Board finds that there exists a health and safety emergency in the Township due to the coronavirus and its impacts.
- D. On March 23, 2020, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-21 which broadly prohibits in-person work until April 14, 2020 except for critical infrastructure workers. This order has since been extended through April 30, 2020.
- E. The Township Board has determined that the receipt and processing of land use and similar applications is not essential to conduct minimum basic operations of the Township. Operations that do not require face-to-face contact may continue when possible.
- F. The Township Board further finds that it is necessary to empower the Township Supervisor to take certain action in order to effectively address public health, safety, and welfare concerns related to the current emergency.

RESOLUTION

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. For the reasons recited above, the Township Board does hereby confer upon the Township Supervisor authority, to the extent permitted by law, reasonably necessary to provide for the public health, safety, and general welfare of persons and property within the Township.

2. A moratorium is hereby established prohibiting Township employees, officers or contractors from accepting, reviewing, processing or administering land use, zoning, planning or similar permits or applications so long as Executive Order 2020-21 or any successor order remains in effect.
3. Additionally, the Township Supervisor, following consultation with the Township Clerk and Treasurer is further empowered to do the following:
  - a. Close or limit access to the Township Hall and any other Township facility not essential to the provision of Township services;
  - b. Authorize Township employees to perform in-person work consistent with Executive Order 2020-21 (or any successive order);
  - c. Authorize Township employees to perform work from home;
  - d. Place Township employees in an on-call status;
  - e. Authorize and ensure the payment of all budgeted expenditures;
  - f. Authorize and ensure the continuation of payroll;
  - g. Postpone all non-essential Township activities; and
  - h. Adjourn nonessential meetings of any Township body other than the Township Board.
  - i. Establish methods for notification of and participation in public meetings.
4. All prior official actions of the Township Supervisor and other Township officials related to the public health, safety, and general welfare of persons and property taken during the declared Michigan state of emergency are hereby approved and ratified.
5. Township staff shall publicize by posting on the Township website and at the Township office alternative means for accessing public meetings and essential services.
6. Except as otherwise provided herein, this grant of authority to the Township Supervisor continues until (1) the Michigan state of emergency is ended or (2) it is revoked by resolution of the Township Board.
7. All resolutions, motions, and policies in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.
8. This Resolution is effective immediately.

The vote to adopt this Resolution was as follows:

AYES: Coxon, Dunnuck, Meerman and Redding

NAYS: Goodno

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.