

RESOLUTION 2020-02

DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a coronavirus known as COVID-19 was first detected in the People's Republic of China and which has now spread to Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recently declared the spread of COVID-19 to be a pandemic and a “public health emergency of international concern”; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine has issued Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Ohio as a necessary state-wide preventive and proactive measure to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health has issued state-wide Orders limiting or prohibiting gatherings and the closure of certain venues and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 within Blendon Township would threaten to strain Township resources and threaten the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Blendon Township; and

WHEREAS, the Blendon Township Board of Trustees intends to protect township residents through this Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code section 505.031 provides for the appointment of a township administrator, and, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 505.032, the Township Board of Trustees “may assign to such township administrator any [duties] under” the Board’s control; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures may be required to expedite actions deemed necessary to reduce the local severity of a significant event which would seriously affect the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of Township citizens or preclude the operation of use of public facilities and services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Blendon Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees of Blendon Township hereby declare a state of emergency in Blendon Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to issue such administrative Orders as are appropriate to give effect to this Resolution, including the tolling of specific Township deadlines.

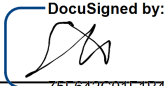
SECTION 3. This State of Emergency shall continue until such Emergency no longer exists as determined by the Ohio Department of Health or the Township Board of Trustees.

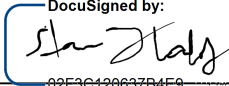
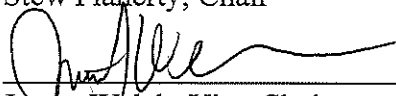
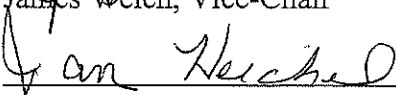
SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including, without limitation, Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, such necessity arising from the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus in Central Ohio, and, therefore, shall take effect and be in force from

and after the date of its adoption.

Date: March 18, 2020

Attest: 
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Shawn Smith, Fiscal Officer


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Stew Flaherty, Chair

James Welch, Vice-Chair

Jan Heichel, Trustee