

RESOLUTION 2020 - 32

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SYCAMORE, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO DUE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS) PANDEMIC, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, there has been an outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) across the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, there have been multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the State of Ohio, and Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio is being affected by the spread of COVID-19 in a manner that could endanger the health, safety and welfare of Township residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, has declared a national State of Emergency and the Governor of the State of Ohio, Michael DeWine, has declared a State of Emergency in Ohio (Executive Order 2020-01D) which, among other restrictions, has closed all schools in the State of Ohio and limits large indoor gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeWine's Declaration follows the Center for Disease Control and Prevention "Interim Guidance," recommending that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19, including the review of guidance from state and local health officials; and

WHEREAS, the health risks due to COVID-19 along with the restrictions and recommendations resulting from the aforementioned declarations have created a number of issues, problems, and difficulties for the Township, including the ability to carry on the affairs of the Township as well as address the spread of COVID-19 within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the measures necessary to address the spread and effects of COVID-19 within the Township may exceed all public and private resources that are locally available; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent and immediate need to take emergency measures to maintain essential Township operations, protect lives, homes, businesses, and property, and to ensure that basic needs of Township residents are met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The Board hereby declares that a State of Emergency exists and has been in existence since March 9, 2020 in the Township of Sycamore, Hamilton County, Ohio, and invokes and declares those portions of the Ohio Revised Code which are applicable to these conditions and which have caused the

issuance of this Resolution, including without limitation R.C. Chapter 5502 and R.C. §505.08 and §5705.41(D)(1), to be in full force and effect in the Township for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives, businesses and property within the Township, and the continuation of essential Township functions, operations and services with minimal interruption, as well as to support any application for emergency assistance for the Township, its residents, and its businesses.

SECTION 2.

The Township Administrator is hereby authorized to take any and all steps reasonably necessary to maintain order and control in the Township for the well-being, health and safety of residents and businesses.

SECTION 3.

The Township Administrator is hereby authorized to engage and contract, where appropriate, with local, state and federal agencies to provide disaster assistance and relief to the Township, as well as its citizens and businesses, during this declared State of Emergency.

SECTION 4.

This Declaration shall remain in effect so long as the Ohio Governor's declared state of emergency remains in effect, unless earlier terminated by the Board.

SECTION 5.

The Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, by at least a two-third vote of all of its members, dispenses with any requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and authorizes its passage upon one reading.

SECTION 6.

Upon the unanimous vote of the Board of Township Trustees, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of Sycamore Township and shall take effect immediately. The reason for the emergency is the need to deal with adverse effects of the outbreak of COVID-19.

VOTE RECORD:

Mr. James AYE Mr. LaBarbara AYE Mr. Weidman AYE

PASSED at a meeting of the Board of Township Trustees this 2nd day of April, 2020.

/s/ Jim LaBarbara
Jim LaBarbara, Chairman

/s/ Thomas C. James, Jr.
Thomas C. James Jr., Vice Chairman

/s/ Thomas J. Weidman
Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was duly passed and filed with the Sycamore Township Fiscal Officer, this 2nd day of April, 2020.

/s/ Robert C. Porter, III
Robert C. Porter, III
Sycamore Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Deepak K. Desai
Deepak K. Desai, Law Director