

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-5-008**

## A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO MEET BY ELECTRONIC AND TELEPHONIC MEANS

Victor Township Board of Trustees, Clinton County, Michigan, hereby Resolves:

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees ("Board") held at 6843 S. Alward Road, Laingsburg, Michigan 48848, in the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, on the 10th day of May 2021, at 7:00 o'clock in the PM.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 o'clock in the PM by Supervisor Jim Conklin

Present: Jim Conklin, Julie Townsend, Amanda Conklin, Paula Willoughby and Nikki Fickes

Absent: NONE

The following preamble and resolution were offered by A Conklin and supported by Willoughby.

WHEREAS, Public Act 228 of 2020 amended the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976, section 3 and added section 3a to allow for electronic/remote meetings under certain circumstances;

WHEREAS, the Director of the MDHHS has concluded that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute an epidemic in Michigan and that control of the epidemic requires restrictions on public gatherings, and;

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, for the County of Clinton, wherein the Township of Victor is located, on March 30, 2021, issued a "Declaration for a Local 'State of Emergency'" (attached to this Resolution) that "shall remail in effect through April 30, 2021 or until such time as the [Clinton County] Board acts to cease to extend the state of emergency."

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to conduct the public business of the Board in a manner so as not to place at risk members of the public, Board staff, or members serving on public bodies of the Board;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.263 (2) permitting a public body to meet by electronic or telephonic means upon declaration of a local state of emergency or state of disaster if meeting in person would place at risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or members of the public body; and §10 (b) of the Emergency Management Act permitting the Supervisor to declare a local state of emergency;

I, Jim Conklin, Supervisor of the Township of Victor, within the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, based on the findings made by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services regarding the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 novel coronavirus and its variant strains declare a local state of emergency to permit the Victor Township Board and all other public bodies of Victor Township to continue to meet by electronic and telephonic means after March 30, 2021 and respectfully request the Board of Trustees affirm this action through April 30, 2021 or until such time as the Clinton County Board of Commissioners act to cease to extend the state of emergency.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect as permitted by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: J Conklin, Willoughby, Townsend, Fickes and A Conklin

NAYS: NONE

Resolution declared adopted this 14 day of April 2021.

Amanda Conklin, Clerk

## CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and Clerk of the Board, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board at a Regular meeting held on the 14 of April, 2021, the original of which is a part of the Board's minutes and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Amanda Conklin, Clerk

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