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### **City Council Special Meeting**

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## Special Meeting March 25, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Call to the Public
- 4. Discussion and Clarification of the February 18, 2021 City Council Meeting Approved Motion to, "Issue a Request for Qualifications [RFQ] for Municipal Attorney Services and Appointing a City Council Task Force of Mayor Pipoly and Councilmembers Emaus and Tobbe to Bring Back a List of Qualified Candidates to Vet Finalists for City Council Interviews"
- 5. Discussion on the Task Force Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for New City Attorney Services, for Approval by City Council for the Verbiage, Qualification Requirements, Proposed Timeline, and Process of the Task Force to Proceed
- 6. Discussion on State of Emergency Regarding Virtual Meetings
- 7. Call to the Public
- 8. Adjournment



March 22, 2021	
Name	
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Address	
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Dear	,

The City of Brighton City Council is seeking qualifications from select municipal law firms for the purposes of providing the City with full-service representation in the area of municipal law, including, but not limited to, taxes and assessing, zoning and land use, prosecution and ordinance enforcement, and law enforcement. We are pleased to invite you and your firm to submit your qualifications to the City no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday April 5, 2021. Qualifications should be sealed, and clearly marked "Municipal Law Counsel" on the front of the envelope. Please note, this selection process is on an expedited timeline. The selected firm will be expected to have the capacity to begin immediately working with the City's counsel of 40 years to transition and be prepared to step in for MTT and 53<sup>rd</sup> District cases currently in litigation.

It is expected that following a review of submitted qualifications, one or more firms will be invited to interview with City Council to further present and discuss the firm's approach and credentials. Finalists will be recommended by the City Council Attorney Search Committee, which was selected to vet submittals. The final selection of a law firm is expected to be made no later than mid-April. A primary concern for the City is identifying a firm, and a lead attorney who will provide clear, timely, and accurate legal assistance, while maintaining a strong professional relationship with City Council, the Management Team, and other stakeholders.

While the Brighton City Charter Section 4.14 provides an overview of responsibilities, we expect that the best candidates will have experience and sophistication in the following minimum areas:

- Handling ordinance and criminal violations, usually in the 53<sup>rd</sup> District Court
- Litigating MTT matters
- Preparing and reviewing contracts, ordinances, and policy
- Updates on current laws, regulations, and statutes affecting City governance and operations
- Police Department policy and procedures
- Advising City Council on rules and procedures, including at Council meetings
- City owned property, easements, and ROW matters
- New regulatory advisement for policy including, marijuana laws and social districts

While you and your firm will be the employee of the City Council, we expect that you will be working closely with City departments to effectuate the policy decisions decided by Council. While we are not the largest City



by far, we are active and consistently looking for ways to improve our City and our community. The two areas that you will not be expected to handle directly will be labor and bonding, as the City outsources specifically for those items. Any specialist counsel (i.e. MTT, police policy, marijuana law, etc.) through the your firm or outsourcing, should be specifically outlined in your qualifications response.

The City is open to any proposed cost proposal that you or your firm prefer. The City has utilized its municipal law counsel on a retainer basis, plus an hourly rate for items not covered by the retainer. The cost proposal may include a monthly retainer, hourly billing, or some combination thereof and should, at a minimum, address the following:

- Attendance at all City Council meetings, special meetings, study sessions, and retreat as requested
- Costs of postage, supplies, materials, equipment, and incidental items
- Consultation with Council and staff
- Research
- Out of pocket expenses, including travel
- Hourly rates and billing practices
- Those items included as part of any proposed monthly retainer and those exclusive

As part of your proposal, please include the following information for the City to review:

- Summary of the firm history, structure, and leadership.
- Listing of the firm's office locations, including contact information.
- Name and narrative summary of the credentials of the proposed lead counsel and other key attorneys, associates, and staff.
- Process for tracking and reporting on ongoing projects and cases.
- Hourly rates and minimum billing increments for each attorney, and administrative staff where applicable.
- Lead tax and assessing counsel (MTT) case history.
- Summary list of cited works, articles, Michigan Supreme Court/Federal cases involving firm/lead counsel, etc.
- Listing of Michigan municipalities for whom the <u>lead counsel</u> currently provides a similar scope of services. Please include the name of the primary contact for each municipality.
- Listing of current municipal clients of the firm located in Michigan.
- Listing of any Michigan municipal clients who have ceased using the firm for general municipal legal services over the past five (5) years and known reasons for leaving.
- Offerings of legal updates/professional development for City Council, Boards, Commission, and Staff.
- Engagement with municipally related organizations, such as MML, MME, MAMA, MAP, etc, through membership, trainings, or other activity.
- Any additional information that may assist the City in the evaluation of both the firm and the lead labor counsel.

Written qualifications, marked "Municipal Law Counsel", must be submitted to the following address no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021. All submissions shall become part of the City's records and will be available for public review. Selections in both the vetting process and final selection will be based on a blend of cost and



experience for the best representation of the City on all matters referenced herein. Interviews may be held at the City Council meeting as early as April 15, 2021.

City of Brighton ATTN: Attorney Search Cmte. 200 N. First Street Brighton, MI 48116

Thank you and feel free to contact us if you have questions while assembling your qualifications,

City of Brighton Attorney Search Committee

Shawn Pipoly pipolys@brightoncity.org
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### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2021

#### **Minutes**

#### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Pipoly called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Pipoly and Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, Muzzin, Pettengill, and Tobbe, all of whom disclosed their locations of City of Brighton, County of Livingston, State of Michigan. City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Management Assistant Henry Outlaw, DPS Superintendent Daren Collins, DPS Compliance Officer Josh Bradley, Police Chief Rob Bradford, Tetra Tech Engineer Steve Magnan, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were seven persons in the audience.

#### 4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to approve the agenda as amended, deleting item 10, moving item f to New Business, and combining the closed sessions. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.** 

#### 5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the revised consent agenda items. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.** 

#### **Consent Agenda Items**

- a. Approval of Minutes: Special Retreat Sessions of January 26, 27, & 28, 2021
- b. Approval of Minutes: Study Session of February 4, 2021
- c. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session of February 4, 2021
- d. Approval of Minutes: Closed Sessions of February 4, 2021
- e. Approval of Reappointment to the City of Brighton Arts and Culture Commission
- f. Approval of Texting Services Agreement with RAVE Mobile Safety (moved to New Business)
- g. Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to NOAR Technologies in the Not to Exceed Price of \$20,000.00 a Police Department Drone and All Peripheral Equipment
- h. Approve Amending a Purchase Order for Police Department HVAC and the Related Budget Amendment
- Approve the Purchase of a Cold Patch Machine from Falcon Asphalt Repair Equipment in the Amount of \$24,015.57

#### Correspondence

#### 6. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:36 p.m.

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Susan Bakhaus asked to clarify items on the agenda listed as items 12. Hearing and seeing no additional comment, Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 7:38 p.m.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to number the second agenda item 12 as 12a. **The motion carried by roll call vote, with Councilmember Muzzin voting no.** 

#### 7. Staff Updates

Director Goch remarked that he has been busy with bid openings with more coming up therefore City Council will see several items on the agenda soon such as parking lot repairs, tree trimming, and other items.

Director Gomolka was happy to report that the City of Brighton was just awarded a CTG grant for safety measures in an amount of \$17,445.67 with the potential of more grants coming soon.

#### 8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner reported the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission was presented with the new concept for the CEC by Assistant to the City Manager Henry Outlaw. Overall the feedback from the Commission was favorable.

Councilmember Pettengill and the ZBA met to discuss and ultimately grant a variance at 1101 Rickett Road. Ms. Pettengill thanked Director Goch and his team for all their work during the snow storm.

Councilmember Bohn asked Director Gomolka about an assessment issue with a neighbor and the most recent increase in the assessment. Director Gomolka stated that she will look into the exact address and email Councilmember Bohn.

Councilmember Muzzin stated the Brighton Area Fire Authority met on February 11, 2021 to establish a two-person committee to vet new attorneys. The Station 33 a site plan is slated to be presented to the next Brighton Township Planning Commission meeting in March for approval. Mr. Muzzin also noted that BAFA has also discussed the transfer of ownership of the Grand River station similar to the Genoa Township fire stations that have been transferred to BAFA. Councilmember Muzzin stated the Webber Road station is owned by BAFA.

Councilmember Emaus noted the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee has not met; however, he asked that all who are interested in donating to a great cause visit <a href="www.greatbikegiveaway.com/chuckschulke">www.greatbikegiveaway.com/chuckschulke</a>. Chuck Schulke is a young boy who has autism, this fundraiser is to generate funds for Chuck to receive a specially made bike.

Mayor Pipoly stated the DDA discussed Put Your Town on the Map grant and the Streetscape strategy for marketing to assure customers that the merchants are open on Main Street during construction.

#### **New Business**

#### 8a. Approval of Texting Services Agreement with RAVE Mobile Safety

Councilmember Pettengill asked for this item to be moved from the Consent Agenda and for the motion to include a dollar amount.

**Motion** by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to approve texting services agreement with RAVE Mobile Safety for a total of \$3,600.00 per year for five years. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.** 

### 9. Consider Approval of Tetra Tech Scope of Work for Bidding and Construction Engineering for the Northwest Neighborhoods Project

Director Goch began the discussion of the agenda item noting the intention is to start the project in May of this year. This agenda item will enable Tetra Tech to begin the bidding process and construction engineering for the Northwest Neighborhoods project after two years of working with residents, City Council, and CSX with the design.

Councilmember Bohn asked if a contingency should be added in light of other projects going over the amount approved. Mr. Magnan assured City Council that he has been assigned to oversee the project and to confirm that engineering and survey work is accurate. Director Goch stated the price for engineering has been discussed at length and feels confident that the requested amount is accurate.

Councilmember Tobbe asked about the intentions for dewatering in light of the lengthy time it took to dewater the 2nd Street Project.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve of the Tetra Tech scope of work for bidding and construction engineering services for Phases One, Two, and Three of the Northwest Neighborhoods Street Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$742,000. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.** 

- 10. Consider Staff Direction Regarding Postponing the Rickett Road Phase 2 Construction Project Until the 2022 Construction Season Due to Recently Secured MDOT Funding (deleted)
- 11. Consider Approving and Extending the 2019 Sidewalk Maintenance Program Contract Pricing from Rotondo Construction for the 2021 construction season

Director Goch introduced the agenda item by stating the extension of the contract pricing from 2019 from Rotondo Construction to continue sidewalk maintenance.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner remarked about the fantastic job Rotondo did last summer and hopes that they will continue the excellent work this summer.

Councilmember Pettengill asked where the focus would be this season. Director Goch said the focus would be in the north east Grand River area near Church Street and Nelson Street. Ms. Pettengill asked if there is a completion list or a percentage of repairs that have been completed to better judge the progress. Director Goch stated about twenty-five percent of the needed repairs have been completed.

Councilmember Bohn noted his concern about continuing to borrow from the next fiscal year and would recommend that instead of borrowing from the next fiscal year, a budget amendment is made to keep the funds in the same fiscal year.

Manager Geinzer noted the agenda item is only to extend the contract pricing and not to approve work to be done. Funding will be discussed during the approval of the repair that will be brought back to City Council; however, if Council wishes, clarification can be added to the motion.

**Motion** by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Emaus approval to extend the 2019 Sidewalk Maintenance Program contact pricing from Rotondo Construction for the 2021 construction season and any construction work that takes place in this fiscal year be funded by a budget amendment with an allocation from the General Fund. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.** 

12. Consider Entering into Closed Session Regarding Pending Litigation Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) and to Receive Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h)

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to enter into closed session regarding pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) and to receive written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) at 8:25 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.** 

- **12a.** Consider Possible Action Resulting from Closed Session No action taken.
- 13. Consider Approval of Issuing a Request for Qualifications for Municipal Attorney Services and Appointing a

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#### City Council Task Force to Vet Finalists for City Council Interviews

Mayor Pipoly began discussions by relaying that City Attorney Paul Burns has submitted a letter of resignation. Manager Geinzer noted his willingness to help in any capacity City Council should require during the process.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner and Councilmember Pettengill are in favor of appointing a task force to seek qualifications. Councilmember Pettengill recommended Councilmembers Emaus and Bohn to the task force.

Councilmember Bohn asked not to be appointed to the task force and recommends the same task force that was charged with seeking new labor counsel.

Councilmember Muzzin thanked Attorney Burns for his forty years of dedication to the City and asks that Councilmember Emaus and Mayor Pipoly be on the task force; however, he does not wish to be on the task force. Further Councilmember Muzzin asked that City staff be a part of the process as they work closely with the attorneys.

Councilmember Tobbe stated that he is sad to see Attorney Burns retire and remarked that he is willing to serve on the task force.

Councilmember Emaus stated he is willing to serve on the task force and believes that the process should be led by City Council however would ask that anyone in the City with input for City Attorney, give their recommendation.

**Motion** by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to issue a request for qualifications for municipal attorney services and appointing a City Council task force of Mayor Pipoly and Councilmember Emaus and Tobbe to bring back a list of qualified candidates and to vet finalists for City Council interviews. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.** 

#### **Other Business**

#### 14. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 9:18 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus questioned why City Council was not aware of the funding source for the previous sidewalk projects as it relates to item 11 from the agenda.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 9:20 p.m.

Manager Geinzer noted the funding source of the City sidewalk project was clearly listed in the City Manager Report to City Council when the item was approved.

- 15. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) (combined with item 12)
- 16. Consider Possible Action Resulting from Closed Session

No action taken.

#### 17. Adjournment

<b>Motion</b> by Councilmember Muzzin	n, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m	າ. <b>The</b>
motion carried without objection	by roll call vote.	

Tara Brown, City Clerk	Shawn Pipoly, Mayor



SUBJECT: VIRTUAL MEETINGS UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

#### **BACKGROUND**

On March 2, 2021 the Department of Health and Human Services issued an updated Emergency Order (EO) regarding Gatherings and Face Masks. This EO extends the restrictions on the size of gatherings for people not from the same household at 25 persons as well as a continuation of social distancing and mask wearing through April 19, 2021. This newest EO must be considered when looking at the requirements of the Open Meeting Act amendments allowing virtual meetings.

In October 2020, the State of Michigan legislature passed PA 228 related to the Open Meetings Act which, in part, allowed for the utilization of virtual meetings by public bodies through December 31, 2020. On December 22, 2020 Public Act No. 254 of 2020 was enacted which pushed back the December 31, 2020 *any reason* virtual meeting deadline to March 31, 2021. Further, that between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, public meetings may be held electronically/virtually if there is a statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster as described in section 3(2).

It is not anticipated that the state legislature will pursue a statewide extension to allow local government to meet via virtual meetings "for any reason". After speaking with County officials, it is presumed the state of emergency passed at the County Commissioners meeting on March 22, 2021, will not be enacted.

If City Council desires to continue to meet virtually beginning April 1, 2021 as permitted by the revised Open Meeting Act, the City must enact a local state of emergency indicating the desire to meet virtually.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY**

- Several boards and commission are expected to meet in the coming months with high attendance due to the nature of topics presented.
- Currently, the City of Brighton is not equipped to conduct hybrid style meetings. After discussions with the City's audio visual vendor, a hybrid meeting would necessitate a considerable amount of funds be expended to facilite hybrid in person and remote participation.
- Brighton Township and the Village of Pinckney have submitted their states of emergency resolutions and declarations to the Livingston County Emergency Manager. Green Oak Township, Tyrone Township, and the City of Howell have prepared resolutions and declarations that will be going to boards and councils in the coming days. It is anticipated that they will vote to pass their resolutions and declarations.



# REPORT FROM THE CITY CLERK TO CITY COUNCIL MARCH 25, 2021

 Livingston County Emergency Manager, Therese Cremonte, has supplied the necessary documents for municipalities to use that have already been reviewed and approved by County attorneys, as attached to this CMR.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff is recommending a state of emergency be declared for the City of Brighton to conduct necessary government meetings for all boards and commissions within the City of Brighton to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to keep its residents, staff, and officials safe until December 31, 2021 or until City Council acts to terminate the state of emergency.

Prepared by: Tara Brown, Clerk

Reviewed by: Gretchen Gomolka, Finance Director

Approved by: Rob Bradford, Chief of Police

Attachments: Resolution #2021-07 and Declaration of State of Emergency

Local Resolutions and Declarations of States of Emergencies

#### **CITY OF BRIGHTON** LIVINGSTON COUNTY **LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY – VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BRIGHTON TO DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

At a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Brighton, Livingston County, State of Michigan, held on March 25, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m., there were:

PRESENT:
ABSENT:
Motion by and seconded by to adopt resolution #2021-07 approving the declaration of a State of Emergency in the City of Brighton due to COVID-19 and to allow for the utilization of virtual meetings for all of the City of Brighton boards and commissions through or when the City Council acts to terminate the state of emergency.
WHEREAS, the City of Brighton has been impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and
WHEREAS, the City of Brighton must be able to continue government and business operations safely, without posing a danger to the public or City officials; and
<b>WHEREAS</b> , On October 16, 2020 Senate Bill 1108 extended the ability to hold public meetings electronically/virtually through December 31, 2020 and retroactively from March 18, 2020;
WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1108 further states that between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, public meetings may be held electronically/virtually if there is declared a statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster as described in section 3(2); and,
WHEREAS, on December 23, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed into law Senate Bill 1246, extending the authority for public bodies to conduct electronic "virtual" meetings for any reason through March 31, 2021; and

any reason through March 31, 2021.; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1246 has not been amended and will expire on March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County, as of March 8, 2021, has experienced 9,439 confirmed cases of COVID-19; 140 confirmed COVID-19 related deaths, and cases are expected to continue though spring of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County has received an insufficient amount of vaccine to address all currently eligible groups and vaccinations for the general public may not be available for several months.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City of Brighton City Council hereby authorizes a Local Declaration of Emergency in order to protect the safety, health, and wellbeing of the public, and government officials while conducting business utilizing an electronic/virtual platform to hold public meetings, and meet the requirement of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor of the City Council be authorized to sign the Local Declaration of Emergency for the City of Brighton. The signed Local Declaration shall be submitted to

Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division by the Livingston County Emergence
Management Coordinator, and filed with the City of Brighton's Clerks Office.

		due to the prolonged nature of this event, this emergency or when the City Council acts to terminate the state		
PRESENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	[Names]		
NAYS:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	[Names]		
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	[Names]		
RESOLUTION DI	ECLARED ADOPTED. Tara Brown, Cit	y Clerk		
CERTIFICATION  The forgoing resolution was certified at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Brighton held on March 25, 2021.				

Tara Brown, City Clerk

#### Local "State of Emergency" City of Brighton

Submission date:
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To: Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Secur Management and Homeland Security Division, Michigan State Police; Distri and Homeland Security Division Coordinator

Beginning on March 10, 2020 the County of Livingston sustained widespread injury, loss of life, and damaging economic impact caused by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. As a result of this situation, the following conditions exist: as of March 8, 2021; Livingston County has experienced 9,439 confirmed cases of COVID 19 and 140 confirmed COVID 19 related deaths; Cases are expected to continue through spring of 2021, and Livingston County has received an insufficient amount of vaccine to address all currently eligible groups and vaccinations for the general public may not be available for several months leading into the summer of 2021, per current estimates. Livingston County is currently complying with the MDHHS issued epidemic orders under MCL 333.2253, which grants certain powers to the director of the department to protect public health. These epidemic orders partially replaced the EOs issued by Governor Whitmer to protect public health and safety.

On October 16, 2020 Senate Bill 1108 extended the ability to hold public meetings electronically / virtually through December 31, 2020 and retroactively from March 18, 2020. Further, that between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, public meetings may be held electronically / virtually if there is a statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster as described in section 3(2).

On December 23, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed into law Senate Bill 1246, extending the authority for public bodies to conduct electronic "virtual" meetings for any reason through March 31, 2021. At this time, there is no amendment to extend Senate Bill 1246 beyond the expiration date of March 31, 2021.

The COVID 19 health crisis is expected to continue through the greater part of 2021. The health, safety, and welfare of City of Brighton citizens, employees, directors, and government leadership is of paramount concern. This state of emergency is being declared by City of Brighton in order to take action at the local level to protect the afore mentioned groups from the spread of infection, illness, and possible death caused by the COVID 19 virus.

Due to the prolonged nature of this event, this emergency declaration remains in effect until \_\_\_\_\_ or when the council acts to terminate or extend the state of emergency.

Therefore, as the City of Brighton, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, I hereby declare that a "state of emergency" exists within our jurisdiction as of March 25, 2021 and that local

resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. The response and recovery elements of our emergency operations plan have been activated.
Authorized by: Shawn Pipoly, Mayor, City of Brighton
Signature:

#### GREEN OAK CHARTER TOWNSHIP

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Green Oak Charter Township, Livingston County, Michigan, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, MCL 15.261, the Township Board meeting held electronically; in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to vulnerable citizens, limiting inperson contact and where critical mitigation measures included social distancing and limiting the number of people interacting at public gatherings, on the 17th day of March 2021, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Time, at the Green Oak Township Hall in Brighton, Michigan there were:

PRESENT: Tracey Edry, Trustee, Richard Everett, Trustee, Daniel Rainko, Trustee, Jim Tuthill, Trustee, Susan Daugherty, Treasurer, Michael Sedlak, Clerk, Mark St. Charles, Supervisor.

ABSENT: None.

The following resolution was moved for adoption by Tracey Edry, and the motion was supported by Michael Sedlak.

#### RESOLUTION NUMBER 04-2021

RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE (COVID-19)

#### WHEREAS:

A. As recently as March 2, 2021 the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) made the following findings:

"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. COVID-19 spreads through close human contact, even from individuals who may be asymptomatic.

On March 10, 2020, MDHHS identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. As of March 1, 2021, Michigan had seen 589,150 confirmed cases and 15,534 confirmed deaths attributable to COVID-19. Michigan was one of the state's most heavily impacted by COVID-19 early in the pandemic, with new cases peaking

at nearly 2,000 per day in late March. Strict preventative measures and the cooperation of Michiganders drove daily case numbers dramatically down to fewer than 200 confirmed cases per day in mid-June, greatly reducing the loss of life. Beginning in October, Michigan again experienced an exponential growth in cases. New cases peaked at nearly 10,000 cases per day in mid-November, followed by increases in COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths.

On November 15, 2020, MDHHS issued an order enacting protection to slow the high and rapidly increasing rate of spread of COVID-19. Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths remained high through early December, threatening hospital and public health capacity. On December 7, 2020, December 18, 2020, and January 13, 2021, MDHHS issued orders sustaining those protections. These orders played a crucial role in slowing the spread in Michigan and have brought new cases down to about 1,500 per day. These lower rates prevented Michigan's healthcare system from being overwhelmed with a holiday surge.

As of February 27, the State of Michigan had a sevenday average of 91.2 cases per million people, nearly 88% lower than the case rate in mid-November. While that case rate is similar to the rate in early October, it has plateaued over the past week and remains three times the rate of the summer low point.

Test positivity was 3.7% as of February 27, 2021 and has started to plateau as well. While metrics have decreased from all-time highs, further progress has tapered off and there is growing concern of another spike with the presence of more infectious variants in Michigan and the United States as a whole.

Even where COVID-19 does not result in death, and where Michigan's emergency and hospital systems are not heavily burdened, the disease can cause great harm. Recent estimates suggest that one in ten persons who suffer from COVID-19 will experience long-term symptoms, referred to as "long COVID." These symptoms, including fatigue, shortness of breath, joint pain, depression, and headache, can be disabling. They can last for months, and in some cases, arise unexpectedly in patients with few or no symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of diagnosis. COVID-19 has also been shown to damage the heart and

kidneys. Furthermore, minority groups in Michigan have experienced a higher proportion of "long COVID."

The best way to prevent these complications is to prevent transmission of COVID-19. Since December 11, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration has granted emergency use authorization to three vaccines to prevent COVID-19, providing a path to end the pandemic. Michigan is now partaking in the largest mass vaccination effort in modern history and is presently working toward vaccinating at least 70% of Michigan residents 16 years of age and older as quickly as possible.

New and unexpected challenges continue to arise, in early December 2020, a variant of COVID-19 known as B.1.1.7 was detected in the United Kingdom. This variant is roughly 50 to 70 percent more infectious than the more common strain. On January 16, 2021, this variant was detected in Michigan. It is anticipated that the variant, if it becomes widespread in the state, will significantly increase the rate of new cases. Currently, Michigan is second in the nation with respect to the number of B.1.1.7 variants detected. To date, there are over 400 cases, and this is one fifth of all cases identified in the United States. CDC modeling predicts B.1.1.7 could become the predominant variant by the end of March. At present, however, it appears that cases have plateaued."

- B. COVID-19, and the possible exposure to persons afflicted with it, constitute a clear and present danger to the health, safety, and welfare of Township personnel and persons doing business with or residing in the City. Federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations, including from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), have been issued in an effort to control the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic declared by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- C. These federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations include closing business establishments; cancelling, postponing, and limiting the numbers at gatherings of people; postponing or limiting the number of persons required to physically attend public meetings; and calling for appropriate steps to be taken by local governments in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19.

- D. In accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Public Act 390 of 1976, the Township's Emergency Operations Plan, and pursuant to federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations, including but not limited to the Order of the State Department of Health and Human Services, the Township's Emergency Services Coordinator, Supervisor and Township Board have determined to declare a Local State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and authorize the Emergency Services Coordinator and/or the Supervisor, in conjunction with Township Staff and Police and Fire Services, to act in accordance with the Township's Emergency Operations Plan, to ensure that indoor gatherings are conducted safely and in accordance with applicable federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations relating to COVID-19.
- E. The Township Board has further determined that certain additional emergency measures and actions should be taken or authorized, as determined to be necessary by the Emergency Services Coordinator and/or the Supervisor in accordance with the Green Oak Charter Township Emergency Operations Plan, this Resolution, and the March 2, 2021 Order of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

#### NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND DECLARED:

The Emergency Services Coordinator, the Township Supervisor and Township Board of Green Oak Charter Township, Livingston County, Michigan, that there is a Local State of Emergency in the Township due to COVID-19, on the basis of the federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations, including but not limited to the Order of the State Department of Health and Human Services; that, in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Public Act 390 of 1976, the Township's Emergency Operations Plan and those federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations, the Township's Emergency Operations Plan be implemented to ensure that local resources are to be used as needed and to the fullest extent possible.

#### IT IS FURTHER DECLARED THAT:

1. The Township Board authorizes the Township Supervisor to take appropriate measures, in his discretion, to respond to or protect Township citizens, businesses, and personnel from the declared State of Emergency by adopting and enforcing all appropriate measures, including but not limited to:

- a. Taking actions necessary to comply with federal, state, and county orders and directives that are binding on the Township.
- b. Limiting, cancelling, or postponing Township meetings and functions to those required by law.
- c. Cancelling, postponing, or establishing emergency rules for any public meeting of a Township board, commission, or committee, and providing public notice and conducting Township board, commission, and committee meetings electronically with remote attendance.
- 2. This Declaration shall remain in effect until the earlier of August 31, 2021 or a Township Board determination that the Local State of Emergency no longer exists and terminates this Declaration.
- 3. To the extent the Resolution Declaring Coronavirus Local State of Emergency, Resolution No. 09-2020 adopted by the Township Board on March 17, 2020 remains in effect, this Declaration terminates and supersedes said former Declaration.

A roll-call vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

YES: Tracey Edry, Richard Everett, Daniel Rainko, Jim Tuthill, Susan Daugherty, Michael Sedlak, Mark St. Charles.

NO: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD,

Wark St. Charles, Supervisor

Michael H. Sedlak, CMC, Clerk

#### CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Green Oak Charter Township, Livingston County, Michigan, hereby certifies that (1) the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting held on March 17, 2021 at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout, (2) the original thereof is on file in the records of the proceedings of the Township Board in my office, (3) the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267), Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended), and (4) minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as thereby required.

DATED: March 17, 2021

Michael H. Sedlak, CMC

Green Oak Charter Township Clerk

#### VILLAGE OF PINCKNEY LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

# Village President's Declaration of Local State of Emergency (COVID-19)

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2021 the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) made the following findings:

"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. COVID-19 spreads through close human contact, even from individuals who may be asymptomatic.

On March 10, 2020, MDHHS identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. As of March 1, 2021, Michigan had seen 589,150 confirmed cases and 15,534 confirmed deaths attributable to COVID-19. Michigan was one of the states most heavily impacted by COVID-19 early in the pandemic, with new cases peaking at nearly 2,000 per day in late March. Strict preventative measures and the cooperation of Michiganders drove daily case numbers dramatically down to fewer than 200 confirmed cases per day in mid-June, greatly reducing the loss of life. Beginning in October, Michigan again experienced an exponential growth in cases. New cases peaked at nearly 10,000 cases per day in mid-November, followed by increases in COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths.

On November 15, 2020, MDHHS issued an order enacting protections to slow the high and rapidly increasing rate of spread of COVID-19. Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths remained high through early December, threatening hospital and public health capacity. On December 7, 2020, December 18, 2020, and January 13, 2021, MDHHS issued orders sustaining those protections. These orders played a crucial role in slowing the spread in Michigan and have brought new cases down to about 1,500 per day. These lower rates prevented Michigan's healthcare system from being overwhelmed with a holiday surge.

As of February 27, the State of Michigan had a seven-day average of 91.2 cases per million people, nearly 88% lower than the case rate in mid-November. While that case rate is similar to the rate in early October, it has plateaued over the past week and remains three times the rate of the summer low point.

Test positivity was 3.7% as of February 27, and has started to plateau as well. While metrics have decreased from all-time highs, further progress has tapered off and there is growing concern of another spike with the presence of more infectious variants in Michigan and the United States as a whole.

Even where COVID-19 does not result in death, and where Michigan's emergency and hospital systems are not heavily burdened, the disease can cause great harm. Recent estimates suggest that one in ten persons who suffer from COVID-19 will experience long-term symptoms, referred to as "long COVID." These symptoms, including fatigue, shortness of breath, joint pain, depression, and headache, can be disabling. They can last for months, and in some cases, arise unexpectedly in patients with few or no symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of diagnosis. COVID-19 has also been shown to damage the heart and kidneys. Furthermore, minority groups in Michigan have experienced a higher proportion of "long COVID."

The best way to prevent these complications is to prevent transmission of COVID-19. Since December 11, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration has granted emergency use authorization to three vaccines to prevent COVID-19, providing a path to end the pandemic. Michigan is now partaking in the largest mass vaccination effort in modern history and is presently working toward vaccinating at least 70% of Michigan residents 16 years of age and older as quickly as possible.

New and unexpected challenges continue to arise: in early December 2020, a variant of COVID-19 known as B.1.1.7 was detected in the United Kingdom. This variant is roughly 50 to 70 percent more infectious than the more common strain. On January 16, 2021, this variant was detected in Michigan. It is anticipated that the variant, if it becomes widespread in the state, will significantly increase the rate of new cases. Currently, Michigan is second in the nation with respect to the number of B.1.1.7 variants detected. To date, there are over 400 cases, and this is one fifth of all cases identified in the United States. CDC modeling predicts B.1.1.7 could become the predominant variant by the end of March. At present, however, it appears that cases have plateaued."

WHEREAS, the MDHHS website reflects that as of March 13, 2021, Livingston County has had 9,701 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 136 confirmed COVID-19 related deaths; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has been repeatedly declared to be under a public health emergency by the Governor and Director of MDHHS in Orders that have prohibited and limited gatherings, including at meetings of public bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the MDHHS in her March 2, 2021 Emergency Order has again 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 Village Hall meeting facilities do not provide enough available space to reasonably meet the State mandated capacity and social distancing requirements for attendance at in-person public meetings attended by the Village Council, boards and commissions members, the required staff for public meetings, and even a limited number of public attendees; and

- WHEREAS, the Village desires to conduct the public business of the Village in a manner so as not to place at risk members of the public, Village staff, or members serving on public bodies of the Village; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, as amended (MCL 15.261 et seq.), the ability to conduct remote, electronic meetings after March 31, 2021, is in most cases contingent on the declaration of a state or local state of emergency; and
- WHEREAS, Open Meetings Act, as amended under Public Act 254 that took effect on December 22, 2020, allows remote electronic meetings of public bodies after March 31, 2021, if there is a statewide or local state of emergency that would risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or the public body if the meetings were held in person; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10 of the Emergency Management Act, Act 390 of 1976, as amended [MCL 30.410(b)], a municipality that has appointed an emergency management coordinator may declare a local state of emergency if circumstances within the municipality indicate that the occurrence or threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property from a natural or human-made cause exists; and
- WHEREAS, the President of the Village of Pinckney pursuant to Village Charter is the Chief Executive Officer as contemplated by the Emergency Management Act; and
- WHEREAS, I have nominated the Village Police Chief, Jeffrey Newton, to serve as the Pinckney Emergency Management Coordinator pursuant to the Emergency Management Act and Village Charter Section MCL 62; and
- WHEREAS, I have concluded that COVID-19 and possible exposure to persons with it is a clear and present danger to the health, safety and welfare of Village personnel, and persons doing business with or residing in the Village that should be avoided; and
- WHEREAS, I believe that it is necessary to protect members of the boards and commissions meeting to conduct vital governmental business and all citizens in the Village from placing themselves in danger of injury and loss of life when participating in open meetings of the Village; and
- WHEREAS, the Village also needs to comply with MDHHS, MIOSHA, CDC, and other applicable orders and guidance related to gathering size given the amount of evidence of danger provided by those governmental agencies and others; and
- WHEREAS, I believe that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to declare a local state of emergency; and
- WHEREAS, I request that the Village Council as the Village's governing body consents to declaration of a local state of emergency to be continued or renewed for longer than seven (7) days as authorized by the Emergency Management Act (MCL 30.410).

**THEREFORE**, I, Rebecca Foster, as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Village of Pinckney, hereby **DECLARE** this State of Emergency within the Village of Pinckney as outlined in this Declaration as of the date indicated next to my signature, and request that the Village Council affirm it and extend it more than the statutory seven (7) days as Council deems appropriate.

**FURTHER**, I have asked the Village Clerk to place consideration of such affirmation on the Village Council's March 22, 2021 meeting, which meeting is to be conducted remotely, and that this declaration of a Local State of Emergency shall be promptly filed with the Emergency Management Division of the Department of State Police and to the Livingston County Emergency Services Coordinator.

Rebecca Foster, President

Village of Pinckney

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#### VILLAGE OF PINCKNEY

**DATE: March 22, 2021** 

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

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021 the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) made the following findings:

"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. COVID-19 spreads through close human contact, even from individuals who may be asymptomatic.

On March 10, 2020, MDHHS identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. As of March 1, 2021, Michigan had seen 589,150 confirmed cases and 15,534 confirmed deaths attributable to COVID-19. Michigan was one of the states most heavily impacted by COVID-19 early in the pandemic, with new cases peaking at nearly 2,000 per day in late March. Strict preventative measures and the cooperation of Michiganders drove daily case numbers dramatically down to fewer than 200 confirmed cases per day in mid-June, greatly reducing the loss of life. Beginning in October, Michigan again experienced an exponential growth in cases. New cases peaked at nearly 10,000 cases per day in mid-November, followed by increases in COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths.

On November 15, 2020, MDHHS issued an order enacting protections to slow the high and rapidly increasing rate of spread of COVID-19. Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths remained high through early December, threatening hospital and public health capacity. On December 7, 2020, December 18, 2020, and January 13, 2021, MDHHS issued orders sustaining those protections. These orders played a crucial role in slowing the spread in Michigan and have brought new cases down to about 1,500 per day. These lower rates prevented Michigan's healthcare system from being overwhelmed with a holiday surge.

As of February 27, the State of Michigan had a seven-day average of 91.2 cases per million people, nearly 88% lower than the case rate in mid-November. While that case rate is similar to the rate in early October, it has plateaued over the past week and remains three times the rate of the summer low point.

Test positivity was 3.7% as of February 27, and has started to plateau as well. While metrics have decreased from all-time highs, further progress has tapered off

and there is growing concern of another spike with the presence of more infectious variants in Michigan and the United States as a whole.

Even where COVID-19 does not result in death, and where Michigan's emergency and hospital systems are not heavily burdened, the disease can cause great harm. Recent estimates suggest that one in ten persons who suffer from COVID-19 will experience long-term symptoms, referred to as "long COVID." These symptoms, including fatigue, shortness of breath, joint pain, depression, and headache, can be disabling. They can last for months, and in some cases, arise unexpectedly in patients with few or no symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of diagnosis. COVID-19 has also been shown to damage the heart and kidneys. Furthermore, minority groups in Michigan have experienced a higher proportion of "long COVID."

The best way to prevent these complications is to prevent transmission of COVID-19. Since December 11, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration has granted emergency use authorization to three vaccines to prevent COVID-19, providing a path to end the pandemic. Michigan is now partaking in the largest mass vaccination effort in modern history and is presently working toward vaccinating at least 70% of Michigan residents 16 years of age and older as quickly as possible.

New and unexpected challenges continue to arise: in early December 2020, a variant of COVID-19 known as B.1.1.7 was detected in the United Kingdom. This variant is roughly 50 to 70 percent more infectious than the more common strain. On January 16, 2021, this variant was detected in Michigan. It is anticipated that the variant, if it becomes widespread in the state, will significantly increase the rate of new cases. Currently, Michigan is second in the nation with respect to the number of B.1.1.7 variants detected. To date, there are over 400 cases, and this is one fifth of all cases identified in the United States. CDC modeling predicts B.1.1.7 could become the predominant variant by the end of March. At present, however, it appears that cases have plateaued."

WHEREAS, the MDHHS website reflects that as of March 13, 2021, Livingston County has had 9,701 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 136 confirmed COVID-19 related deaths; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has been repeatedly declared to be under a public health emergency by the Governor and Director of MDHHS in Orders that have prohibited and limited gatherings, including at meetings of public bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the MDHHS in her March 2, 2021 Emergency Order has again 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 Village Hall meeting facilities do not provide enough available space to reasonably meet the State mandated capacity and social distancing requirements for attendance at

in-person public meetings attended by the Village Council, boards and commissions members, the required staff for public meetings, and even a limited number of public attendees; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, as amended (MCL 15.261 et seq.), the ability to conduct remote, electronic meetings after March 31, 2021, is in most cases contingent on the declaration of a state or local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Open Meetings Act, as amended under Public Act 254 that took effect on December 22, 2020, allows remote electronic meetings of public bodies after March 31, 2021, if there is a statewide or local state of emergency that would risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or the public body if the meetings were held in person; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10 of the Emergency Management Act, Act 390 of 1976, as amended [MCL 30.410(b)], a municipality that has appointed an emergency management coordinator may declare a local state of emergency if circumstances within the municipality indicate that the occurrence or threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property from a natural or human-made cause exists; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Village of Pinckney pursuant to Village Charter is the Chief Executive Officer as contemplated by the Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the President nominated the Village Police Chief, Jeffrey Newton, to serve as the Pinckney Emergency Management Coordinator pursuant to the Emergency Management Act and Village Charter Section MCL 62.2 and the Village Council has confirmed that appointment; and

WHEREAS, the President has found that COVID-19 and possible exposure to persons with it is a clear and present danger to the health, safety and welfare of Village personnel, and persons doing business with or residing in the Village that should be avoided; and

WHEREAS, the President and the Emergency Management Coordinator have found it necessary to protect members of the boards and commissions meeting to conduct vital governmental business and all citizens in the Village from placing themselves in danger of injury and loss of life when participating in open meetings of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village also wishes to comply with MDHHS, MIOSHA, CDC, and other applicable orders and guidance related to gathering size given the amount of evidence of danger provided by those governmental agencies and others; and

WHEREAS, the Village finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to declare a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council, being the Village's governing body, consents to declaration of a local state of emergency to be continued or renewed for longer than seven (7) days as authorized by the Emergency Management Act (MCL 30.410).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Council of the Village of Pinckney, Livingston County, Michigan, resolves that pursuant to Section 10 of the Emergency Management Act (MCL 30.410), the Village Council declares that a local state of emergency exists in the Village due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Village President's Emergency Declaration under that Act shall be extended beyond seven (7) days to have a duration as provided in this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that all Village boards and commissions to the extent feasible will conduct their business and public hearings via electronic, remote means in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act remote meeting procedures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Village President and Emergency Services Coordinator are authorized to take any and all necessary administrative actions in order to effectuate this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution and the Emergency Declaration shall remain in effect until the later of: (1) the date that all federal, state, and county COVID-19 restrictions on indoor gathering attendance and social distancing have been repealed; (2) on December 31, 2021; or (3) when the Village Council determines through a formal resolution that the local State of Emergency no longer exists.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Village Clerk shall have a certified copy of this Resolution and the Village President's Emergency Declaration promptly filed with the Emergency Management Division of the Department of State Police and with the Livingston County Emergency Services Coordinator.

Village Council Member Matson offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was second by Village Council Member kinczkowski, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebecca Foster, President	<b>√</b>
Eirik Kauserud, Trustee	$\sqrt{}$
Ted Kinczkowski, Trustee, Pro Tem	<b>√</b>
Linda E. Lavey, Trustee	$\sqrt{}$
Brian Matson, Trustee	<b>√</b>
Shawn Tibus, Trustee	
Robert Vedder, Trustee	$\checkmark$

The President thereupon declared this Resolution approved and adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Pinckney this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

Rebecca Foster, Village President

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Pinckney, County of Livingston, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on March 22, 2021.

Jill Chapman, Village Clerk

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#### RESOLUTION #2103xx TYRONE TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY

#### **DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, there are confirmed cases of Coronavirus (Covid-19), a highly contagious virus, within the state of Michigan, Livingston County and Tyrone Township; and,

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus is highly communicable, and has caused fatalities throughout the US and other nations; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Supervisor, Michael Cunningham has declared a local state of emergency pursuant to his authority set-forth in The Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390:

**WHEREAS**, the Tyrone Township Board consents to the continuation of the declaration of local state of emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Tyrone Township Board of Trustees confirms and extends the Declaration of Local State of Emergency until further notice.

RESOLVED BY: SUPPORTED BY:

**VOTE:** 

#### **CERTIFICATION OF THE CLERK**

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan, hereby certifies that (1) the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting, held on March 30, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout, (2) the original thereof is on file in the records in my office, (3) the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended) and (4) minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

Marcella Husted Township Clerk

NO:

[Title]

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE:

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# Resolution Authorizing Livingston County to Declare a Local State of Emergency - Emergency Management

- WHEREAS, Livingston County has been impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and
- **WHEREAS,** Livingston County must be able to continue government and business operations safely, without posing a danger to the public or county officials; and
- WHEREAS, On October 16, 2020 Senate Bill 1108 extended the ability to hold public meetings electronically / virtually through December 31, 2020 and retroactively from March 18, 2020;
- WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1108 further states that between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, public meetings may be held electronically / virtually if there is declared a statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster as described in section 3(2); and,
- WHEREAS, On December 23, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed into law Senate Bill 1246, extending the authority for public bodies to conduct electronic "virtual" meetings for any reason through March 31, 2021.; and
- WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1246 has not been amended and will expire on March 31, 2021; and
- WHEREAS, Livingston County, as of March 8, 2021, has experienced 9,439 confirmed cases of COVID 19; 140 confirmed COVID 19 related deaths; and cases are expected to continue through spring of 2021; and
- **WHEREAS,** Livingston County has received an insufficient amount of vaccine to address all currently eligible, groups and vaccinations for the general public may not be available for several months.
- **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes a Local Declaration of Emergency in order to protect the safety, health, and wellbeing of the public and government officials while conducting business utilizing an electronic / virtual platform to hold public meetings, and meet the requirements of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners be authorized to sign the Local Declaration of Emergency for Livingston County. The Local Declaration will cover all local jurisdictions within Livingston County to conduct public meetings utilizing electric / virtual platforms. The Signed Local Declaration shall be submitted to Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division by the Livingston County Emergency Management Coordinator, and filed with the Livingston County Clerk's Office.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that due to the prolonged nature of this event, this emergency declaration may remain in effect until May 31, 2021 or when the board acts to terminate or extend the state of emergency.

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MOVED: SECONDED: CARRIED: