

HALLAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION ACTIONS

April 30, 2020

Mayor Glenn Wascovich issued a State of Emergency Declaration at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020, for a period of seven days. The Declaration stated Hallam Borough will be operating with emergency protocol in place due to the increased number of diagnosed cases of the COVID-19 virus in Pennsylvania. Emergency protocol includes closure of the Borough Municipal office to the general public with all communications with Borough Administration taking place via phone, email or the Hallam Borough Facebook page.

The following actions were taken via email by the Hallam Borough Council as to adhere to the State of Emergency, as well as, the Stay-At-Home order issued by Pennsylvania State Governor Tom Wolf ; still following procedures to the best of ability.

On March 18, 2020, a motion was made to pass Resolution 20-04 Extend Emergency Declaration 30 days to April 22, 2020. President Bill Fitzpatrick passed the gavel to Vice-President Chip Smith. Bill moved, seconded by Cindy to pass Resolution 20-04 Extend Emergency Declaration 30 days to April 22, 2020. Yes-Bill, Chip, Matthew, Kim, Cindy. Motion passed.

On March 20, 2020, a motion was made to cancel the April 13th regular scheduled Hallam Borough Council meeting. President Bill Fitzpatrick passed the gavel to Vice President Chip Smith. Bill moved, seconded by Cindy to cancel the April 23, 2020 Hallam Borough Council meeting. Yes-Bill, Crystal, Cindy, Chip, Kim. Motion passed.

On April 7, 2020, Sharon emailed the April Treasurer's report to all of Council for approval. Cindy moved, seconded by Bill to approve the April Treasurer's report. Yes-Bill, Chip, Cindy, Crystal, Kim. Motion passed.

On April 15, 2020, a motion was made to hold future Council meetings via video conferencing software Zoom until gathering size restrictions are lifted. Matthew moved, seconded by Melody to hold future Council meetings via video conferencing software Zoom until gathering size restrictions are lifted. Yes-Matthew, Crystal. No-Cindy, Bill. Motion failed as there were not enough votes.

On April 15, 2020, a motion was made to pass Resolution 20-05 Extend Emergency Declaration 30 days to May 22, 2020. President Bill Fitzpatrick passed the gavel to Vice President Chip Smith. Bill moved, seconded by Cindy to pass Resolution 20-05 Extend Emergency Declaration 30 days to May 22, 2020. Yes-Bill, Melody, Chip, Crystal, Cindy. Motion passed.

On April 15, 2020, a motion was made to cancel the April 23, 2020 Council meeting. President Bill Fitzpatrick passed the gavel to Vice President Chip Smith. Bill moved, seconded by Cindy to cancel the April 23rd Council meeting. Yes-Bill, Cindy, Kim, Chip. No-Melody, Crystal, Matthew. Motion passed.

On April 20, 2020, a motion was made for the Secretary to proceed at the direction of the Solicitor and consider guidance from PSAB to prepare for holding the May 11, 2020 Council meeting via electronic media. Chip moved, seconded by Cindy for the Secretary to proceed at the direction of the Solicitor and consider guidance from PSAB to prepare for holding the May 11, 2020 meeting via electronic media with the determination as to how to hold the meeting to be made by May 1st. Yes-Cindy, Bill, Kim. Motion failed with no majority vote.

On April 21, 2020, a motion was made to hold the May 11th Council meeting via teleconferencing. Matthew moved, seconded by Chip to hold the May 11, 2020 Council meeting via a method of teleconferencing chosen at the advice of the Secretary in conjunction with the Borough Solicitor and to consider recommendations from PSAB with a date set prior to May 11th for a trial run. Yes-Crystal, Matthew, Melody, Chip, Kim. No-Cindy, Bill. Motion passed.

Sincerely,
/s/ Sharon L. Dupler