

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on or about 3:00pm on 03/21/2020 a (disaster) has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Lanesboro Borough; and

WHEREAS, the (disaster) has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Lanesboro Borough, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Lanesboro Borough, may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Lanesboro Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Mayor and Council President of Lanesboro Borough pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Lanesboro Borough.

FURTHER, we direct the Lanesboro Borough Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Lanesboro Borough to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

(MAYOR/COUNCIL PRESIDENT)

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(Mayor)

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(Council President)

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(Witness)

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

## **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION**

Representatives from Lanesboro Borough and its neighboring municipalities recently met by teleconference to discuss COVID-19 (also known as the Corona Virus) and what can be done locally to minimize its effects on our residents while expediting our return to normalcy. Owners and representatives from select local businesses were also involved in a few follow up discussions.

The following steps have been taken:

- ✓ Lanesboro has declared a local state of emergency, effective at 3:00 PM on Saturday, March 21, 2020. This will allow us to seek State and/or Federal reimbursement for costs we incur that are directly associated in dealing with COVID-19. The local State of Emergency shall end when Pennsylvania terminates the statewide emergency.
- ✓ The Lanesboro Community Center is closed until the State of Pennsylvania allows for gatherings of 125 or more people. 125 people is the maximum capacity of the Community Center. All upcoming rentals will be rescheduled or have their money refunded. If you have a rental and would like to reschedule, please follow the same procedure you used to reserve the Center. You will be placed on a waiting list, with first to call getting first option to reschedule when Pennsylvania allows it.
- ✓ The Food Bank at the Lanesboro Community Center will continue on its regular schedule. However, instead of going inside to pick out what you need, packages are being preassembled and will be provided to you. You WILL NOT be allowed to exit your car; stay in your car and drive to the back of the building the same way you would if you were going through a fast food drive-through. New applications are not being accepted at this time; only those previously approved will be provided supplies. This will be reevaluated as things move forward. Any changes to this will be posted on Facebook, our website, and also in a Press Release.
- ✓ There will be a mandatory curfew from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM starting Monday, March 23, 2020. This curfew will be in effect as long as the local State of Emergency. All residents should be off the roads and at their residences by 9:00 PM. Travel for, to, and from work, and emergency situations are exempt from the curfew. 9:00 is the latest of the closing times for our local stores.

We are as anxious as everyone to see this end quickly. Please take a moment just to take a deep breath and relax. **OUR COMMUNITY CAN AND WILL GET THROUGH THIS.** Here's a few things to think about:

- Once we get beyond the predicted late snow, there's probably a lot of branches and leaves in your yard. Send the kids outside to clean them up – it will occupy their time and your yard will look better!
- Consider using your debit or credit card when you're at the store. It's one less time you need to touch someone. We realize this sounds kind of silly, but it's also one less chance for the virus to be shared. That's a win for everyone.
- Touch base with your elderly neighbors. The residents living alone would likely enjoy a conversation even if only for a few minutes through a screen door. Or maybe they need something at the store you can pick up for them.