



Memo

To: All Media Outlets

From: Donald Pepe, Borough Manager

Date: April 1, 2020

Subject: Emergency Declaration Press Release

The Borough of Zelienople is making this Declaration of Emergency to maintain a consistent position with our Governor and with Federal mandates.

Please note this declaration is not intended to cause any undue concern on the part of our citizens and visitors, there is certainly more than enough of that already on people's minds, but it is necessary to go on the record to allow for special provision to be in place to allow for purchases, contracting and operations that may occur during an emergency situation.

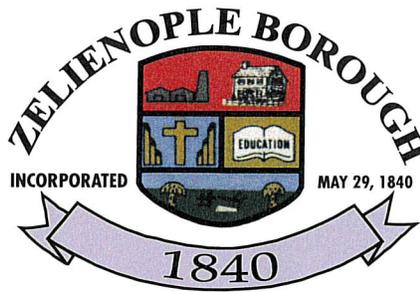
Also, it allows for the potential Federal and State Emergency funds if they become available to the local municipalities and small businesses.

In addition, since we have essential utilities that are maintained by the borough, there are provisions for our customers that are addressed in the Resolution.

If there are any questions please contact Donald Pepe, Borough Manager at dpepe@zelieboro.org or 724-452-6610 ext. 223. (office)

Due to the limited availability in the borough office to allow for the personal safety and adherence to professional advice, please use the above email address and the managers personal cell phone will be provided to you if needed.

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**RESOLUTION # 433-20
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**BOROUGH OF ZELIENOPLÉ
BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,**

**TO RESPOND TO THE 2020 CORONAVIRUS HEALTH EMERGENCY (COVID-19)
BY RATIFYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TAKEN BY
THE MAYOR & BOROUGH MANAGER AND AUTHORIZING
THE CONTINUATION OF
A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Zelienople is authorized under the Borough Code Section 3301.1 to adopt ordinances and resolutions for any purpose and as deemed beneficial to the borough, 8 Pa C.S. § 3301.1, and to make regulations as may be necessary for the health, safety, and general welfare of the borough, 8 Pa. C.S. § 1202(5); and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, pursuant to Section 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., Governor Tom Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, proclaiming the existence of a disaster emergency across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a result of the spread of coronavirus or COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak, pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.); and, consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5). Finding and proclaiming that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus pandemic has the potential to endanger the health, safety, and cause suffering to the citizens and visitors and cause harm to the general welfare of a substantial number of persons and businesses in the Borough of Zelienople; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, Mayor Tom Oliverio, retroactive to March 16, 2020, proclaimed the existence of a local disaster emergency in the Borough of Zelienople as a result of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of public services, utility services, emergency services, and civil society, is paramount during a crisis; 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 the Borough of Zelenople.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Zelenople is the local government authorized to enforce laws, promulgate policies, establish rules, and to provide for the general welfare during a crisis or emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, President of Borough Council, and Borough Manager, together have established a working group to evaluate the impact of the emergency and collectively recommend actions that are necessary to protect the public safety and general welfare of the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the aforementioned, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Zelenople, having been authorized pursuant to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., do hereby proclaim the existence of a local disaster emergency in the Borough of Zelenople (this "Resolution"); and further be it

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Zelenople, pursuant to the Borough Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania do hereby ratify and extend the declaration of a local disaster emergency until April 30, 2020 with the provision it can be extended as directed by Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Zelenople due hereby authorize and direct the following actions:

1. The Mayor, President of Borough Council, and Borough Manager, together shall continue as a working group established to review and advise on administrative actions necessary during this local disaster emergency and
2. To work with the Emergency Management Coordinator of the Seneca Area emergency Management Agency, Inc. to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate actions needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.
3. The Borough of Zelenople Administrative Staff, under the direction of Borough Manager Donald Pepe, as necessary, shall meet the current and ongoing demands of this emergency as provided for in State and Local Law
4. Further, the Borough Manager in his role as Chief Administrative Officer of the Borough of Zelenople, is directed to promulgate those policies and make those administrative

decisions necessary to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens, visitors, and businesses of the Borough of Zelenople

5. The Borough Manager may implement emergency assignments without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to the performance of public work, the entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the assignment of workers, tools, and equipment, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds for these purposes.
6. The Borough of Zelenople services and employees shall be designated as life sustaining, critical to health, safety, and the general welfare of the municipality, and this designation of emergency responders shall extend to all employees of the Borough of Zelenople. All employees are always required to have their Employee ID Badge on their person.
7. In order to provide economic assistance to the Electric and Water rate payer customers of the Borough, the Borough of Zelenople shall voluntarily comply with the March 13, 2020 PUC Emergency Order prohibiting utility termination during the pendency of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency proclaimed by Governor Tom Wolf on March 6, 2020 and to waive utility penalties for the month of March which could be extended further to be determined at a later date.
8. This state of emergency hereby declared by this Resolution shall remain in effect beginning immediately on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, retroactive and is retroactive to Monday, March 16, 2020 and shall end when declared over by action of Borough Council.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ZELIENOPLE THIS 31st DAY OF March 2020 AND ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

ATTEST



Donald Pepe
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF ZELIENOPLE

By: 

Allen E. Bayer
President of Council



Thomas M. Oliverio
Mayor