

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA CONCERNING EMERGENCY POWERS

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana ("Council") is the legislative body of the Town of Whitestown ("Town") and acts in furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, in response to the serious public health threat caused by spread of novel coronavirus disease ("COVID-19"), the Council adopted Resolution 2020-07 on April 8, 2020, authorizing various emergency matters related thereto; and

WHEREAS, since that time, although COVID-19 remains a serious public health threat and the Governor has continued to extend the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Governor has implemented Stage 5 of the reopening plan for the State of Indiana and relaxed many of the restrictions impacted Town operations; and

WHEREAS, consistent therewith, the Council now desires to amend and restate its grant of authority as may be necessary to ensure the continuity of operations of the Town during this and other public emergencies while reserving certain local disaster oversight powers of the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana as follows:

Section 1. Reserved.

Section 2. The Town Manager and/or his designee continues to be authorized, without further approval of the Council, to take such actions as he deems necessary or appropriate, with consultation of the Town Council President and Vice President, Town staff, and Town consultants as may be needed, to maintain the essential operations of the Town during any state or local public emergency. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, closing or restricting access to Town offices, buildings, facilities, parks, trails, or other property of the Town, requiring some or all Town employees and/or officials to refrain from coming to their work stations, determining essential governmental functions and identifying employees and/or contractors necessary to the performance of those functions, paying regular and customary claims as well as emergency claims, executing necessary or customary contracts and emergency contracts, making or approving purchases necessary for the operations of the Town, requiring employees to respond to emergencies, and taking other actions necessary or appropriate in order to ensure the continued operation of the Town under the circumstances.

Section 3. During any state or local public emergency, any claims that are not already pre-approved may be approved for immediate payment by either the Town Council President or Vice President, and as with other pre-approved claims, will be submitted for subsequent approval at the first available meeting of the Council. All claims must still be supported by a fully itemized invoice or bill.

Section 4. During any state or local public emergency and when authorized by the Indiana State Board of Account or when authorized by applicable law, deposits of Town funds may occur not less than two (2) times per week. Deposits must be made at least on each Tuesday and Thursday, and the Clerk Treasurer shall ensure that all Town funds are secured

on those days when a deposit is not made.

Section 5. Reserved.

Section 6. All Town boards and commissions are encouraged to consider utilizing technology for remote attendance for meetings held during any state or local public emergency, or where otherwise authorized by applicable law, and in a manner that allows for public observation or, where required, public comment.

Section 7. Reserved.

Section 8. This Resolution supersedes any other inconsistent rules, regulations, or resolutions of the Town, and shall be in full force and effect after its adoption until further resolution of the Council. This Resolution specifically supersedes and replaces Resolution 2020-07.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE WHITESTOWN, INDIANA TOWN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020, by a vote of ____ in favor and ____ against.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA

Clinton Bohm, President

ATTEST:

Matt Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Whitestown, Indiana

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