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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA***

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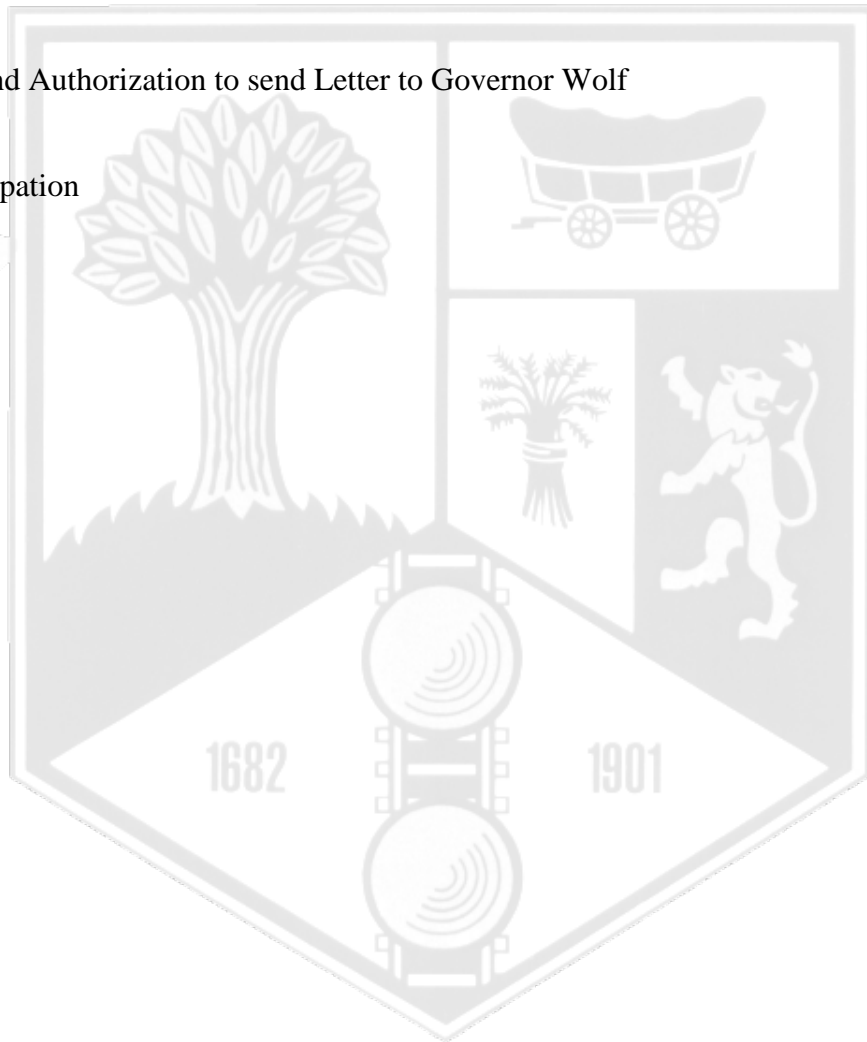
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Resolution #2018-85 - Declaration of Disaster Emergency

Discussion and Authorization to send Letter to Governor Wolf

Public Participation

Adjournment



RESOLUTION #2018-85

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, ON OR ABOUT August 13, 2018 and subsequently, torrential rain storms have had a major impact on Radnor Township, Delaware County with many incidents causing injury, damage, suffering and some necessitating water extrications from submerged vehicles affecting persons and property of Radnor Township, Delaware County Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the intense rainfall caused considerable flooding in major portions of the jurisdictional boundaries of Radnor Township which endangered the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons within the township and has created problems greater in scope than Radnor Township may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this significant event and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Radnor Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the President of the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the Board, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 PA., C.S.A., Section 7101 et seq., I hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Radnor Township.

FURTHER, the Radnor Township Emergency Management Coordinator is directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action(s) needed to alleviate and mitigate the effects of this event, to aid in the maintenance and restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

President, Board of Commissioners  
Radnor Township

Attest  
Date:

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*President*

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The Honorable Tom Wolf  
Governor, The State of Pennsylvania  
Office of the Governor  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

On Monday, August 13, 2018, Radnor Township experienced an unprecedented summer storm resulting in nearly 7 inches of rain falling in the span of an hour. This resulted in catastrophic flooding which severely impacted hundreds of residential properties across the township and many businesses in the Wayne Business District.

The waters were unforgiving, overwhelming our storm water systems. Throughout the township, streets and parking lots were underwater leading Radnor's first responders to make close to 100 water rescues. In many areas, the flooding also overwhelmed the sanitary sewer system resulting in hazardous backups into basements and the streets.

In the subsequent days, Radnor Township staff have assisted residents who lost gas and electric service, as well as providing inspection of properties inundated with water damage. In addition, our public works department has collected over 10 tons of damaged possessions and yard debris, and assisted residents and businesses in moving property items – such as cars, which had been picked up and moved by the force of the water.

This storm impacted many communities in Delaware County, and we understand you cannot visit every impacted municipality. However, we would like you to have a clear understanding of the damage Radnor incurred and ask for your assistance. On Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners will consider a Disaster Declaration. It is our hope you will support a concurrent declaration for Delaware County and help pave the way for our residents and businesses to receive financial support as they repair and rebuild.

We are disappointed you will not be able to see first-hand the devastation experienced in Radnor Township when you visit Delaware County on Thursday, August 16. However, enclosed are graphic images and video which depict the flooding and the aftermath. We would like to invite you to visit Radnor in the next few weeks to talk to those impacted

and meet with Radnor's staff and first responders who have gone above and beyond supporting those impacted.

Swift and decisive action is what will best support Radnor's residents and businesses as they struggle to get back on solid footing. To view some of the damage in Radnor Township, please use this following link [www.radnor.com/FloodingAugust2018](http://www.radnor.com/FloodingAugust2018).

Sincerely,

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Commissioner, 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

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