

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LOWER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020 - 9:00am**

**Meeting called to order**

Opening Announcement

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

**Regular Agenda**

Resolution #2020-188 A Resolution **Rescinding** Resolution #2020-132; Ending the Local State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency Within the Township of Lower in Response to the Ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic

**Call to the Public**

**Adjournment**

**The Lower Township Special Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 9:00a.m. will be closed to the public due to Executive Order #104. Anyone wishing to participate in the meeting can do so by dialing 1-646-749-3122.  
Access Code: 980-698-493#.**

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #2020-188

Title: **A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2020-132 ENDING THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER IN RESPONSE TO THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, in or about December of 2019, the emergence of the novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) was first discovered in the City of Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China, and it was recognized to be a severe, potentially fatal, highly infectious respiratory illness that was suspected of human-to-human transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern as human-to-human transmission of the Coronavirus was confirmed, and outbreaks the Coronavirus began to spread to numerous other countries throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared the novel Coronavirus to be a United States Public Health Emergency

**WHEREAS**, on February 3, 2020, New Jersey's Governor, Philip D. Murphy, issued Executive Order 102 establishing the New Jersey Coronavirus Task Force in an effort to monitor the spread of the Coronavirus within the State of New Jersey, the United States of America, and the entire world in order to facilitate necessary and appropriate action to ensure the safety and security of the residents of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the State of New Jersey reported the first confirmed positive case of Coronavirus throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 103 declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in response to the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus within the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America formally declared the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus to constitute a National Emergency pursuant to the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, through New Jersey Executive Orders Nos. 119, 138, and 151, issued on April 7, 2020, May 6, 2020, and June 4, 2020, Governor Murphy extended the aforementioned State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency for additional thirty (30) day periods; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2020, in response to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic and the actions taken by the State and Federal Government, the Township Council of the Township of Lower adopted Resolution 2020-132 declaring a local State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency within the Township of Lower; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of the past several weeks, the State of New Jersey has taken several steps to lift restrictions that were enacted in response to the Coronavirus in an effort to limit person-to-person contact as the rate of reported new cases has continued to decrease of the course of the past several weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the course of the Coronavirus Public Health Emergency the rate of reported Coronavirus cases within the Township of Lower, and the County of Cape May for that matter, has minimal due in large part to the actions taken by local, county, state, and federal governments and in large part due to the compliance of local residences in adhering to social distancing restrictions implemented in an effort to slow the spread of the Coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the significant and continued progress made throughout the State of New Jersey, the County of Cape May, and specifically, the Township of Lower, in slowing the spread of the Coronavirus, the Township Council of the Township of Lower finds it appropriate to end the previously declared local State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The local State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency declared by the Township of Lower, pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-132, in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, is hereby ended.
2. Members of the public must continue to comply with any and all social distancing regulations or restrictions set forth in the Executive Orders issued by Governor Murphy over the course of the past several months in response to Coronavirus Public Health Emergency.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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I, Julie A. Picard, Township Clerk of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Township Council at a meeting held on June 24, 2020.

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Julie A Picard, Township Clerk