

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP  
ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION NO.: 2020-06**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EMERGENCY SUCCESSION OF  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND THE CONTINUITY OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sections 779.6 and 779.7 of the Emergency Interim Executive and Judicial Succession Act of 1959 (71 P.S. 779.1 et seq.) all municipalities of the Commonwealth are authorized to enact resolutions or ordinances in order to assure the continuity of government through a legally constituted leadership process that will provide for the effective operations of Municipal government during an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Liberty Township, Adams county desires to establish a lawful order of succession to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of municipal government in the event that one or more Board Member(s) is absent or unable to exercise his or her powers and duties of office during an emergency that occurs within their Municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the board of Supervisors of Liberty Township, Adams County believes that the public health, safety, and welfare of all the residents of the Municipality will be better served and protected by the adoption of this resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Liberty Township, Adams County, as follows:

Section 1. This Resolution shall take effect whenever any Board Supervisor of liberty Township is unavailable to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of his or her office during the occurrence of any man-made disaster, natural disaster, or war-caused disaster as defined by Section 7102 of the Emergency management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. 7101 et seq), as amended. Unavailable shall mean either that a vacancy in a Board Member's office exists and there is no individual authorized to exercise all of the powers and discharge the duties of that office or that the lawful incumbent Board Member(s) is absent from the Municipality or unable to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of his or her office due to illness, accident or injury, or some other preventive circumstance.

Section 2. During the occurrence of any man-made disaster, natural disaster, or war-caused disaster in Liberty Township and the unavailability of any Board Member, the following order of succession shall be exercised in order to assure the continuity of Township government:

WALTER BARLOW, Chairman

1. Devin Barlow
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

ROBERT JACKSON, Vice Chairman

1. Joan Jackson
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

ROBERT KEILHOLTZ, Supervisor

1. Pennie M Keilholtz
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3. Each succeeding Acting Board Member listed above shall, during the occurrence of a disaster, assume and discharge the powers and duties of any unavailable Board Member, and shall retain those powers and duties until the unavailable Board Member, is able to resume the exercise of the powers and discharge the duties of his or her office or until such time as a vacancy which may exist shall be filled in accordance with the law.

Section 4. The order of succession listed in Section 2 of this Resolution shall be revised whenever a vacancy occurs, and a new Board Member is appointed to fill that vacancy. Otherwise, at the first organizational meeting held at the beginning of each new term of office, the elected Council Member(s) shall adopt a Resolution that contains a renewed order of succession that will provide for the continuity of borough government during that term of office.

Section 5. All other municipal elected officers shall designate, by order of succession, three deputies or emergency interim successors to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of his or her office whenever the elected officer is unavailable during the occurrence of any man-made disaster, natural disaster, or war-caused disaster. A written list of the designated successors for each officer shall be delivered to the Fairfield Regional Emergency Management Agency for verification purposes.

Section 6. All resolutions or parts of resolutions heretofore enacted, as those resolutions shall be inconsistent with this resolution, shall be and are expressly repealed and are declared to be null and void.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Liberty Township, County of Adams, Pennsylvania, in a lawful session duly assembled this 7 day of April, 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

Walter Barlow  
Walter Barlow, Chairman

Robert Jackson  
Robert Jackson, Vice Chairman

Robert Keilholtz  
Robert Keilholtz, Supervisor

Attested:

Wendy Peck  
Wendy Peck, Secretary

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SUCCESSION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS RESOLUTION NO 2020-06, ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS ON April 7, 2020.