

**TOWNSHIP OF SILVER SPRING  
Cumberland County, Pennsylvania**

**RESOLUTION 2020-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SILVER SPRING, CUMBERLAND  
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING, MODIFYING AND CHANGING  
RESOLUTION 82-14**

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Management Services Act of 1978, P.L. 1332, requires that each political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania establish a local emergency management organization in accordance with the plan and program of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and,

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Preparedness is the judicious plan assignment and coordination of all available resources in an integrated program of prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery for emergencies of any kind, whether from attack, man-made or natural sources, and,

**WHEREAS**, a major emergency or disaster affecting a large number of township residents may occur at any time and any place, and,

**WHEREAS**, experience in other communities has demonstrated that lives can be saved, injuries minimized, and property damage reduced if the community has properly planned to respond to emergencies, natural and man-made, and,

**WHEREAS**, the successful emergency management of any accident, emergency or disaster can be measured by effective team effort, provided by a team consisting of the general public, local governmental officials, fire fighters, emergency medical personnel, police, local businesses and others.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, we, the Board of Supervisors, Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, recognizing the need to plan for and execute an organized response to accidents, disasters and emergencies, do hereby authorize and create an advisory body that shall hereafter be known as "The Silver Spring Township Emergency Preparedness Council".

The Council shall be composed of the Board of Supervisors liaison, Emergency Management Coordinator and/or Deputies, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) staff, and representatives from each emergency service within the Township. It is requested that those representatives be the Chief and a designee of their choosing from each organization. Due to security reasons it is requested that this Council be closed to residents and all other entities that do not satisfy the requirements as listed above.

Council members shall be appointed in accordance with the following procedures:

- 1) All members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- 2) Council member terms of office shall expire on the first Monday in January following the last year of the term of appointment.
- 3) Duly appointed Council members shall serve a term of three years, except that the initial appointments shall be so staggered that the terms of approximately one-third of the membership of the council shall expire each year.
- 4) The Emergency Management Coordinator shall serve as Chairperson for the Council.
- 5) Council members may be removed from the Council for failure to attend three consecutive meetings without being excused by the Chairperson, or for other causes.

The Council shall have the following duties:

- 1) Prepare, maintain and keep current, an emergency management plan that provides for preventing and minimizing injuries and damaged caused by disasters and emergencies, prompt and effective response to disasters and disaster emergency relief and recovery.

- 2) Identify and record the location of locally available manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, facilities and services necessary for disaster emergency readiness, response and recovery.
- 3) Ensure that such emergency management plans address the management of chemical accidents, sabotage, transportation accidents, nuclear attack or accidents, explosions, major plant fires, air crashes, forest fires, floods, winter storms, riots, violent demonstrations and assemblies, bomb threats, windstorms and radiological accidents.
- 4) Identify potential hazards and potential disasters within Silver Spring Township and develop plans and procedures to correct and/or control such hazards.
- 5) Serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas, communications and cooperation between volunteer, governmental and provide agencies and entities.
- 6) Ensure that emergency management plans include provisions that:
  - a. Establish, equip and staff an emergency operations center at township level.
  - b. Provide for individual and organizational training programs to insure prompt, efficient and effective emergency services.
  - c. Develop precautionary measures to mitigate the anticipated effects of emergencies and disasters.
  - d. Develop and recommend adoption and enforcement of regulations and ordinances that may be necessary to achieve the purposes of an effective and efficient emergency management plan.
  - e. Provide for the cooperation and coordination with the other public and private agencies and entities and other township advisory boards and councils.
  - f. Establish procedures for the prompt and accurate reporting of information regarding local disasters and emergencies.

- g. Develop mutual aid agreements with adjacent political subdivisions for reciprocal emergency assistance. All mutual aid agreements must be ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

Members of the Council shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in connection with council business, provided they receive prior authorization from the Township Manager or the Board of Supervisors. The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, but not less than four times annually.

The Council shall keep records of its meetings and shall provide the records to the Board of Supervisors, through the Township Manager, following each meeting. The Council shall make an annual report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors.

The Township Manager shall provide staff support to the council for the purpose of recording minutes and performing clerical functions.

The Board of Supervisors will appropriate funds for the expenses incurred by the Council. The Township Manager shall attend all meetings of the Council but shall not be a member of the Council unless designated as Emergency Management Coordinator and/or Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

**DULY ADOPTED** as Resolution 2020-12 this 24<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Silver Spring.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TOWNSHIP OF SILVER SPRING

  
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Theresa Eberly, Township Secretary

  
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Carl R. Machamer, Chairman