

BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE
COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

November 10, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

OPENING – 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor LaDaena Thomas

INVOCATION by Sharon Williams, Clerk.

Mayor Thomas made the Open Public Meeting Statement: In accordance with section V of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L 1975, Notice of this meeting was posted on the Borough of Penns Grove Municipal Bulletin Board designed for that purpose. Notice was also posted on the Borough of Penns Grove website: www.pennsgrove-nj.org and was emailed to the official newspaper as provided by Resolution.

ROLL CALL: Bercute-present, Mincey-present, Oliver-absent, Pasquale-present, Scott-absent.

Motion to open meeting to the public to address agenda items only by Mincey; second Pasquale. All in favor.

Motion to close meeting to the public to address agenda items only Mincey; second Bercute. All in favor.

2020-11-153 – RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY FUND/CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, as the public health emergency associated with the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the most significant negative financial impacts faced by county and municipal governments throughout New Jersey result from extreme economic contraction, deficits in tax and fee revenues, and extraordinary increases in public safety and health and human services expenditures; and

WHEREAS, severe fiscal stress limits the ability of counties and municipalities to maintain essential services and take the steps necessary to fight COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, without substantial federal assistance, residential taxpayers would absorb the primary impact of meeting these extraordinary needs and closing any associated operating deficits; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”), through the Division of Local Government Services (“DLGS” or “Division”), has been deemed the lead agency for the distribution of the Local Government Emergency Fund (the “LGEF” or “Program”), provided through an allocation of the State of New Jersey’s CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF Funds); and

WHEREAS, counties and municipalities excluded from the federal government’s direct CRF allocation plan, as well as those counties and municipalities that are currently the most impacted by COVID-19 in comparison to their available resources, are eligible for LGEF funds pursuant to a maximum distribution determined by formula; and

WHEREAS, a total of \$60 million is currently being made available under the Program, with a potential \$60 million more to be allocated; and

WHEREAS, LGEF Grants exist to support costs incurred as part of a local unit’s response to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council, that the Borough of PENNS GROVE will apply for a LGEF Grant in the amount of \$66,726.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other document in connection therewith:

Caroline Zumpino, Grant Consultant, stated the grant provides for \$66,726.00 reimbursement for COVID-19 expenses, such as, telecommunication equipment, cleanings.

Motion to adopt by Mincey; second Pasquale. Roll call. All ayes.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion to open public portion of the meeting by Mincey; second Bercute. All in favor.

Motion to close the public portion of the meeting Mincey; second Pasquale. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mincey; second Oliver. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon R. Williams
Municipal Clerk