

COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
April 15, 2020 @ 7:00PM
VIA ZOOM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Pres. Cathy Kernen, VP Shannon Spencer, PPT Gary Hoffmann, Valerie Beckius, Kathy Costello, Craig Farr, Marion McKinney
3. Action Items
 - A. Consideration of Resolution No. 2020-04, Authorizing the Extension of Real Estate Tax Discount Period to May 31, 2020
 - B. Consideration of Resolution No. 2020-05, the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Extension
 - C. Consideration of Resolution No. 2020-06, Authorizing the 2020 CDBG Application.
4. Public Comment
5. Adjourn

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04
BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE

WHEREAS, On March 8, 2020, a widespread outbreak of Corona Virus (CoVID-19) occurred, affecting the residents of Montgomery County, causing severe suffering to persons of Montgomery County and has overwhelmed first responders, healthcare providers and businesses within Montgomery County, necessitating the issuance of a Disaster Declaration by the Montgomery County Commissioners on March 8, 2020 and a Stay-at-Home order by the Governor on March 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Local Tax Collection Law (72 P.S. § 5511.1 et seq.) grants to municipalities such as Collegeville Borough the authority to establish the rates of taxes and penalties on Real Estate taxes, including providing for the two (2) percent discount for those making payment of the whole amount thereof within two months after the date of the tax notice.; and

WHEREAS, 72 P.S. § 5511.13 requires that Tax Collectors hold open, in-person office hours in the period leading up the end of the discount period; and

WHEREAS, Given the Stay-at-Home order issued by the Governor, compliance with 72 P.S. § 5511.13 is both impractical and contrary to public health, as well as the financial burden now facing many residents as a result of the CoVID-19 crisis, Montgomery County has requested that all municipalities within the County consider moving the discount deadline; and

WHEREAS, the County has advised that municipalities may retroactively move the date of the issued tax notices in order to comport with the requirements of 72 P.S. § 5511.10; and

WHEREAS, Collegeville Borough recognizes the need for moving the Real Estate Tax discount period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, for the purposes of 72 P.S. § 5511.10 of the Local Tax Collection Law, the Borough Council of Collegeville Borough hereby establishes that the date of the discount period closing as of May 31, 2020.

DATE APPROVED: _____, 2020

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE

Geoffrey Thompson, Sec.

Catherine Kernen, President

**COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH
RESOLUTION #2020-05**

BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Council of Collegeville Borough, as follows:

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been declared by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention a “public health emergency of international concern”; and

WHEREAS, both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Montgomery County have declared a state of emergency due to the identification of COVID-19 infected citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council intend to protect Collegeville residents through this Declaration, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor declared an emergency on March 13, 2020 and renewed that declaration on March 13, 2020 and March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of a significant event which would:

A. Seriously affect the health, safety or welfare of a substantial number of citizens of the municipality or preclude the operation or use of essential public facilities and services, or

B. Be of such magnitude or severity as to require state and federal supplementation of regional, county and municipal resources to alleviate the damage, burdens or hardships of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Borough Council of Collegeville, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 (b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code. 35 Pa. C.S.A. 7101 et seq. and Section 10A06(b)(b) of the Borough Code, affirm the Mayor’s declaration and continue to declare the existence of a public health local disaster emergency in Collegeville Borough, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The declared emergency will remain in effect until cancelled by Borough Council.

FURTHER, Borough Departments may, in conjunction with the Borough Emergency Management Coordinator, suspend such regulatory requirements deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency and to conduct Borough Business.

FURTHER, the Collegeville Borough Emergency Management Coordinator is directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response in coordination with Montgomery County emergency management officials and take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this public health local disaster emergency.

ADOPTED this 15th day of April 2020.

ATTEST

COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Geoff Thompson, Secretary

Cathy Kernen, President

**BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2020-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO APPLY FOR 2020 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Collegeville is desiring to apply for Community Development Blocks Grant (CDBG) funds in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG funds will be used to make public sidewalk improvements and to remove architectural barriers and to for the mobility of and accessibility of elderly persons or adults meeting the Bureau of the Census' Current Population Reports definition of "severely disabled" to public facilities and improvements; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council desires to apply for \$141,772.00 to fund curb and sidewalk replacement along E. Main Street from E. Fourth Ave. to Clamer Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania as follows:

DULY ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2020, by the Council of the Borough of Collegeville, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

Attest:

Borough of Collegeville

Geoffrey Thompson, Borough Secretary

Catherine Kernen, President of Council