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Re: Declaration of Disaster

In response to the ongoing pandemic of COVID-19, and the impact it is having/will have on our community, the Borough has declared a disaster emergency. This will allow Borough leadership to take whatever measures may be necessary to anticipate, respond to, and recover from the impacts to our community. This does not mean that the Borough is under quarantine or “lock down”. It simply releases the leadership from needing to go through the bidding processes when we need to acquire materials needed to protect and serve the community. It also opens up assistance from County, State, and Federal agencies should the need arise.

In regards to the closings of businesses by Governor Wolf, the State and Federal governments are working on assistance for those businesses affected. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development offers working capital loans that could be of assistance to businesses impacted by COVID-19. Resources and information will be posted to http://dced.pa.gov/resources as they become available. The U.S. Small Business Administration, in addition to local funding partners, may also be a source of assistance for affected businesses.

We ask that all residents continue to practice the recommendations from the CDC to help slow, and potentially stop, the spread of COVID-19: wash your hands with soap and water frequently, cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow, and utilize “social distancing” of six feet. Congregations of 10 or more people are discouraged.

Please continue to monitor reliable news sources and the Borough’s website for updated information.

Thank you,

Michael Russo
Coordinator