

## **RESOLUTION No. 2022-xx**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBERRY, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTI-MUNICIPAL SOUTHWEST BUTLER COUNTY STORMWATER PLANNING GROUP THAT WAS INITIATED AND SUPPORTED BY THE BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS THE APPROPRIATE MANNER TO ADDRESS THE DEVASTATING FLOODING THE COUNTY EXPERIENCED IN 2019 SINCE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IS A STATE-MANDATED MUNICIPAL RESPONSIBILITY PURSUANT TO ACT 167.**

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2019, County Officials called a meeting of all municipalities in the County following the 2019 horrific flooding events; and,

WHEREAS, ten municipalities in southwest Butler County accepted that call to action and mutually agreed stormwater does not recognize municipal boundaries and the right solution is to work collaboratively to identify ways to improve stormwater management to mitigate future flooding in the watersheds of southwest Butler County; and,

WHEREAS, those ten municipalities in the spring of 2020 agreed, via Resolutions adopted by each municipality, to work jointly with the County in identifying priority projects to mitigate future flooding, which included financial contributions toward that effort. Those ten municipalities included Adams Township, Cranberry Township, Evans City Borough, Forward Township, Harmony Borough, Jackson Township, Lancaster Township, Penn Township, Seven Fields Borough and Zelienople Borough; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of that collaborative effort the Group prepared a report, dated January 22, 2021, that was submitted to the County Commissioners, calling for an update to the County's Act 167 Stormwater Plan. That Report identified priority projects within those 10 municipalities, including those impacting multiple municipalities. It also included the commitment of those 10 municipalities to update their Rate of Release in their stormwater ordinances, affecting future developments in their respective municipalities. All ten municipalities have adopted or are in the process of adopting those updates; and,

WHEREAS, the effort put forth by the Group reinforces the value of municipal collaboration and its importance as the Group identifies and advocates for the funding to implement the projects identified in the January 22, 2021 Report; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby states the following:

1. Cranberry Township shall continue to participate actively in the Southwest Butler Stormwater Planning Group by appointing the Township Manager or his designee as representative to the Group. Our representative(s) shall continue to participate until such time as determined by the Board of Supervisors.
2. Cranberry Township along with each participating municipality shall contribute two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to assist in the costs of facilitating the efforts of this Group. Said payment shall be paid to Cranberry Township, which also by this Resolution, has agreed to serve as the consultant contracting agent and administrator of the funds received from each participating municipality which shall be used to provide facilitation services to the Group, the scope of which will be determined in collaboration with the Group.
3. It is understood that no powers or duties are being delegated to this Group, except the duty to advance inter-municipal collaboration to advance stormwater management within each of our watersheds.

RESOLVED, and APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Richard M. Hadley  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Cranberry Township

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Daniel D. Santoro  
Township Manager/Secretary