

TOWNSHIP OF HALIFAX
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. ~~2015-16-3~~ 2016

**AN ORDINANCE OF HALIFAX TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION
OF HALIFAX TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE
PENNSYLVANIA TOWNSHIPS HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVE TRUST
PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
LAW**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Halifax Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, deem it to be in the best interests and general welfare of the citizens and the residents of this Township to take certain actions;

AND WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Townships Health Insurance Cooperative Trust (“Trust”), formerly known as the “Board of Trustees Insurance Fund,” as referred to in the authorizing statute for the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, 53 P.S. § 66406(j)(2), or, more commonly, the “Trustees Insurance Fund,” originally established in 1966, exists as an intergovernmental cooperative arrangement of municipalities to provide townships and certain other permitted governmental employers in Pennsylvania with a vehicle to pool resources and jointly leverage buying power to develop, administer, and make available cost-effective medical, prescription, dental, life, disability and/or other employee welfare benefit insurance or self-insured programs for their employees; and

AND WHEREAS, the governing Declaration and Agreement of Trust for the Trust has been comprehensively updated, amended and restated effective October 15, 2014 (hereinafter “Restated Trust Agreement”); and

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the Restated Trust Agreement any municipality wishing to commence participation in the Trust, or continue participation in the Trust after October 15, 2014, is required to take formal action in the form of an enacted ordinance in which the municipality agrees to participate in the Trust in accordance with the amended and updated terms of the Restated Trust Agreement; and;

AND WHEREAS, Halifax Township (“the Township”) has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to participate in the Trust in accordance with the terms of the Restated Trust Agreement and to agree to and join in such Restated Trust Agreement;

SECTION 3 - CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The following conditions apply to the participation of the Township in the Trust:

1. The Township must meet the admission and eligibility requirements set forth therein;
2. The Township agrees to pay all contributions when due as provided in the Restated Trust Agreement or as otherwise established by the Board of Trustees; and
3. The Township complies with all other conditions of the Restated Trust Agreement.

SECTION 4 - RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL

The Township agrees to participate in the Trust and may withdraw for any reason and in accordance with the Restated Trust Agreement provided that it has fulfilled all its financial obligations to the Trust upon withdrawal.

SECTION 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of the Township's agreement to and joinder in the Restated Trust Agreement and the participation of the Township in the Trust pursuant to the terms of the Restated Trust Agreement will be

The Secretary of the Township shall provide a certified copy of this Ordinance upon its enactment to the Board of Trustees of the Trust.

SECTION 12 - AUTHORIZATION TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION

The Board of Supervisors of the Township is hereby authorized to take any and all such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance and comply with the requirements of the attached Restated Trust Agreement and any duly adopted amendments thereto.

SECTION 13 - TERM OF PARTICIPATION IN THE TRUST

The duration of the term of the Township's participation in the Trust and obligations under the Restated Trust Agreement shall continue until withdrawal from the Trust by the Township in accordance with the terms of the Restated Trust Agreement.

SECTION 14 - DETERMINATION OF PROPRIETY UNDER LAW

The Board of Supervisors hereby specifically finds and determines as follows:

1. The conditions of the intergovernmental cooperative agreement are set forth in the Restated Trust Agreement incorporated by reference herein.
2. The Township shall participate in the Trust in accordance with the Restated Trust Agreement until it withdraws by giving notice to the Board of Trustees at least ninety (90) days in advance to become effective on either June 30 or December 31 of a given Plan year; or in the case of an initial year of participation in the Trust shall participate for a minimum of one (1) year.
3. The purpose and objectives of the intergovernmental cooperative arrangement, including powers and scope of authority delegated to the Board of Trustees, are set forth in the incorporated Restated Trust Agreement.

SECTION 17 - EFFECTIVE DATE

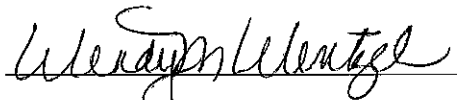
This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days from the date of adoption.


This Ordinance is being enacted pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, Act of July 12, 1972, No. 180, as amended, 53 Pa.C.S. §§ 2301, et seq.

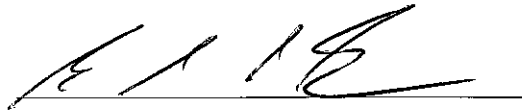
DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 8th day of FEB, 2016, by the Board of Township Supervisors of Halifax Township in public session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

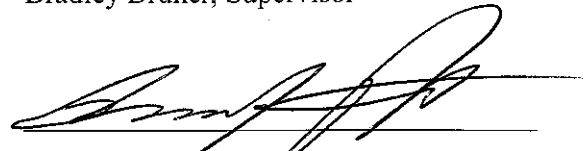
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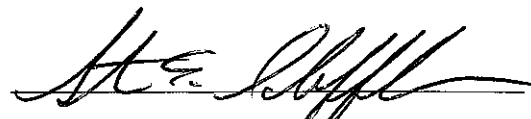

Wendy Wentzel, Township Secretary

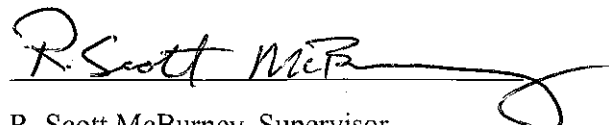
By: 
Kenneth E. Bechtel II, Chairman


Bradley Bruner, Supervisor

(Township Seal)


Randolph Paul, Supervisor


Steve Schreffler, Supervisor


R. Scott McBurney, Supervisor