

**PRESENT:** Brian P. Zidek, Chair; Dr. Monica Taylor, Vice Chair; Kevin M. Madden, Council Member; Elaine Paul Schaefer, Council Member; Christine A. Reuther, Council Member; Joanne Phillips, Controller; Howard Lazarus, Executive Director; William F. Martin, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; Drae McComas, CFO.

The Special Meeting of Delaware County Council was held on September 29, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom and was livestreamed. Chairman Zidek called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Christina Drzal, 1011 West Avenue, Springfield, PA made a comment supporting CARES Act funding being used for housing assistance in Delaware County.

Christina T. Heffernan, President, Newtown Square Fire Company, 2 Charles Ellis Drive, Newtown Square, PA asked Council to consider allocating money to every fire company in Delaware County.

Diane Simon, 4201 Somerset Lane, Upper Chichester, PA made a comment regarding subsidizing the cost of upgrading a household's internet service.

Jonathan Lichtenstein, Assistant Solicitor, gave a brief outline of the CARES Act. Discussion followed.

Howard Lazarus, Executive Director, gave an Overview of the Status of the county's CARES Act Funding, including a description of work in progress, and options for the remainder of the funds.

Council discussed in depth various options with respect to the CARES funding.

Joanne Phillips, Controller, spoke regarding physical improvements to the County Facilities due to Covid. Ms. Phillips also spoke about Subsidize day care for essential workers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nancy Baulis, 59 Shelbourne Road, Springfield, PA spoke regarding Police Salaries that were not budgeted due to rioting during Covid.

Ileasa Nichols, Borough Manager, 221 Spruce Street, Colwyn, PA asked a question regarding the use of funds to cover the unbudgeted costs of COVID related technology upgrades.

**COUNCIL:** Ms. Reuther thanked all the County employees for their work with tracking the Covid expenses. Ms. Reuther also spoke on the Census and the importance to respond to the Census in Delaware County. She stated that our funding is based on our Census numbers and we need everyone to fill out the Census.

Mr. Zidek spoke regarding the Chester Health Department purchase of antibody tests. He stated Delaware County spent \$219,500.00 on antibody tests which were used by the Prison and Fair Acres. We did not approve anything more than that.

Mr. Zidek also stated that Council will have an Executive Session to speak about pending litigation right after this meeting.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, Motion made by Mr. Madden to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk