

Resolution 2020-08
Lynden Township, Stearns County, Minnesota

A RESOLUTION EXPENDING CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota provided the Township with local government aid funding through the Federal CARES Act to mitigate the unexpected costs and burdens of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Township;

WHEREAS, Federal guidance on CARES Act expenditures allows the Township to be reimbursed for their COVID-19 related expenses if the Board of Supervisors reasonably believes the expenses meet the following three criteria:

1. The expense must be necessary in response to the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on the Township;
2. The expense was not accounted for in the Township's budget passed as of March 27, 2020, and could not be funded using a line item, allotment, or other allocation within the budget;
3. The expense was incurred between March 1, 2020, and November 15, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Township Board will follow the rules and guidance provided by the Federal Government and State of Minnesota concerning the use of CARES Act funding;

WHEREAS, the Township has identified the following expense or expenses for the use of the Township's CARES Act funding:

1. IT Projects to improve telework capabilities of public employees
2. Touchless bathroom sink faucets and toilet
3. Touchless bathroom hand dryer

WHEREAS, the expense of \$30,283.80 for IT Projects is a necessary part of the Township's response to the COVID-19 pandemic because: Audio/Visual displays for meetings help reduce need to pass paper or materials or to comply with the Open Meeting Law, Computers can be used for remote work and/or access or meeting participation and will be used as part of the town's response to the pandemic to mitigate the spread of COVID and adhere to open meeting laws.

WHEREAS, the expense of \$3,300 for touchless bathroom sink faucets and toilet is a necessary part of the Township's response to the COVID-19 pandemic because: Automatic amenities of

touchless faucets, toilet flushers and thermostats reduce the number of frequently touched objects

WHEREAS, the expense of \$5,000 for touchless hand dryer is a necessary part of the Township's response to the COVID-19 pandemic because: Automatic amenity of touchless hand dryer reduce the number of frequently touched objects

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds the expenses listed herein to be necessary parts of the Township's response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds the expenses listed herein were not accounted for in the budget passed as of March 27, 2020;

WHEREAS, the expenses listed herein cannot be funded using a line item, allotment, or other allocation within the budget that are of substantially the same purpose of use;

WHEREAS, the expenses listed herein are made between March 1, 2020 and November 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Township may transfer the CARES Act funding allocated to it to another government entity or political subdivision of the State of Minnesota;

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to transfer a portion its CARES Act funding allocation to the Annandale Fire Department, Minnesota in the amount of \$11,716.20 per Resolution 2020-09

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds the expenses listed herein to be authorized uses of public funds that serve a public purpose;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Township Board elects to use its CARES Act funding on the expenses listed herein.

Adopted this 2nd day of November, 2020, by the Town Board of Lynden Township, Stearns County, Minnesota.



Town Clerk



Township Chairperson