

RESOLUTION 17-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRIS, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA COMMITTING THE TOWNSHIP TO DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE NET ZERO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

WHEREAS, in 2008, Harris Township participated in the Centre Region Greenhouse Gas Pilot Project;
and

WHEREAS, that project studied the greenhouse gas emissions by various sector in each of the six
Centre Region municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the study found that in 2006, Harris Township had the highest per capita emissions
in the Region at 12.3 MTCO₂e. The study also found that most of this was due to a reliance on electricity
and fuel oil for heating; and

WHEREAS, the study recommended the development of a regional climate action plan. It also
recommended that each municipality pass a resolution, committing each municipality to taking specific
actions to reduce its emissions; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of local government entities and private and public sector
organizations around the world have committed to begin planning to reduce their GHG emissions to net
zero as quickly as possible but no later than 2050 or, at minimum, achieve 100 percent non-fossil fuel
generated electricity by that date; and

WHEREAS, green building practices and standards have been established, and the cost of non-
fossil fuel generated energy including solar wind and geothermal power have fallen to the point that the
replacement of fossil-fuel generated energy with renewable energy is reaching price parity with non-
renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, green building and renewable energy industries employ thousands of
Pennsylvanians; and

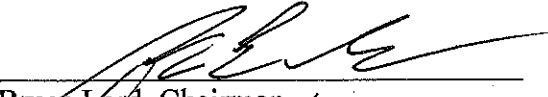
WHEREAS, agriculture and forestry have played important roles in Harris Township's economy
and culture for generations, and are integral in sinking carbon, providing additional ecosystem services,
beauty, and recreation, as well as afford a high quality of life for people and our environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

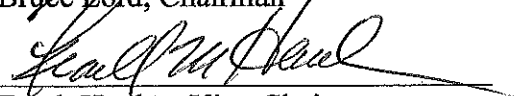
1. The Township of Harris shall a) Immediately begin to develop a strategy to achieve net zero GHG emissions as quickly as feasible, and b) commit to achieving the GHG emissions reductions target determined by said strategy as soon as feasible; and
2. Lead by example to pursue these goals in a manner that is transparent, fair, and economically responsible.

DULY ENACTED this 14th day of August 2017.

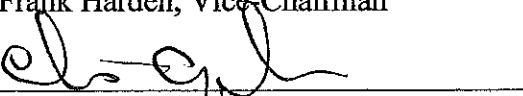
Harris Township Board of Supervisors



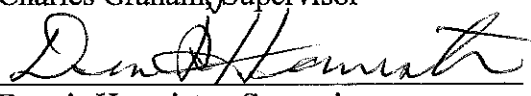
Bruce Lord, Chairman



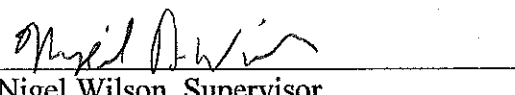
Frank Harden, Vice-Chairman



Charles Graham, Supervisor

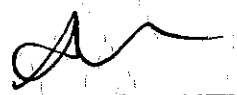


Dennis Hameister, Supervisor



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ATTEST:



Amy Farkas, Secretary