

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020- 02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF BETHEL TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PERMITTING REIMBURSEMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES EXPENSES AND COSTS**

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board of Supervisors of Bethel Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania (“Township”), to authorize the Emergency Service Providers listed below to perform emergency services within the Township and to authorize the Emergency Service Providers to seek collection and reimbursement for the reasonable costs of responding to such incidents;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Bethel Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly convened, hereby ENACTS and ORDAINS as follows:

1. The Township authorizes the Union Fire Co. of Bethel and the Community Fire Company of Frystown (“Fire Companies”) to collect from persons insurance companies who use their services as a result of a call from that person using the services a sum sufficient to reimburse the Fire Companies in full for the time and effort spent by the Fire Companies.
2. The Fire Companies shall have the obligation to do the billing for any services rendered and the fees shall be set by the Board of Trustees of the Fire Companies.
3. All emergency services equipment of the Fire Companies shall be made available to the requesting party and the assessments of fees for use thereof shall be made and established by the Fire Companies.
4. There shall be no obligation on the part of the Township in assessing or billing of fees for services and the Township shall have no liability and the Fire Companies shall hold the

Township harmless from any negligence that may be caused by the Fire Companies in rendering services.

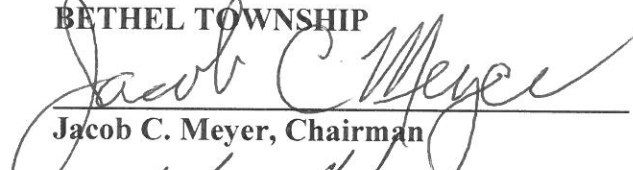
5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

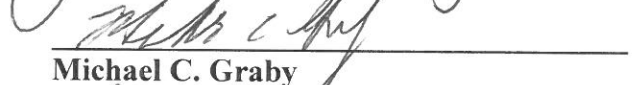
6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

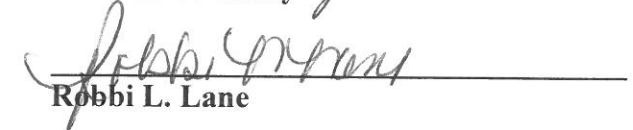
7. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after its enactment.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Bethel Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, this 19 day of October, 2020.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
BETHEL TOWNSHIP**

  
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Jacob C. Meyer, Chairman

  
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Michael C. Graby

  
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Robbi L. Lane

**Attest:**

  
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Jayne K. Seifrit, Township Secretary