

BETHEL TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHEL, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF BETHEL TOWNSHIP IN THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PENSION TRUST PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION LAW

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Pension Trust (“Trust”), originally established in 1958, exists as an intergovernmental cooperative arrangement to provide townships and certain other permitted governmental employers in Pennsylvania with a vehicle to pool resources and jointly leverage buying power to develop and make available cost-effective pension and retirement plans managed for or on behalf of their employees; and

WHEREAS, the governing Declaration and Agreement of Trust for the Trust has been comprehensively updated, amended and restated, most recently as of January 1, 2019 (hereinafter “Restated Trust Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, Bethel 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, 53 Pa. C.S.A. § 2301 et seq., a municipality may enter into an intergovernmental cooperative agreement upon passage of an ordinance by its governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Bethel Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania does hereby ENACT and ORDAIN:

Section 1. That the Township adopts the Restated Trust Agreement and agrees to participate in the Trust in accordance with the amended and updated terms of the Restated Trust Agreement and that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and Manager and/or Secretary of the Township are hereby authorized to sign the Restated Trust Agreement and any other agreements necessary for the Township’s participation in the Trust.

The Restated Trust Agreement is on file for inspection and review at the Township’s offices at 60 Klahr Road, Bethel, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The Restated Trust Agreement may be subsequently modified or amended in accordance with its terms, but in no event shall such modifications or amendments divert any of the trust funds from the purposes of the Trust. The Township may withdraw from the Trust in accordance with the Restated Trust Agreement, including if the Township determines the modifications or amendments are not in its best interests.

Section 2. That the participation of the Township in the Trust is authorized for the purpose of offering high quality pension and retirement plans at a reasonable cost to the Township and its employees.

Section 3. That, as set forth in greater detail in the Restated Trust Agreement and as otherwise stated herein, the following conditions apply to the participation of the Township in the Trust:

1. That each Participating Employer must meet the admission and eligibility requirements set forth therein;
2. That each Participating Employer 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. That each Participating Employer complies with all other conditions of the Restated Trust Agreement.

Section 4. That the Township agrees to participate in the Trust and may withdraw for any reason and in accordance with the Restated Trust Agreement if it has fulfilled all its financial obligations to the Trust upon withdrawal.

Section 5. That 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 January 1, 2025.

Section 6. That each Participating Employer delegates to the Board of Trustees the powers enumerated in the Restated Trust Agreement.

Section 7. That the organizational structure of the Trust shall consist of a Board of Trustees. Under the Restated Trust Agreement, the Board of Trustees is authorized to, among other things, enter into contracts with third parties to perform various services necessary for the administration of the Trust.

Section 8. That the funds required for the operation of the Trust shall be provided by the Participating Employers through scheduled appropriations as determined by the Board of Trustees.

Section 9. That the Trust is empowered to enter into contracts for policies of group insurance and employee benefits, including Social Security, for employees of the Trust, if any.

Section 10. That as a condition of participating in the Trust, the Township agrees to comply with all the terms and conditions in the Restated Trust Agreement.

Section 11. That the Secretary of the Township shall provide a copy of this Ordinance upon its adoption to the Board of Trustees of the Trust.

Section 12. The Chairman 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 Restated Trust Agreement and any duly adopted amendments thereto.

Section 13. 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. The Township 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 in accordance with the terms of the Restated Trust Agreement.
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.
4. The manner and extent of financing of the agreement are that (i) funds to implement the Township's obligations under the agreement shall come from the normal and usual budgeted amounts for Township employee compensation and employee benefits and (ii) no borrowing is anticipated to be required.
5. The Trust shall be managed by the Board of Trustees pursuant to the terms of the Restated Trust Agreement.
6. All assets and property, real or personal, of the Trust shall be titled to, acquired, managed, licensed or disposed of by the Trust, and its Board of Trustees, in accordance with the terms of the Restated Trust Agreement.
7. The Trust in accordance with the Restated Trust Agreement shall be empowered to enter into contracts for the creation and administration of group and/or individual pension and retirement plans to be offered to Participating Employers for their eligible employee and dependents.

Section 15. If any article, section, subsection, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance, is, for any reason declared to be illegal, unconstitutional or invalid, by any Court of competent jurisdiction, this decision shall not affect or impair the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any other article, section, subsection, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or remaining portion of the within Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors of Bethel Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, hereby declares that it would have adopted the within Ordinance and each article, section, subsection, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase and

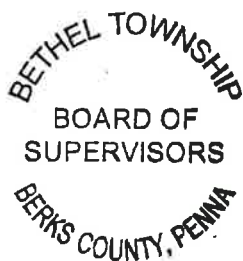
word thereof, irrespective of the limitations, restrictions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or word that may be declared illegal, unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 16. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be interpreted to affect any rights or liabilities of the Township, or to affect any cause of action, existing prior to the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 17. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

This Ordinance is being adopted 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.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED as an Ordinance of Bethel Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, this 12th day of JUNE, 2025.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
BETHEL TOWNSHIP,
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By:

Joseph A. Greenfield
Chair

Michael Kelly
Vice Chair

Jim A. Buckler
Member

Attest: *Bobbie W...*
Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF ENACTMENT

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance No. 2025 - 04 enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Bethel Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania at a public meeting held on June 12, 2025, pursuant to notice as required by law.

Dated: 6/12/2025

Bobbi Weisfer
Township Secretary