

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 228

AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE ORGANIZATION OF AN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL SUBDIVISIONS KNOWN AS SLATE BELT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION PURSUANT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION ACT, TITLE 53 PA., C.S.A. SECTION 2301-2315, P.L. 1158, NO. 177, DECEMBER 19, 1996, AND THE SCHOOL CODE, TITLE 24 P.S. SECTION 5-522, P.L. 30, MARCH 10, 1949.

WHEREAS, the Townships of Washington, Upper Mount Bethel, Lower Mount Bethel, and Plainfield, and the Boroughs of Bangor, East Bangor, Roseto, Pen Argyl, Portland, and Wind Gap, and Bangor Area School District and Pen Argyl Area School District, have formed an Association of Municipal Subdivisions for the purpose of providing the elected officials of the member municipalities a means of frequent communication and organization to foster a cooperative effort to resolve regional problems, to determine policies, and to formulate plans and programs to meet regional needs; and

WHEREAS, said organization is known as the Slate Belt Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to the welfare of the citizens residing within the region defined by the boundaries of the membership of the Slate Belt

Council of Governments to secure the benefits provided by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 53 Pa. C.S.A. 2301-2315, and the School Code, 24 P.S. 5-522.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township of Washington hereby agrees to intergovernmentally cooperate with the Association of Municipal Subdivisions consisting of the Townships of Washington, Upper Mount Bethel, Lower Mount Bethel, and Plainfield, and, the Boroughs of Bangor, East Bangor, Roseto, Pen Argyl, Portland, and Wind Gap, and Bangor Area School District and Pen Argyl Area School District known as the Slate Belt Council of Governments. No function, power, or responsibility of Washington Township will be exercised through intergovernmental cooperation with other member municipalities unless ratified by Resolution of the Governing Body.

SECTION 2. The Township of Washington hereby agrees to participate in the Slate Belt Council of Governments for a term commencing with the adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. The Township of Washington shall enter into an agreement entitled Articles of Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and

incorporated herein by reference, with the intent and effect that Washington Township shall be bound by the Agreement.

SECTION 4. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Secretary are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Governing Body to execute and deliver the Agreement.

SECTION 5. The Governing Body is hereby authorized to take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance and said Articles of Agreement.

SECTION 6. The purpose of the Slate Belt Council of Governments is to meet at regular intervals to foster a cooperative effort to resolve regional problems, to determine policies, and to formulate plans and programs to meet regional needs. Additional purposes shall include: communication & coordination, policies & priorities, community facilities & services, forum, regional spokesman, staff support, and regional review. The Township of Washington hereby pledges its support of such purposes and further agrees to jointly cooperate in the exercise or in the performance of its respective governmental functions, powers, and responsibilities. This pledge of intergovernmental cooperation without further amendment to the within Ordinance shall not be construed as to delegate or transfer any functions, powers

or responsibilities to another local government or to the Slate Belt Council of Governments.

SECTION 7. The Township of Washington pledges such expenditures as shall be required under the Articles of Agreement.

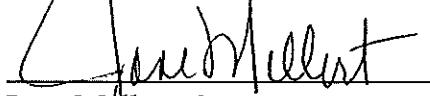
SECTION 8. The Slate Belt Council of Governments shall in all respects conform with the requirements of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 53 Pa. C.S.A. 2301-2315, and the School Code, 24 P.S. 5-522.

SECTION 9. The Slate Belt Council of Governments powers and authorities shall be limited by the Articles of Agreement incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

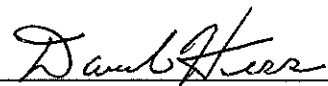
SECTION 10. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.


ENACTED AND ORDAINED, into law by the Township of Washington, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, on this 12th day of NOVEMBER, 2003.

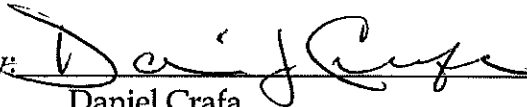
Attest:


Jane Mellert, Secretary

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: 
David Hess, Chairman

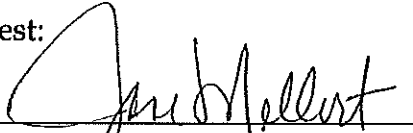
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David Renaldo, Vice Chairman

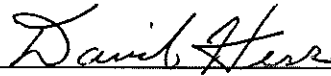
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Daniel Crafa

Approved and certified this 12th day of November, 2003.

Attest:

By


Jane Mellert, Secretary



David Hess, Chairman