

1 OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
2 OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA  
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5 IN RE: SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
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9 MARCH 31, 2020

10 7:00 P.M.

11 OLD FORGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

12 314 SOUTH MAIN STREET

13 OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA  
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17 COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
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- 19 ROBERT SEMENZA, PRESIDENT  
20 RUSSELL RINALDI  
LOUIS FEBBO (BY PHONE)  
21 RICK NOTARI  
JAMES HOOVER  
22 MICHAEL LETTIERI  
WILLIAM RINALDI, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR  
23 MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, BOROUGH MANAGER  
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25 Mark Wozniak  
Official Court Reporter

1 MR. SEMENZA: Good evening, ladies  
2 and gentlemen. I'd like to start the  
3 meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 (The Pledge of Allegiance was  
5 recited.)

6 MR. SEMENZA: Roll call, please.

7 ATTY. RINALDI: Ms. Avvisato is  
8 absent. Mr. Febbo?

9 MR. FEBBO: Present.

10 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Hoover?

11 MR. HOOVER: Here.

12 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Lettieri?

13 MR. LETTIERI: Present.

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Notari?

15 MR. NOTARI: Present.

16 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Rinaldi?

17 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Present.

18 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Semenza?

19 MR. SEMENZA: Present. Welcome to  
20 the Old Forge Borough Council meeting for  
21 March 31, 2020. It's a special meeting to  
22 pass two resolutions and invoices for  
23 payment.

24 The first motion is to approve  
25 invoices for payment. Do I have a motion?

1 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

2 MR. SEMENZA: Motion by Councilman  
3 Notari. Second?

4 MR. RUSSEL RINALDI: I'll second it.

5 MR. SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman  
6 Rinaldi. On the question? Public input?  
7 Roll call, please.

8 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Hoover?

9 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

10 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Lettieri?

11 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

12 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Notari?

13 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Rinaldi?

15 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

16 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Semenza?

17 MR. SEMENZA: Yes. A motion to pass  
18 a resolution declaring an existence of an  
19 emergency in the borough of Old Forge,  
20 Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to  
21 provisions of section 7501 of the  
22 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Service  
23 Code as amended.

24 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

25 MR. SEMENZA: By Councilman Notari.

1 Second?

2 MR. HOOVER: I'll second it.

3 MR. SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman  
4 Hoover. On the question? Public input?  
5 Roll call.

6 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Hoover?

7 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

8 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Lettieri?

9 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

10 ATTY. NOTARI: Mr. Notari?

11 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

12 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Rinaldi?

13 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

14 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Semenza?

15 MR. SEMENZA: Yes. Next resolution  
16 is a resolution to provide and allow Old  
17 Forge Borough Council members the ability to  
18 participate and vote in telecommunication  
19 devices at council meetings of the Borough  
20 of Old Forge Council during the state of  
21 emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic  
22 declared by the governor of Pennsylvania on  
23 March 6, 2020.

24 MR. HOOVER: I'll make that motion.

25 ATTY. SEMENZA: Motion by Councilman

1 Hoover.

2 MR. NOTARI: Second.

3 MR. SEMENZA: Seconded by Councilman  
4 Notari. On the question?

5 ATTY. RINALDI: Let me say one  
6 thing. Just so you know, this resolution is  
7 the best we can do even though it's still  
8 not technically legal. The Senate has a  
9 bill pending that they have not voted on. A  
10 couple of senators didn't like it. It  
11 really doesn't get us there but we're going  
12 to pass it anyway because it gets us there  
13 in spirit.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Bill, are there any  
15 differences on the one that you have as  
16 compared to what I --

17 ATTY. RINALDI: I just added on it  
18 that in accordance with the state of  
19 emergency declared by the governor under the  
20 state emergency section 7506D just to give  
21 us a little more on why we're doing it.

22 MR. SEMENZA: Roll call.

23 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Hoover?

24 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

25 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Lettieri?

1 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

2 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Notari?

3 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

4 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Rinaldi?

5 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes.

6 ATTY. RINALDI: Mr. Semenza?

7 MR. SEMENZA: Yes. Real quick

8 before we adjourn the meeting, we have our  
9 EMA director here, Mike. Is there anything  
10 you want to state?

11 MR. KOMENSKY: Nothing really, Bob.  
12 I just want to thank you for amending it.

13 Bill, are we going to put a date  
14 this or are we going to have to do it again?

15 ATTY. RINALDI: I put it's in effect  
16 until the governor cancels his state of  
17 emergency. Both of them. The  
18 telecommunications stays in effect until the  
19 governor --

20 MR. KOMENSKY: That's all I have.

21 MR. SEMENZA: All right. The chair  
22 is going to look for a motion to adjourn.

23 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

24 MR. SEMENZA: By Councilman Notari.

25 All in favor?

(Unanimous. Meeting adjourned.)

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