

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE SMITHFIELD  
MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION #04-2018-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE SMITHFIELD, MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL CRITERIA THAT A VOLUNTEER MUST MEET TO BE CERTIFIED UNDER THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE SMITHFIELD VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM TO CLAIM LOCAL TAX CREDITS**

WHEREAS, Chapter 79A of Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Act of Nov. 21, 2016, P.L. 1509, No. 172, found at 35 Pa. C.S. Section 79A03 *et seq.*, entitled “Incentives for Municipal Volunteers of Fire Companies and Nonprofit Emergency Services Agencies,” authorizes municipal governments to grant local tax credits to active volunteers at volunteer fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Middle Smithfield Township enacted Ordinance Number 220 on April 26, 2018 (the “Ordinance”), which amended the Code of the Township of Middle Smithfield by adding an Article V, “Volunteer Service Credit Program”, to Chapter 176 (hereinafter “Article V”),

WHEREAS, Article V establishes a Volunteer Service Credit Program and authorizes local tax credits for volunteer members of volunteer fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies; and

WHEREAS, Article V provides that the Board of Supervisors shall establish, by resolution, the annual criteria to qualify for tax credits under the Volunteer Service Credit Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Middle Smithfield as follows:

**Section 1: Program Criteria.**

Volunteers at an Eligible Entity, as defined by Article V, shall meet the following criteria during the Eligibility Period, as defined by Sections 176-50 and 176-51(D) of Article V, to be eligible for certification under the Volunteer Service Credit Program:

- a) A volunteer must be an active volunteer in good standing as defined by the applicable Bylaws and/or Policies of the Volunteer Fire Company or nonprofit Emergency Medical Services Agency at which the individual is an active volunteer.

- b) For the 2018 tax year and every year thereafter, volunteers must achieve a minimum of fifty (50) hours of service at the Volunteer Fire Company or nonprofit Emergency Medical Services Agency at which the Volunteer is an Active Volunteer during the Eligibility Period. Service hours may be from training, call participation, facility or equipment maintenance, bookkeeping, public relations, community events and fundraisers.
- c) Volunteers on probation as defined by the Bylaws for the Volunteer Fire Company or nonprofit Emergency Medical Services Agency at which the Volunteer is an active volunteer shall not be eligible for the Program.

Section 2: Severability.

The provisions of this Resolution shall be severable, and if any of the provisions hereof shall be found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

Section 3: Effective Date.

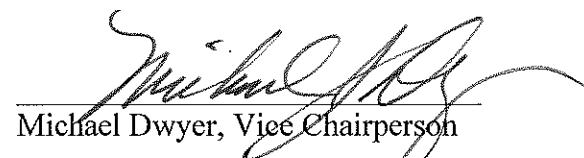
This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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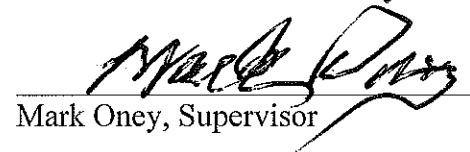
RESOLVED THIS 26TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP AT A LAWFUL SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED.



Annette Atkinson, Chairperson



Michael Dwyer, Vice Chairperson



Mark Oney, Supervisor

ATTEST:



Michele Clewell, Township Secretary