

RESOLUTION 2024-017

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHEREBY THE BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT RESOLVES TO AUTHORIZE A BUYOUT OF 5 WEST FRONT STREET, BRIDGEPORT, PA 19405 THROUGH THE USE OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S (FEMA) HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted the Borough Code Act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L. 1656, No. 581) as Amended, authorizing Boroughs to enact such regulations as may be necessary for the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bridgeport and many of its residents experienced severe damage caused to various properties within the town due to Hurricane IDA, which occurred on September 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program designed to provide funding to the Borough of Bridgeport for the purpose of acquiring properties that have been significantly damaged by Hurricane IDA; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has provided the Borough of Bridgeport with funding to acquire 5 West Front Street, Bridgeport, PA 19405, Tax Map Parcel # 02-00-03052-00-6 (hereinafter "the Property") through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bridgeport has submitted a final mitigation offer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00) to the owner of 5 West Front Street, John and Kathleen Paluszek, for the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Bridgeport seeks to authorize the buyout of 5 West Front Street; and

WHEREAS, the dually executed Statement of Voluntary Participation for Acquisition of Property for Purpose of Open Space—FEMA'S Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program (hereinafter "the Agreement") is incorporated herein by reference and attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

WHEREAS, authorization for the Borough Council of the Borough of Bridgeport to proceed with the buyout of 5 West Front Street is deemed to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Borough of Bridgeport; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bridgeport as follows:

Section 1. The Borough Council of the Borough of Bridgeport does hereby authorize the Manager of the Borough of Bridgeport, or his designee, to execute the Agreement, attached hereto, incorporated herein, and marked as Exhibit "A," as well as any and all additional documents required to effectuate the buyout of 5 West Front Street, Bridgeport, PA 19405.

Section 2. Repealer.

All Resolutions or Ordinances, or parts of Resolutions or Ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the terms hereof are to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts hereby specifically repealed.

Section 3. Severability.

In the event that any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Resolution shall be declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prevent, preclude, or otherwise foreclose enforcement of any of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

ATTEST:

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



KEITH S. TRUMAN, SECRETARY



SABA AL ZAID, PRESIDENT

Approved by the Mayor of the Borough of Bridgeport, this 13th day of February, A.D., 2024.



MAYOR BETH JACKSIER