LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. LNT. 43-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP, **NORTHAMPTON** COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH **OF PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING** ANANNUAL STIPEND VOLUNTEERS OF THE HECKTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY THAT ARE NOT LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS AND ESTABLISHING THE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STIPEND

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township recognizes their responsibilities under the Second-Class Township Code to provide fire protection service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company has provided that service to Lower Nazareth Township since 1917; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the commitment and dedication of the volunteers that train and respond to calls as part of their duties volunteering for Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Volunteer Fire Company Service Real Property Tax Credit Ordinance on October 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes not all volunteers own property in Lower Nazareth Township; however, those volunteers are no less deserving of recognition and appreciation for their service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to establish an annual stipend for the volunteers that do not own property in Lower Nazareth Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to establish the criteria each volunteer seeking an annual stipend must meet in order to qualify for payment of the stipend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Nazareth, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby establishes a annual stipend in the amount of \$250 for volunteers of the Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company that do not own property in Lower Nazareth Township and meet the eligibility requirements.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following criteria shall be met by each volunteer of the Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company that desires to seek payment of the annual stipend established by the Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors. The eligibility criteria are as follows:

Each member of the Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company shall satisfy the following requirements in order to be considered an active volunteer who is eligible for an annual stipend payment.

- (1) The member must attend at least four (4) company meetings between November 1st and October 31st.
- (2) The member must attend at least eighteen (18) training nights between November 1st and October 31st.
- (3) The member must attend or respond to at least twenty (20) calls between November 1st and October 31st.

If the criteria as set forth in this Resolution are met by the volunteer, they shall be considered eligible to receive the designated annual stipend. A volunteer is only eligible for either the annual stipend or the real estate tax reimbursement.

Each eligible volunteer shall make application to the Fire Chief, who shall certify under the penalties of perjury the eligibility of the volunteer no later than December 1st.

Upon receipt of certification, the Secretary/Treasurer shall make payment to the volunteer in the amount established by the Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors no later than December 31st.

DULY ADOPTED, this 12th day of November, 2025, by a majority of the Board of Supervisors at a duly advertised meeting where a quorum was present.

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Tammi Dravecz, Secretary/Treasurer

James Pennington, Chairman