LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. LNT-39-26

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A HARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE GEORGETOWN MANOR SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE CONNECTION TO PUBLIC SEWER CONNECTION, PROVIDING CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY, ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Lower Nazareth Township is a Second-Class Township operating within Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Second-Class Township code and the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, it became a necessary action of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township to cause the installation of public sewer lines in the Georgetown Manor neighborhood consisting of King George Drive, Brandywine, Lexington, Concord, and James Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township entered into an agreement with the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority for the installation of public sewer lines; and

WHEREAS, the agreement consisted of Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority causing the installation of the public sewer lines if Lower Nazareth Township required all property owners within the established Georgetown Manor Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, the agreement requires the Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors to engage in litigation, if necessary, for property owners that do not connect to the public sewer system by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township have provided financial assistance to the property owners by waiving all permit fees, paying all inspection fees, and paying all connection and tap-in fees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that some property owners may still experience financial hardship in the costs of connection and the Board of Supervisors wishes to establish a hardship program to assist with the costs of connection.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at a duly advertised meeting where a quorum was present:

1. Lower Nazareth Township shall establish a hardship program for property owners in the Georgetown Manor Sewer District who are financially distressed and unable to make connection to the public sewer system as a result of financial difficulties.

2. Property owners shall be eligible under any of the following conditions:

    a. The property owner has applied for financial assistance through Pennvest and has been denied; or

    b. The Property owner(s) is / are senior citizens aged 65 or over and are the sole occupants of the home and they have demonstrated financial hardship; or

    c. The property owner meets the following income guidelines, which are 200% of the established federal poverty level guidelines.

Household Occupants	Annual Income
1	$ 31,920
2	$ 43,280
3	$ 54,640
4	$ 66,000
5	$ 77,360
6	$ 88,720
7	$ 100,080
8	$ 111,440

3. Property Owners shall further meet the following conditions in order to meet eligibility requirements:

    a. The property shall be the property owner(s) primary domicile.

    b. Applicant(s) must be the deeded owners of the property.

    c. Applicant(s) must agree to authorize Lower Nazareth Township to file a municipal lien against the property that will include a provision of 4% interest.

d. The property owner shall write a letter to the Board of Supervisors establishing the need for hardship assistance.

e. The correspondence shall include all documentation that allows the Board of Supervisors to verify the financial hardship and compliance with any of the hardship criteria. If the Board of Supervisors requires additional information, the applicant agrees to provide the required information.

f. The Board of Supervisors shall vote at a public meeting on the requested hardship assistance.

4. Lower Nazareth Township shall pay the contractor directly for all work performed. Funding shall be paid from the Nazareth Borough Sewer account. This account was established to deposit franchise fees received from Nazareth Borough Sewer Authority. All payments received from the municipal liens, including principal and interest, shall be deposited back into the Nazareth Borough Sewer account.

5. Once all property owners in the Georgetown Manor Sewer District have reached complete connection to the public sewer system installed by Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority, the hardship program shall be closed permanently.

DULY ADOPTED, this 11th day of November, 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Amy Templeton, Chairperson

Tammi Dravecz, Secretary/Treasurer