

**RESOLUTION # 24 -2018**  
**THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP**  
**CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP,  
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING A 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY  
FUTURE**

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris resulted in a consensus among all 195 countries to limit the increase in global average temperatures to well below 2°C, ensure that greenhouse gas emissions will not exceed sinks (total carbon capture) by the second half of this century, and become carbon neutral between 2050 and 2100; and

**WHEREAS**, the internationally agreed upon goals can be met based upon existing and new national, state, and local initiatives; and our actions will contribute to a critical mass of local climate initiatives that can collectively reduce climate disruption and help minimize the impact of extreme weather on our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Comprehensive Plan of East Bradford Township (pages 77 to 80) calls for developing carbon reduction goals through energy reduction and local renewable energy generation initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Comprehensive Plan of East Bradford Township indicates that East Bradford has the highest energy use per capita in the West Chester area and has the financial means and nearby expertise to take action; and

**WHEREAS**, East Bradford Township strives to support the highest quality of life for current and future residents by: Being accessible, accountable, responsive, and respectful to all; Providing essential services with fiscal soundness; Promoting good stewardship of the Township's scenic, natural, and historic resources; and Promoting vital social and physical connections between our residents and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the best strategy for achieving a cost effective, even cost saving, energy source transition is through collaboration with other Chester County energy leaders and participating in aggregated procurement contracts such as Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for regional wind and solar energy; and

**WHEREAS**, a renewable energy initiative can produce energy cost savings for residents and local businesses while stimulating new economic activity and local jobs while providing life protecting benefits for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, East Bradford Township commends other municipalities for being leaders in Chester County and setting goals for the transition to renewable energy in their communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the East Bradford Township Board of Supervisors will:

1. Cooperate with other municipalities, including municipal members of the West Chester Area Council of Government, in the movement to transition to 100% clean and renewable energy with the specific desire to transition to 100% clean renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy for heat and transportation by 2050; and

2. Provide support for commissioning a committee and/or consultant with the goal of drafting an energy transition plan for achieving these goals, to include interim milestones, financial impacts, equity metrics, potential financing mechanisms, and percentage of clean energy that is locally produced; and
3. Define clean renewable energy as carbon-free and pollution-free energy generated sustainably from renewable sources such as wind, solar, small hydro, tidal, fuel cells and geothermal; and
4. Prioritize locally produced and distributed energy whenever feasible for the many advantages it provides to the community; and
5. Encourage participation from East Bradford Township stakeholders in the planning and implementation process;
6. Investigate cooperative energy purchasing opportunities;
7. Call on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to set a goal to use 100% renewable energy for all purposes no later than 2050;
8. Call on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to adopt codes and standards to increase the efficiency of buildings and appliances;
9. Call on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to increase the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard to levels that put us on track to meet 100% renewable energy goals; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the East Bradford Township Board of Supervisors acknowledges that this resolution does not financially obligate the Township in any way.

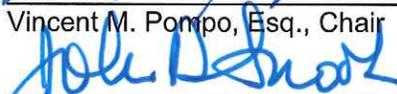
**ADOPTED** this 9 day of Oct, 2018.

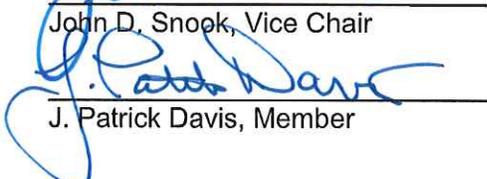
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Township Secretary

EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

  
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Vincent M. Pompo, Esq., Chair

  
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John D. Snook, Vice Chair

  
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J. Patrick Davis, Member

