BERWICK TOWNSHIP

BERWICK TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR COMPENSATION ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE BERWICK TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR FOR 2017.

WHEREAS, in 2016, Berwick Township levied taxes on all real property within the Township at a rate of .55 mills; and

WHEREAS, for 2017, Berwick Township decreased the millage rate to .4 mills; and

WHEREAS, pursuant Berwick Township Resolution No. 10-039, Berwick Township established the compensation for the duly elected tax collector of Berwick Township at 5% of the amount of the taxes so collected; and

WHEREAS, 72 P.S. Section 5511.35 (b) of the Local Tax Collection Law provides notwithstanding the provisions of Section 36.1 [72 P.S. Section 5511.36 (a)] or subsection (a) (2), if a millage reduction adopted by the Board of Supervisors in Townships of the Second Class with less than 3,000 residents will decrease the amount of compensation received by a tax collector who is compensated on a commission basis, the Board of Supervisors may by Ordinance at any time increase the commission to the level required to compensate the tax collector in an amount equal to the compensation that would have been received under the former commission prior to the millage decrease; and

WHEREAS, Berwick Township wishes to provide for an increase in the compensation of the Tax Collector for Berwick Township for 2017 in accordance with the Local Tax Collection Law.

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Berwick Township as follows:

- 1. For 2017, the compensation of the Tax Collector of Berwick Township for the collection of Township real estate taxes shall be equal to 6.5% of the amount of real estate taxes collected.
- 2. This Ordinance shall supersede Berwick Township Resolution No. 10-039 dated July 12, 2010 for 2017 only.

- 3. All Ordinances or portions of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.
- 4. The provision of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause, or section of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not effect or impair any of the remaining provision, sentences, clauses, or section of this Ordinance. It hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Berwick Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted has such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, or section not been included herein.
 - 5. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days from the date of its enactment.

ENACTED and ORDAINED this <u>13</u> day of February, 2017 by the Board of Supervisors of Berwick Township, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

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BERWICK TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Peter L Socks, Jr., Chairman