

TYRONE TOWNSHIP
ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07

A RESOLUTION OF TYRONE TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY, REGARDING
ANONYMOUS RIGHT TO KNOW LAW (RTKL) REQUESTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Tyrone Township (hereinafter the “Township”) is committed to affording its citizens access to information concerning activities of the Township; and

WHEREAS, Section 702 of the Right to Know Law (hereinafter the “RTKL”) provides that agencies may fulfill verbal, written or anonymous verbal or written requests for access to records under the RTKL; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Open Records (hereinafter “OOR”) interprets this section as affording agencies the discretion to fulfill or ignore anonymous requests; and

WHEREAS, “Requester” is defined by the RTKL as “[a] person that is a legal resident of the United States”; and

WHEREAS, under the RTKL, a Requester must both be a “person” and a “legal resident of the United States”; and

WHEREAS, while not defined by the RTKL, the Statutory Construction Act of 1972 (“SCA”) defines the term “person” to [i]nclude a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, business trust, other association, government entity (other than the Commonwealth), estate, trust, foundation or natural person”; and

WHEREAS, Section 703 of the RTKL requires that all written requests under the RTKL “shall include the name and address to which the agency should address its response”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wish to establish a policy with regard to anonymous RTKL requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Tyrone Township as follows:

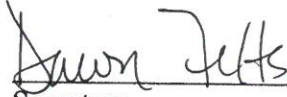
1. Tyrone Township will not accept anonymous Right to Know Law Requests.

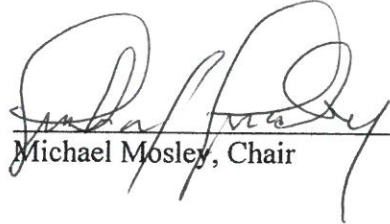
2. This Resolution, in whole or in part, may be amended or repealed by majority vote in any regularly scheduled meeting of Board of Supervisors. Rules adopted to expedite and facilitate the transition of the business of Supervisors in an orderly fashion shall be deemed to be procedural only, and the failure to strictly observe any such rules shall not affect the jurisdiction of or invalidate any action taken by Supervisors.
3. The provisions of this Resolution shall be severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.
4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent herewith are expressly repealed.
5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

DULY ADOPTED this 10 day of July, 2024, by Tyrone Township in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

TYRONE TOWNSHIP


Secretary


Michael Mosley, Chair

