

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 21-06**

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

WHEREAS, the 2020 Comprehensive Plan of West Bradford Township states its goal is to “ensure that in the future West Bradford is prosperous, healthy, equitable, sustainable and resilient,” and calls for energy use reduction and renewable energy initiatives by including the recommendations to “mitigate effects of climate change” (2.6), to “promote clean renewable energy sources” (4.14), and “promote green building design and planning” (4.15); and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to express its intent to promote reduction of fossil fuel use and its intent to create a set of additional incentives to promote (**but not mandate**) the reduction of carbon fuel dependency for both itself and its residents; and

WHEREAS, many communities surrounding West Bradford Township are setting goals for the transition to renewable energy in their communities and actively planning to meet those goals; and

WHEREAS, our actions will contribute to a critical mass of local carbon reduction related initiatives that can collectively reduce our carbon footprint and help minimize the impact of climate change on our communities; and

WHEREAS, West Bradford has been an early adopter of numerous energy efficiency measures, striving to be a good steward of its natural resources and responsive to environmental problems while serving its residents in a fiscally-sound manner; and

WHEREAS, strategies currently exist and are actively being developed for achieving a cost-effective, even cost-saving, energy source transition, such as aggregated procurement contracts like 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the West Bradford Township Board of Supervisors supports:

1. Cooperating with other municipalities in the movement to transition to 100% clean and renewable energy with the specific desire to transition to 100% clean renewable electricity by 2035, to become carbon neutral by 2040, and 100% renewable energy for heat and transportation by 2050; and
2. Providing support for drafting an energy transition plan for achieving these goals, including educating the public on the benefit of renewable energy, clearly identifying West Bradford's current carbon footprint, measuring current costs of energy from every source, interim milestones, financial impacts, fairness metrics, potential financing mechanisms, and percentage of clean energy that is locally produced; and
3. Defining 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. Prioritizing locally produced and distributed energy whenever feasible for the many advantages it provides to the community; and
5. Taking advantage of county, state, private, non-profit, and federal programs, grants, and incentives for meeting our renewable energy goals; and
6. Encouraging participation from West Bradford Township stakeholders in the planning and implementation processes; and
7. Calling on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to set a goal to use 100% renewable energy for all purposes no later than 2050; and
8. Calling on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to adopt codes and standards to increase the efficiency of buildings and appliances; and
9. Calling on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to amend Pennsylvania Act 213 The Alternative Energy Portfolio Act of 2004 to increase the percent of electricity supplied by Pennsylvania electric distribution companies to levels that would assure meeting 100% renewable energy goals.

Now therefore be it further resolved that, the West Bradford Board of Supervisors further acknowledges that this resolution does not financially obligate the Township in any way.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WEST BRADFORD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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