NEWPORT TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #6 OF 2026

APPROVING THE ADMISSION OF WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LUZERNE BOROUGH INTO THE LOWER SOUTH VALLEY LAND BANK

RESOLUTION NO. 6

A RESOLUTION OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP, A MEMBER MUNICIPALITY OF THE LOWER SOUTH VALLEY LAND BANK, APPROVING THE ADMISSION OF WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LUZERNE BOROUGH AS NEW MEMBERS OF THE LAND BANK.

WHEREAS, the Lower South Valley Land Bank ("Land Bank") was established pursuant to the Pennsylvania Land Bank Act, Act 153 of 2012, and operates under its duly adopted Bylaws and Policies; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.2 of the Land Bank Bylaws sets forth the procedures for admitting additional municipalities or school districts into membership; and

WHEREAS, the Land Bank Board, on February 11, 2026, adopted *Resolution 2026-02*, recommending the admission of Wyoming Valley West School District and Luzerne Borough as new members, and stating the required terms and conditions of membership; and

WHEREAS, the Land Bank Board further established the terms and conditions for membership, including execution of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, participation in governance and operations, and 2026 financial contributions for municipal members; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.2(A)(4) of the Bylaws requires super-majority approval of all existing voting member municipalities before new members may be admitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS hereby approves and consents to the admission of: Wyoming Valley West School District and Luzerne Borough as new members of the Lower South Valley Land Bank, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in Lower South Valley Land Bank Resolution 2026-02.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS acknowledges that each joining entity must:

- Enter into the Land Bank Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement without material modification;
- Accept and comply with all Bylaws and Policies of the Land Bank;
- Remit the required 2026 municipal membership payments as stated in Resolution 2026-02 of $4,500 in 2026 ($3,000 initiation fee and $1,500 annual membership dues);
- Enact an Ordinance within ninety (90) days of receiving notice of super-majority approval, as required by Section 3.2(A)(5).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SECRETARY is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Chair of the Lower South Valley Land Bank Board.

Adopted this 4th day of MAY, 2026.

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP

By: _____ PAUL CZAPANSKI

Title: PRESIDENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest: _____

Secretary/Clerk