

RESOLUTION NO. 828

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENN, YORK COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING MUNICIPAL PENSION REFORM  
FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, to honor the service of police and fire personnel now and in the years to come, full-time public safety officers at the municipal level deserve pension plans that are fiscally sound, secure, and sustainable; and

WHEREAS, currently, 41% of municipalities in the Commonwealth are considered financially distressed, including the Township of Penn, and 33% of Pennsylvanians live in a municipality with a distressed pension plan; and

WHEREAS, the total unfunded municipal police and fire pension liability in the Commonwealth is \$6.6 billion dollars and municipal pension reform is crucial to public safety and the health and stability of local communities; and

WHEREAS, municipalities must balance the cost of public pensions with the amount of taxpayer revenue available to pay for other municipal projects and services, including failing infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1581, the Cash Balance Pension Plan Act, would preserve public safety jobs, control current pensions, and, overtime, pay down existing unfunded liability by placing all new full-time municipal public safety hires into a portable pension plan, and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1581 will not affect pension benefits for retirees or current personnel and will remove pension issues from collective bargaining.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Township of Penn supports municipal pension reform for fire and police.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Penn supports House Bill 1581, the Cash Balance Pension Plan Act, and urges the General Assembly to address municipal pension reform when it undertakes state pension reform this session.

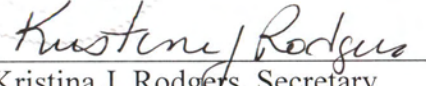
RESOLVED AND ENACTED, this 19th day of May 2014.

Board of Commissioners of Penn Township

By: 

Wendell S. Felix, President

Attest:

  
Kristina J. Rodgers, Secretary