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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
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**Re:       Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to Transfer by Sale or Real  
Property and Facilities to Emerald Isle North, LLC  
Docket No. A-2020-3021664**

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Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the tear sheet and Affidavit of Insertion indicating that the Public Notice for the above-referenced proceeding was published in the Scranton Times-Tribune on September 15, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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Formal protests and petitions to intervene must be filed in accordance with Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code, on or before Monday, September 28, 2020. All filings must be made with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120, with a copy served on the Applicant. The documents filed in support of the Application are available ONLY online for inspection and copying on the Commission's website at www.puc.pa.gov, and at the Applicant's business address. In accordance with the Commission's Emergency Order at M-2020-3019262, all parties participating in matters pending before the Commission are required to efile their submissions by opening an eFiling account — free of charge — through our website and accepting Eservice.

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## SCHOOL: District votes to furlough workers

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McTiernan may call back those employees when necessary. School directors said they hope to recall those employees once students return to school buildings. Students will learn remotely though at least mid-November.

The furloughed workers will lose their health insurance on Sept. 30. An agreement from 2010 provides a 30-day grace period for prescription coverage.

Directors Sean McAndrew and Tara Yanni voted against the furloughs. Catherine Fox was absent. Yanni sought to extend health insurance through the furloughs, and McAndrew questioned why the furloughs were not across departments, including administration.

Solicitor John Audi said state school code prohibits paying for health insurance for non-employees. Although other districts statewide have recently furloughed staff and offered insurance, Audi said his firm advises against it.

The administration had originally proposed the furlough of 223 employees but adjusted that number to meet the minimum staffing clause of the maintenance and clerical workers union contract. For example, two hall monitors will keep their jobs. Although the district may not have work for the employees, the number of employees in the union cannot go below 184, Audi said.

Technical difficulties prevented the district from streaming the virtual meeting on YouTube. Instead, only 100 people at a time could view the meeting on Zoom. As district personnel tried to find ways to stream

## State reps call for more funding from Harrisburg

"We offer this statement as the members of the State House of Representatives who represent the Scranton School District: its students, taxpayers and employees who are faced with deep and understandable concerns over their future. We share those concerns and pledge to do everything in our power to play our appropriate role and fight for policies which should have been in place for decades — policies that could have helped to avoid tonight's unbelievably difficult vote for members of the Scranton School Board.

For decades, the state's annual spending plan — and, as a result, Scranton School District's education subsidy — has been predominantly driven by majority Republican budget architects. In recent years, local state House and Senate members — all from the minority Democratic caucuses — who represent Scranton and surrounding communities have fought for fairer funding of our public schools, charter and cyber charter school reform, and special one-time appropriations for the Scranton School District. These appropriations were not insignificant sums of money, although they pale in comparison to the per-pupil funding that wealthy school districts across the state enjoy and are guaranteed each year, courtesy of a lopsided education formula. We share this not to pass the buck or avoid responsibility amid an impossible situation playing out for Scranton School Board members and district employees alike; we share this to explain how we got to this point and how the devastating effects of COVID-19 have only further exacerbated the underlying fiscal challenges facing Scranton and other similarly-situated school districts.

At a certain point, it will become apparent that the School District cannot cut its way toward prosperity. Every furlough, layoff or tax increase within the Scranton School

District only alleviates the pressure on Harrisburg to do the right thing. No student's education should be valued any more or less than that of another, simply because of where he or she lives. And no employee who has played an integral part in keeping the district up and running through very difficult circumstances should pay the price for any of the above, nor should they have to contemplate losing their health coverage at this difficult time.

It is our pledge to continue our hard-fought advocacy in Harrisburg so that alternatives to such decisions may be achievable."  
— **Rep. Marty Flynn**, D-113, Scranton, and **Rep. Kyle Mullins**, D-112, Blakely

"The severe financial challenges facing the Scranton School District are the product of decades of underfunding by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that compound yearly. Further tax increases, layoffs or school closures alone cannot solve the school district's massive financial shortcomings. The solution must start in Harrisburg with fair and adequate basic education funding for Scranton. In fact, any further tax increases, layoffs or closures simply relieve pressure on the state and postpone the inevitable: the state must provide the funding necessary or the school district cannot continue to operate. I believe the ongoing struggle faced by the administration, board and professional staff is unsolvable absent adequate state support and anything less is not in the interest of Scranton's students, families and the community. It is for scenarios such as this that I agreed to be a witness for the school districts suing the Commonwealth for adequate state funding in Commonwealth Court in a trial that is expected to occur later this year."  
— **Rep. Mike Carroll**, D-118, Avoca

on social media, angry and frustrated community members questioned whether the meeting was held legally. Audi assured directors they followed the Sunshine Act.

Teachers spoke about the important work of paraprofessionals — some of the lowest paid employees in the district

— and urged the district they could find roles in a virtual environment. Paraprofessionals provide one-on-one help to students and assist teachers and students in numerous ways during the day.

"We have fed, dressed, nurtured students who would not necessarily get those things at home. These needs

will not disappear just because the child is not in front of us," paraprofessional Roberta Jadick said before the board voted. "What you decide as a board says a lot about you as human beings."

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## WOLF: Administration plans to appeal

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during that time had told me that it was unconstitutional," said Palfrey, who was not involved in the lawsuit. "It was terrible and it still is. I mean nothing is the same. We've lost almost four months of business and for the year as a whole of course we're down."

Salons weren't permitted to reopen until the county moved into the least-restrictive green phase June 26. They were permitted to reopen by appointment only and at 50% capacity when the county made that move.

The governor's efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus "were undertaken with the good intention of addressing a public health emergency. But even in an emergency, the authority of government is not unfettered," Stickman wrote. "The Constitution cannot accept the concept of a 'new normal' where the basic liberties of the people can be subordinated to open-ended emergency mitigation measures."

The ruling means that current restrictions, including ones that limit the size of indoor and outdoor gatherings, can't be enforced,

according to attorney Thomas W. King III, who represented the plaintiffs. The state has been enforcing a gathering limit of more than 25 people for events held indoors and more than 250 people for those held outside.

Victoria Valvano, owner of the Blushing Bridal Boutique dress shop in Scranton, wasn't permitted to reopen until June 5, when Lackawanna County entered the less-restrictive yellow phase of Wolf's three-phase reopening plan.

"It was a very distressful, scary time," Valvano said. "You don't know if your business is going to make it. You

don't know when the next customer is going to come in the door. It's very scary."

Valvano, who sells bridal gowns, bridesmaids' gowns and accessories, told The Times-Tribune in March she supported Wolf's directive.

"I feel like he had to do what he had to do," she said of Wolf on Monday. "He didn't know what else to do."

Wolf's spokesperson, Lyndsay Kensingler, said the administration will seek delayed enforcement of the ruling while it appeals.

**JEFF HORVATH**, staff writer, contributed to this report.

## DEATH: Officials offer few details at scene

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blocked the entrance to North Sumner Avenue at Oram Street during the investigation.

Shortly after being called to

the scene, authorities alerted local and state police to be on the lookout for a man named Tom Evans, who was described as about 6 foot, 5 inches tall, bald with a neck tattoo and driving a red four-

door Kia. Asked at the scene, Namioika said he was not personally aware of the alert regarding Evans and could not comment.

Detective Lt. Robert Brenzel also said he couldn't com-

ment regarding Evans. The investigation was still active as of 11:30 p.m., Brenzel said.

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## CONGRESS: Cartwright fires back at Bognet

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Cartwright said residents could demand governments shift some police funding to other areas, but specifically said he opposes defunding the police. Here's how it went. A caller named Shane told Cartwright that Wilkes-Barre spends far more on police than parks and recreation, urban housing, health and wellness, and streets and highways combined, according to

a partial recording provided by the Bognet campaign.

"So is there a way to move that money around instead of it being so like wasted on all the things like the new cars, weaponry, like those basically like military vehicles that kind of get pushed out and pushed back into the education system or pushed back into things that would help the community rather than try to police it?" Shane asked. "Oh, the answer is absolutely yes, Shane," Cartwright replies. "That's one of the biggest issues in representative democracy is how you spend tax money. Do you put it here? Do you put it there? And, you know, every year, we get a budget out of the White House — and I sit on the House Appropriations Committee — and we reject large, well, we reject most of what's been coming out of the White House budget ... and we come up with our own priorities. ... That's probably 95% of what we argue over in Washington is where the money should be spent. So absolutely, can changes be made? Yes they can." In the

same session, Cartwright takes another question from a caller named Michael specifically asking about defunding or disbanding police forces, according to a partial recording provided by the Cartwright campaign.

"I personally do not agree with that," he said. "I think that we can make a lot of valuable and effective changes short of doing something like that. And, in my mind, more funding toward education, more funding toward training, more funding coming toward community policing where the police ... engage in conversations with the folks in the community. I think that's the answer. This idea of defunding, I don't agree with that."

In a telephone interview, Bognet argues Cartwright clearly favors defunding police.

"It's classic Matt Cartwright, talking out of both sides of his mouth," Bognet said. "He was asked specifically whether the Wilkes-Barre Police Department should have less funding, which is defunding, less funding, defunding, and he said,

'yes, absolutely.' So he wants the support of these progressives and he'll say yeah defund the police. But when he gets called on it, he says, 'Of course, I'm not for that.'"

In a separate telephone interview, Cartwright said the recordings speak for themselves. His answer to Shane's question only acknowledged citizens can affect "how money gets spent and where." He accused Bognet of "doctoring that audiotape" in his commercials and "a shocking level of dishonesty." In eight years in Congress, he has always fought for money for police, he said.

"I was very clear within the space of about 45 seconds, twice, that I'm not for taking money away from police departments," he said. "I was astonished that someone would sink to that level of dishonesty to do something like that. ... The simple truth is that Jim Bognet is a liar."

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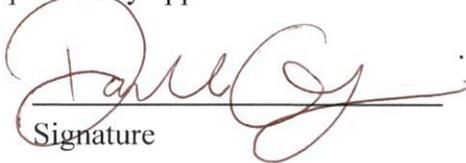
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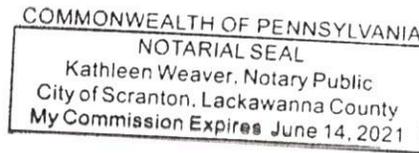
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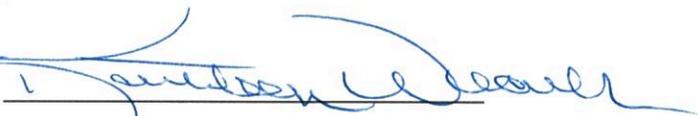
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