# ANDERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES October 2, 2025

Lexi Lausten, Trustee Chair Joshua S. Gerth, Trustee Vice Chair R. Dee Stone, Trustee Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Lausten called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees including: Fiscal Officer Brian Johnson, Township Administrator Vicky Earhart, Assistant Township Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers, Assistant Township Administrator for Human Resources Suzanne Parker, Planning & Zoning Director Paul Drury, Public Works Director Eric Luginbuhl, Law Director Margaret Comey, Anderson Township Fire & Rescue Chief Richard Martin, Sheriff's Department Sgt. Tom Lange, Fiscal Office Manager Katie Arnold, Director of Finance Tammy Disque, Facilities Director Mark Magna, Greenspace Inspector Todd Chadwell.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Lausten called the meeting to order

### MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Mrs. Lausten moved to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes.

# BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES / FISCAL OFFICER

Mrs. Stone asked about vape shop regulations and restated her opinion from past discussions that townships lack authority to regulate them.

Mrs. Earhart stated the Board followed the Law Director's advice and trying something to see if they can do it exposes the Township to liability and risks tax dollars. She thinks the Township operates with the highest standard for what it can and cannot do within the law' boundaries.

Mrs. Lausten stated staying in the Township's lane protects taxpayer dollars and residents.

Mr. Gerth asked what is considered a vape shop because gas stations also sell vape products.

Mrs. Lausten stated regulating the types of businesses allowed in the township is dangerous.

Mrs. Stone stated people should ask Rep. Baker for a law change if they have an issue.

# **Resolution Authorizing Payments**

Mr. Johnson presented the following resolution concerning a "Then and Now" certificate.

Mrs. Lausten moved to adopt the resolution below Mr. Gerth seconded the motion

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes

# **RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 1002 – 01**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees (the "Board") of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (the "Township"), as follows:

SECTION 1. This Board hereby authorizes the payment of that certain Purchase Order No. 2005-00030, dated September 29, 2025, of Perry and Associates, in the amount of \$10,880.00 and which funds are hereby appropriated for Fiscal Office Accounting and Legal Fees.

SECTION 2. That this Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without implied limitation) Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

# Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Unclaimed Funds

Mr. Johnson explained and presented the following resolution for the Board to authorize him to claim Township funds held in Unclaimed Funds by the Ohio Department of Commerce.

Mrs. Stone moved to adopt the below resolution as presented by Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Comey. Mrs. Lausten seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes

# **RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 1002 – 02**

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO SEEK FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ALL UNCLAIMED FUNDS OF THE TOWNSHIP ON BEHALF OF THIS BOARD AND THE TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Officer for the Township has determined that it will be advantageous and beneficial to the Township to seek payment from the Ohio Department of Commerce of all unclaimed funds of Anderson Township (Hamilton County), Ohio, however designated, pursuant to Chapter 169 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires that the Fiscal Officer seek payment from the Ohio Department of Commerce of all unclaimed funds of Anderson Township (Hamilton County), Ohio, however designated, pursuant to Chapter 169 of the Ohio Revised Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Township Trustees (the "Board") of Anderson Township, County of Hamilton, Ohio (the "Township"), as follows:

SECTION 1. That Brian M. Johnson was elected as Fiscal Officer of Anderson Township (Hamilton County), Ohio at the general election held in November 2024. Mr. Johnson had been serving as Fiscal Officer for the Township prior to his election, having been appointed by

resolution of this Board passed August 17, 2023 to serve as Fiscal Officer upon the retirement of Kenneth Dietz, the former Fiscal Officer for the Township. The Certificate of Result of Election evidencing Mr. Johnson's election as Fiscal Officer, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. That Mr. Johnson, in his capacity as Fiscal Officer for the Township, is hereby authorized to seek payment from the Ohio Department of Commerce of all unclaimed funds of Anderson Township (Hamilton County), Ohio, however designated, pursuant to Chapter 169 of the Ohio Revised Code, on behalf of this Board and the taxpayers of the Township.

SECTION 3. That the preambles hereto are and shall be deemed to be for all purposes integral parts of this resolution.

SECTION 4. That this Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without implied limitation) Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

### LAW DIRECTOR

# **Opioid Settlement**

Mr. Gerth moved the reading of the resolution be dispensed. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes

Mr. Gerth moved to adopt the resolution below as presented by Mrs. Comey. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes

Post 10/3/2025

For fifteen days

# BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES ANDERSON TOWNSHIP HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

The Board of Township Trustees met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. this 2nd day of October, 2025, with the following members present:

Lexi Lausten
Joshua S. Gerth
R. Dee Stone

Mr. Gerth moved that as to the following resolution, the rule requiring that it be read on two separate days be dispensed with. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion, and the roll being called upon the question, the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Lausten <u>yes</u> Mr. Gerth <u>yes</u> Mrs. Stone <u>yes</u>

Mr. Gerth introduced the following resolution and moved its passage. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

# **RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 1002 – 03**

# A LIMITED HOME RULE RESOLUTION

REAFFIRMING ACCEPTANCE OF THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONEOHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS AND THE EXECUTION OF PARTICIPATION FORMS WITH RESPECT TO THE SETTLEMENTS WITH ALVOGEN, INC., AMNEAL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., APOTEX CORP, HIKMA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC., INDIVIOR INC., MYLAN (VIATRIS INC.), SUN PHARMACEUTICALS INDUSTRIES, INC., AND ZYDUS PHARMACEUTICALS (USA) INC., CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, by virtue of adoption of Resolution No. 03-0918-18, effective October 19, 2003, this Board of Township Trustees adopted a home rule form of government for Anderson Township, County of Hamilton, Ohio (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, this Board deems it to be in the best interest of the Township to authorize participation by the Township, pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement available at https://nationalopioidsettlement.com, in the National Opioid Settlement Agreement, as the same may be amended, supplemented or modified (the "Settlement Agreement") in order to abate and remediate the opioid crisis in the U.S. and in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, certain funds from the national settlement will be divided among the State of Ohio and certain participating political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Township is an urban township formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in

litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies (manufacturers) and pharmacies distributing opioids (pharmacies) accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and the State of Ohio has adopted, and this Board hereby reaffirms its acceptance by resolution passed on August 19, 2021 of, the material terms of the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements therein described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, this Board understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and to explore potential effectuation of an earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies and pharmacies distributing opioids in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Settlement Agreement with Alvogen, Inc. (the "Alvogen Settlement") is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Alvogen, Inc. ("Alvogen") to resolve governmental claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the MOU and consistent with the material terms of the proposed Alvogen Settlement; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Settlement Agreement with Amneal Pharmaceuticals Inc. (the "Amneal Settlement") is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Amneal Pharmaceuticals Inc. ("Amneal") to resolve governmental claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the MOU and consistent with the material terms of the proposed Amneal Settlement; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Settlement Agreement with Apotex Corp. (the "Apotex Settlement") is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Apotex Corp. ("Apotex") to resolve governmental claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the MOU and consistent with the material terms of the proposed Apotex Settlement; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Settlement Agreement with Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (the "Hikma Settlement") is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. ("Hikma") to resolve governmental claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the MOU and consistent with the material terms of the proposed Hikma Settlement; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Settlement Agreement Indivior (the "Indivior Settlement") is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Indivior Inc. ("Indivior") to resolve governmental claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the MOU and consistent with the material terms of the proposed Indivior Settlement; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Settlement Agreement with Mylan (Viatris Inc.) (the "Mylan Settlement") is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Mylan (Viatris Inc.) ("Mylan") to resolve governmental claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the MOU and consistent with the material terms of the proposed Mylan Settlement; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Settlement Agreement with Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc. (the "Sun Settlement") is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc. ("Sun") to resolve governmental claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the MOU and consistent with the material terms of the proposed Sun Settlement; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Settlement Agreement with Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc. (the "Zydus Settlement" and collectively with, the Alvogen Settlement, the Amneal Settlement, the Apotex Settlement, the Hikma Settlement, the Indivior Settlement, the Mylan Settlement, and the Sun Settlement, the "New National Opioid Settlements") is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc. ("Zydus") to resolve governmental claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the MOU and consistent with the material terms of the proposed Zydus Settlement; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the New National Opioid Settlements for the benefit of the Township, this Board must authorize the execution and timely delivery of the Settlement Participation Forms attached hereto as Exhibit A, which by this reference is incorporated herein, which constitutes the Township's election to participate in the respective Alvogen Settlement, the Amneal Settlement, the Apotex Settlement, the Hikma Settlement, the Indivior Settlement, the Mylan Settlement, the Sun Settlement, and the Zydus Settlement and the release of claims against Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus by the Township stated in each respective Settlement Participation Form (together, the "Election and Release"); and

WHEREAS, this Board deems it to be in the best interest of the Township to agree to the material terms of the proposed New National Opioid Settlements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio ("Board"), as follows:

SECTION 1. This resolution is passed in the exercise of this Board's limited home rule powers under Chapter 504 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 2. This Board hereby approves and accepts, on behalf of the Township, the material terms of the Alvogen Settlement, the Amneal Settlement, the Apotex Settlement, the Hikma Settlement, the Indivior Settlement, the Mylan Settlement, the Sun Settlement, and the Zydus Settlement pursuant to the terms of the MOU and as a Participating Subdivision hereby agrees to become a Releasor for all purposes in the Alvogen Settlement, the Amneal Settlement, the Apotex Settlement, the Hikma Settlement, the Indivior Settlement, the Mylan Settlement, the Sun Settlement, and the Zydus Settlement, pursuant to the terms of the MOU. This Board hereby agrees to the terms of the Alvogen Settlement, the Amneal Settlement, the Apotex Settlement, the Hikma Settlement, the Indivior Settlement, the Mylan Settlement, the Sun Settlement, and the

Zydus Settlement and the Election and Release, pursuant to the terms of the MOU, including (without limitation) the agreement to use any monies it receives through the Alvogen Settlement, the Amneal Settlement, the Apotex Settlement, the Hikma Settlement, the Indivior Settlement, the Mylan Settlement, the Sun Settlement, and the Zydus Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.

SECTION 3. This Board hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to execute and deliver in a timely manner, on the Board's behalf, the Township's respective Settlement Participation Forms, constituting the Township's Election and Release, in the forms attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 4. Upon majority vote, the Board hereby dispenses with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to Section 504.10 of the Revised Code, and authorizes the passage of this resolution upon its first reading.

SECTION 5. If passed by a unanimous vote, pursuant to Section 504.11(B) of the Revised Code, this resolution shall take effect immediately, and shall be posted for fifteen days in five of the most public places in the Township, as previously determined by this Board, which posting is hereby ordered.

SECTION 6. The preambles hereto are and shall for all purposes be construed to be integral and operative parts of this resolution.

SECTION 7. This Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without implied limitation) Section 121.22 of the Revised Code, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

SECTION 8. This home rule resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the Township, and in order for the Township to participate in the New National Opioid Settlements and to promptly pursue funds for the benefit of the Township to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, this Board's fully executed Settlement Participation Forms must be provided to the Ohio Attorney General on or before October 8, 2025.

The roll being called by the Fiscal Officer upon the question of passage of the resolution, the vote resulted as follows:

Passed at the regular meeting of the Board of Township Trustees this 2nd day of October, 2025.

### FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, duly elected and acting Fiscal Officer of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a Limited Home Rule Resolution duly passed at a regular interim meeting of the Board of Township Trustees of said Township on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2025, together with a true record of the roll call vote thereon, and that said Resolution has been duly entered upon the Journal of said Township.

Dated: October 2, 2025	
	Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer
CERTIFICATE OF POSTING	
I, Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, do hereby certify that in accordance with Section 731.25 of the Revised Code, the attached Resolution was posted in accordance with its terms, beginning on October 2, 2025.	
This day 17 <sup>th</sup> of October, 2025.	
	Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes.

### TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

**Operations Center Direction** 

Mrs. Earhart presented the plan to date. Mr. Sievers presented the modifications made since 2024. He mentioned that the building materials and footprint have changed. He stated the plan is now construction ready and will be ready to bid during the winter. He stated that getting millions of dollars of equipment protected from the elements is better done sooner rather than later.

Mrs. Lausten asked about the recycling center. Mr. Sievers stated staff is working with multifamily facilities to have recycling at the respective facilities. He presented the recycling center costs and reminded everyone that recycling is included for anyone who has Rumpke trash service. He stated a final decision on the recycle center would be made during the winter.

Mrs. Earhart mentioned that the new facility will have room for snow removal crews to sleep on a cot instead of in a truck as many of them do now.

# Property Tax Working Group Recommendations Report

Mrs. Earhart mentioned that the working group report has been released and she will keep the Board updated with any changes impacting the township. She also stated that County Auditor, Jessica Miranda will be at the regular meeting to give a presentation.

# New Path Update

Mrs. Earhart reported a meeting that included ODJFS had taken place and staff was able to relay concerns to the department.

Mr. Drury mentioned the zoning variance for a 10' fence had been approved and building permits had been issued for expansion.

Mrs. Earhart stated that safety is her main concern that with 50% more students she wants a better safety plan and fence before additional students move in.

Sgt. Lange noted when runaways are found there is some misunderstanding among sheriff staff about what the deputies are allowed to do with the children upon their return.

Memorandum of Understanding with Hamilton County Engineer for Guardrail Maintenance on Sutton / Eversole

# MOTION NO. 25 - 1002 - 04

Mrs. Stone moved to authorize the Township Administrator to enter into Project Agreement #502312 with the Hamilton County Engineers Office, related to guardrail installation at Sutton and Eversole Road. Mrs. Lausten seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes

# Hills Memorandum of Understanding

Mrs. Lausten moved to adopt the resolution below as presented by Mrs. Earhart. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes

# **RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 1002 – 05**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FORM OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH VANTAGE ANDERSON, LLC RELATING TO THE REPAIR OF CURBS AND GUTTERS, VALVE BOXES, MANHOLES, SIDEWALKS, PAVEMENT, ASPHALT AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

# WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 5 MILE TRAIL AND TOWNE CENTER WAY, PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES BETWEEN VANTAGE ANDERSON, LLC AND RACK AND BALLAUER EXCAVATING CO. INC.

WHEREAS, Vantage Anderson, LLC, developer and owner of the Vantage Anderson the multi-family apartment development located at 1445 Towne Center Way (the "Owner"), has agreed with this Board that the Owner has responsibility to repair and restore certain public infrastructure, including specific curbs and gutters, valve boxes, manholes, sidewalks, pavement, asphalt and other improvements within the right-of-way of 5 Mile Trail and Towne Center Way (the "ROW"), as more particularly described in that certain Contract for Construction Services (the "Contract") between the Owner and Rack and Ballauer Excavating Co. Inc. (collectively, the "Work); and

WHEREAS, as a condition precedent to entering into the Contract with Rack and Ballauer Excavating Co. Inc. (the "Contractor"), the Owner requires that this Board enter into that certain Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") with the Owner, which, among other things, would authorize (i) the Owner to enter into the Contract with the Contractor, and (ii) the Owner and the Contractor to enter upon, and perform the Work within, the ROW;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees (the "Board") of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (the "Township"), as follows:

SECTION 1. This Board hereby determines that it necessary and in the best interest of the Township to provide for the Work in the ROW in the Township.

SECTION 2. This Board hereby approves the substantial form of the MOU and authorizes the Work to be performed in the ROW pursuant to the terms of the Contract.

SECTION 3. This Board hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to execute and deliver the MOU to Owner, in substantially the form presented to this Board, with such changes thereto as shall not, in the opinion of the Township Administrator after consultation with the Law Director, be detrimental to the Township, such determination being evidenced by her execution of the MOU.

SECTION 4. The preambles hereto are and shall for all purposes be construed to be integral and operative parts of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. This Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without implied limitation) Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

# <u>Grant Announcements – Newtown Road Paving, Clough and Eight Mile, Salem Paving, Sutton Road Sidewalks</u>

Mr. Sievers announced grants awarded to the Township for multiple paving projects. He mentioned that pairing with the County has been beneficial in receiving grants.

# Initiation of Various Text Amendments to the Zoning Resolution

Mr. Drury presented proposed zoning resolution amendments, specifically parts not easily enforced. It also included commercial lighting in windows that can distract motorists and pedestrians, which legal counsel is reviewing. It will be initiated at the October 16 meeting to start the process. He said the November Insights, social media posts, and the Township website will disseminate the changes. He also mentioned that Co-Op Logan Vaughn has been assisting with formatting the resolution changes.

# Kudzu

Mr. Chadwell stated that kudzu is an invasive species and poses a risk to greenspace and the land. He presented the Township's kudzu-spread tracking and said that, if left untreated in Mt. Washington, it will spread downstream into the township. He presented future control efforts and stated he is investigating funding to aid in future costs.

Mrs. Stone asked about erosion after the weed is eradicated. Mr. Chadwell stated it is unknown what is below the vegetation.

# Church Watch Program

Mrs. Earhart stated that the Church Watch group that was founded in 2018, and it operates like other watch groups in the township. Hamilton County Sheriff's Office offers churches the option to hire off duty deputies for security.

Resolution Accepting Grant from the Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency, Pursuant to the Authority of Section 505.10 of the Revised Code

Mrs. Stone moved to adopt the resolution below as presented by Chief Martin. Mr. Gerth seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes

# **RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 1002 - 06**

# RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY – FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 505.10 OF THE REVISED CODE

WHEREAS, Section 505.10(A) of the Revised Code (the "Statute") provides that a board of township trustees may accept, on behalf of the township, the donation by bequest, devise, deed of gift, or otherwise, of any real or personal property for any township use; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency has communicated its award of grant funding to the Township in the amount of \$94,854.54 (EMW-2024-FG-00522) through its 2024 Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for Paramedic Training and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (the "Federal Grant") for the Anderson Township Fire & Rescue Department; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Grant requires the expenditure of local matching funds in the amount of \$9,485.46; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Grant and local matching funds would be applied to the cost of paramedic training and the purchase of PPE that is compliant with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1971 to include jackets, pants, suspenders, hoods, gloves, helmet and fire boots, which this Board deems necessary for the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department (the "Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accept the donation of the Federal Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Township Trustees (the "Board") of Anderson Township, County of Hamilton, Ohio (the "Township"), as follows:

SECTION 1. This Board hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the Township to accept the Federal Grant from the Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency, pursuant to this Board's authority contained in the Statute.

SECTION 2. This Board hereby accepts the Federal Grant from the Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency to be used, together with lawfully available Township funds in the amount of \$9,485.46 which are hereby appropriated, for the purchase of the Equipment, pursuant to this Board's authority contained in the Statute.

SECTION 3. This Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without implied limitation) Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Lausten moved to retire to Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee or official as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), to confer with the Law Director concerning disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent court action as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3), and to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4). Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes.

Mr. Gerth left at 3:50 P.M.

Mrs. Lausten moved to return from Executive Session. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes.

# MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Lausten moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes.

Lexi Lausten, Chair

Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer

# CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly elected and acting Fiscal Officer of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true excerpt from the minutes of a regular meeting, including the roll call votes thereat, of the Board of Township Trustees of said Township held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2025, and that said minutes have been duly entered upon the Journal of said Township.

This day th day of, 202X.

Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer