

*ANDERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
March 6, 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 at 2 PM 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 Lt. Dave Downing, Fiscal Office Clerk Katie Arnold, Director of Finance Tammy Disque, Facilities Manager Mark Magna and Executive Assistant Molly Mohrfield.

Mr. Gerth arrived during executive at about 4 PM.

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

Mrs. Lausten thanked Ms. Parker for her work coordinating the wellness program.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Presentation of Draft 2025 Permanent Budget

Mrs. Disque presented the draft 2025 Permanent Budget and stated it was 11% higher than the temporary budget, and 13% higher than last year.

Discussion regarding the increase in temporary appropriations took place. **Mrs. Disque** explained an increase in cost of contractual agreements, and multiple capital improvement items. **Mrs. Lausten** and **Mrs. Stone** reviewed the budget and asked questions regarding increases. Additionally, **Mrs. Earhart** highlighted recent process changes in the finance department and shared how the changes impacted the numbers presented.

Electricity Aggregation Renewal

Mrs. Lausten moved to adopt the below resolution. **Mrs. Stone** seconded the motion.

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

RESOLUTION 2025 – 0306 – 01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO DESIGNATE AN ELECTRIC SERVICES SUPPLY PROVIDER TO THE TOWNSHIP IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANDERSON TOWNSHIP ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DESIGNATED ELECTRIC SERVICES SUPPLY PROVIDER.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature enacted electric deregulation legislation which authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships and counties to aggregate automatically, subject to opt-out provisions, competitive electric service for the retail electric loads located in the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate the sale and purchase of the service for the electric loads, all pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Revised Code (the “Statute”); and

WHEREAS, this Board by Resolution No. 16-0818-11 engaged Energy Alliances, Inc., an Ohio corporation (the “Consultant”), to provide consulting services to the Township in connection with the Anderson Township Electric Aggregation Program (the “Electric Aggregation Program”) approved by the electors of the Township at the general election held on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Township entered into a Master Agreement with Dynegy Energy Services (East), LLC d/b/a Dynegy Energy Services LLC (the “Dynegy Agreement”) for a thirty-six month term, commencing with the meter read date of May 2017, which agreement was subsequently renewed (i) pursuant to a First Amendment effective January 17, 2020 for an extended term which expired in June 2023, and (ii) pursuant to a Second Amendment effective April 6, 2023 for an extended term which will expire in June 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is in the process of soliciting bids from electric supply services providers for the provision of electric supply services to the Electric Aggregation Program; and

WHEREAS, upon review of those bids with Township staff, the Consultant will recommend an electric supply services provider qualified to provide electric supply services to the Township and providing the best and most responsible bid for providing electric supply services to the Electric Aggregation Program; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to engage the services of that electric supply services provider for the Electric Aggregation Program who provides the best and most economic service to the Township and accordingly, due to market conditions, deems it to be necessary to provide the Consultant with flexibility in soliciting and recommending an electric supply services provider;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

SECTION 1. This Board hereby authorizes the Township Administrator, after review of bids of electric supply service providers and consultation with the Consultant and Township staff with respect thereto, to designate the electric supply services provider to the Township for the Electric Aggregation Program in accordance with the following guidance of this Board: that the maximum price per kWh of electric service to be provided to participants in the Electric Aggregation Program shall not exceed [\$.10] per kWh, and such service shall be provided pursuant to an agreement otherwise advantageous to participants in the Electric Aggregation Program.

SECTION 2. This Board further authorizes the Township Administrator to enter into a written agreement with the designated electric supply services provider for the provision of electric supply services to the Electric Aggregation Program in a form recommended by the Consultant and which, after consultation with the Law Director, she deems to be advantageous to the Township and participants in the Electric Aggregation Program, her execution of said agreement to be conclusive evidence of such determination.

SECTION 3. The preambles hereto are and shall for all purposes be construed to be integral and operative parts of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Notice of the passage of this Resolution and the aforesaid agreement (when available) shall be posted to the Township's website.

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) Revised Code Section 121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing of Duke and how residents are able to opt in and opt out of the aggregation without fees.

2025 OTARMA Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal

Ms. Parker stated there was a rate increase in insurance premiums. There was a discussion regarding other options. Ms. Parker stated she received another competitive quote, and it had no guaranteed rates would be similar after a year, and shared OTARMA was a not-for-profit and very familiar with Townships. OTARMA walked Ms. Parker and Ms. Mohrfield through the increase and outlined the increased property value was the largest driver of the increase, and because it is for replacement cost. Also noted was the inclusion of cybercrime coverage.

Mrs. Lausten thanked Ms. Parker for providing the detailed information.

MOTION 2025 – 0306 – 02

Mrs. Stone moved to authorize the renewal of the Township's property and casualty insurance coverage with the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority, for the 2025 policy year. Mrs. Lausten seconded the motion.

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

Ohio Department of Transportation Invoice for Paddison Road Sidewalk

Mr. Sievers made the Board aware of additional billing with the Paddison Sidewalk project remaining from 2022. He stated they would return at the regular March meeting for action.

Operations Center

Mr. Sievers stated the Township needed to apply to the Zoning Board for the first phase of the project, and a plan for the entire project was needed for the submittal. He noted current plan options were high level, without details, and included outdoor shelter for the senior center.

There was discussion regarding aesthetics, design, and cost. Other topics included cost differences among options and what taxpayers would want money used for. Staff will relay cost difference to the Board. It was also noted that a decision was not needed today.

Mrs. Lausten expressed concerns with making decisions now and cost increases of the options down the road.

Mrs. Earhart reviewed similar challenges when building Anderson Center and outlined how the decision to use higher quality products for construction reduced future costs, including maintenance costs.

Mr. Luginbuhl stated staff visited Clermont County's newly constructed maintenance garage, and inquired about what they would have done differently and what went wrong. He mentioned that staff is aware of the costs for both building and maintaining.

Mr. Sievers stated money was not being borrowed and mentioned the benefit of housing vehicles in the building versus sitting outside.

Mrs. Stone stated the second option looked better, employees would have a better work environment, and stated unless the cost difference was astronomical, it was a better option.

2025 Allor Conference Summary

The Board recognized what a great event staff put on for the 2025 Allor Conference.

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) and 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). Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Lausten moved to return from executive session. **Mrs. Stone** seconded the motion.

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

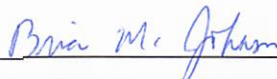
MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

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



Lexi Lausten, Chair

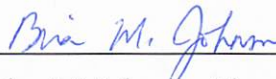


Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer

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 17th day of April 2025, and that said minutes have been duly entered upon the Journal of said Township.

This day 17th day of April, 2025.



Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer