

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

May 16, 2024

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

Mrs. Stone 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, Law Director Margaret Comey, Anderson Township Fire & Rescue Chief Richard Martin, Sheriff's Department Lt. Dave Downing, Administrative Assistant Molly Mohrfield, Director of Finance Tammy Disque.

Mr. Gerth was absent from the meeting.

Executive Session: Mrs. Stone moved to retire to Executive Session to consider the 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. Lausten seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Stone moved to return from Executive Session at 5:39 PM. Mrs. Lausten seconded the motion.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Stone led the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

2024 Great Tree Awards Presentation

Mr. Sievers presented the tree awards in four categories:

Best Shade Tree **David and Sally Garretson** for their Pin Oak at 699 Cedar Knolls Court.

Best Evergreen Tree **Alexander and Constane Rodriguez** for their Vander Wolf Limber Pine at 2375 Titan Drive.

Best Ornamental Tree **Douglas and Cynthia Becker** for their Golden Rain at 7602 Athenia Drive.

Best Fall Color **Anderson Park District** for the Sassafras at Beech Acres Park.

Mrs. Stone and Mr. Sievers presented awards to the winners.

Proclamation Resolution Designating May 2024 as Bike Month in Anderson Township

Mr. Sievers asked the Board to approve the below resolution.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 01

PROCLAMATION RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY 2024 AS BIKE MONTH IN ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Anderson Township's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the residents of Anderson Township and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through group riding events, educational programs, and bicycle-themed arts and cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, Anderson Township's multi-use trails and Anderson Trails Network attract bicyclists each year, providing economic, health, transportation, tourism, and recreation benefits; and

WHEREAS, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of Anderson Township, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, Tri-State Trails, Queen City Bike, and other advocacy and community groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2024; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting bicycle tourism year round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road;

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

SECTION 1. That this Board does hereby proclaim May 2024 as

BIKE MONTH IN ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

and urges all residents to join in this special observance.

SECTION 2. The preambles hereto are and shall for all purposes be construed to be integral and operative parts of this resolution.

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

There was no further discussion.

Recognition of Rachael Williams Graduation from Northern Kentucky University

Mrs. Stone recognized **Rachel Williams** for her BA in Theater Lighting and Design. She had been an event attendant for the Township since August 2022. **Mrs. Lausten** congratulated her on the achievement.

Public Safety Presentation and Consideration of Resolutions Declaring the Necessity of Levying an Additional Tax and Requesting Certification from the County Auditor for Public Safety Levy

Mr. Johnson reviewed the amount the Township receives from each tax dollar assessed on real property in the Township and the funding percentage real estate taxes provides to the township. He stated there had been no new tax levy from the Township since 2016 and no additional revenue from the levies.

Mrs. Earhart gave an overview of the services provided and increased use of public safety services since 2016. The services outlined included: plan review, multiple types of inspections, safety for fireworks shows and pyrotechnics at Riverbend. She also outlined disaster planning and management in conjunction with other government entities and benefits provided to residents and businesses in the community.

Chief Martin highlighted Fire and Rescue's history of responses in the community, the increasing run numbers, the aging population and the results of training and high-quality candidates resulted in higher-than-average survival rates of cardiac arrest in the community.

Lt. Downing spoke about patrols the Sheriff Department maintained. He talked about how technology revolutionized the department. He talked about the School Resource Officers, Community Resource Officer, and the community policing model.

Mrs. Stone asked for clarification on asset forfeitures. **Mrs. Earhart** provided the clarification.

Mrs. Earhart stated Township was in the eighth year of a projected five-year levy that was adopted in 2016. She noted the prior levy's effective rate is down to 64%. She reviewed various ways the Township has extended funds and how the funds were used. She provided an example of how the Township may use '94 TIF funds to purchase and maintain capital equipment, such as a fire truck, instead of using levy funds.

Mr. Johnson spoke about how tax levy revenue is designed by state law to remain relatively constant. He discussed the state reduction factors governing levies and the inflation rates at the time of the law's passing. State reduction factors eliminate the effect real property valuation changes have on levies so that the dollar amount collected remains relatively constant. Therefore, the Township does not benefit, or collect more tax, from inflationary pressures that increase a parcel's market value. He stated that while the amount we collect is designed to remain relatively constant regardless of inflation, there is nothing to control the number of runs or the inflationary pressures on the Township's expenditures. He reviewed the expenditures during the last seven years and how they are trending upwards, consistent with the Fire Department's run chart. He discussed how COVID and TIF funds have extended the levy funds. He showed that including COVID and TIF fund expenditures for public safety, expenditures exceeded revenues late in 2020 and each year afterwards. He stated that without those funds the Township probably would have needed to put a levy on the ballot in 2019 to start collecting in 2020. Considering just the Police and Fire funds, combined expenditures did not exceed combined revenues until 2023. He then discussed the three proposed levies, how the property tax is calculated, and the ultimate tax liability per \$100,000 of market value.

Mrs. Comey clarified the levy process relative to the Township, County Auditor, and the Board of Elections. The County Auditor will certify how much each proposed levy would generate and the Township would choose only one, if any.

Mrs. Earhart thanked Mrs. Comey and reiterated the Board and staff wanted to keep the millage as low as possible.

Mrs. Stone asked for clarification on the increase in fire and police. **Mrs. Earhart** reviewed the various reasons for the increased need for public services. **Mrs. Lausten** asked about billing for non-resident EMS runs, such as with concerts and outpatient facilities. **Mrs. Earhart** stated patient transportation insurance is billed, and the process is complicated. She also spoke about a Community Fee that was part of a bill before the Ohio General Assembly and how its passage could allow the Township to recover some cost. **Chief Martin** outlined the proactive approach taken with various facilities to mitigate excess calls. He also discussed cost reduction measures such as removing medic boxes from ambulances and installing them on new chassis instead of buying a whole new medic unit. Fire is not replacing vehicles as frequently, using them as long as 17 years. It is also looking at taking existing truck bodies and putting them on new frames at 15-20% of a new truck's cost. **Mrs. Lausten** thanked the department and spoke about the survival rate being double the national average as a testament to the great service provided by the department.

A Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Levying an Additional Tax at the Rate of 3.15 Mills for Public Safety Pursuant to Section 5705.19(JJ) of the Ohio Revised Code and Requesting Certification from the Hamilton County Auditor

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 02

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING AN
ADDITIONAL TAX AT THE RATE OF 3.15 MILLS FOR PUBLIC
SAFETY PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19(JJ) OF THE OHIO REVISED
CODE AND REQUESTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE HAMILTON
COUNTY AUDITOR**

WHEREAS, this Board of Township Trustees (“Board”) declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Township and that it is necessary to levy an additional tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs; and for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, or the payment of the costs incurred by the Township as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection; for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.19(JJ) of the Ohio Revised Code this Board must request that the Hamilton County Auditor certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the Township and (ii) the number of mills required to generate a specified amount of revenue, or the dollar amount of revenue to be generated [by a specified number of mills per year] by the proposed tax; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy or a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, the Section of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, the term of

years of the tax or if the tax is for a continuing period of time, that the tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of the subdivision, the date of the election at which the tax shall appear on the ballot, that the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the subdivision, the tax year in which the tax will first be levied and the calendar year in which the tax will first be collected, the Hamilton County Auditor shall certify to this Board (a) the total current tax valuation of the Township, (b) the number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value that is required to generate a specified amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, or the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by a specified number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value, (c) the levy's rate, described in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, and (d) an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list of the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission;

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

Section 1. This Board hereby declares that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the Township and that it is necessary to levy, for a continuing period of time, an additional ad valorem property tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation pursuant to Sections 5705.19(JJ) and 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code upon the entire territory of the Township, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent or part-time firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs; and for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, or the payment of the costs incurred by the Township as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs; and that this Board intends to submit the question of that additional levy to the electors in the entire territory of the Township at an election on November 5, 2024, as authorized by Section 5705.19(JJ) of the Ohio Revised Code, said tax to be first levied in the current tax year and to be first collected in calendar year 2025.

Section 2. This Board, pursuant to Section 5705.03(B), hereby requests that the Hamilton County Auditor certify to this Board (a) the total current tax valuation of the Township, (b) the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by *three and fifteen hundredths (3.15) mills for each one hundred dollars of valuation per year*, (c) the levy's rate,

described in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, and (d) an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list of the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission.

Section 3. The Fiscal Officer, on behalf of this Board, is authorized and directed to deliver promptly to the Hamilton County Auditor a certified copy of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Board 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.

Section 5. The preambles hereto are and shall for all purposes be construed to be integral and operative parts of this Resolution.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.
There was no further discussion.

A Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Levying an Additional Tax at the Rate of 3.30 Mills for Public Safety Pursuant to Section 5705.19(JJ) of the Ohio Revised Code and Requesting Certification from the Hamilton County Auditor

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 03

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX AT THE RATE OF 3.30 MILLS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19(JJ) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND REQUESTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR

WHEREAS, this Board of Township Trustees ("Board") declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Township and that it is necessary to levy an additional tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance,

paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs; and for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, or the payment of the costs incurred by the Township as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection; for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.19(JJ) of the Ohio Revised Code this Board must request that the Hamilton County Auditor certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the Township and (ii) the number of mills required to generate a specified amount of revenue, or the dollar amount of revenue to be generated [by a specified number of mills per year] by the proposed tax; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy or a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, the Section of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, the term of years of the tax or if the tax is for a continuing period of time, that the tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of the subdivision, the date of the election at which the tax shall appear on the ballot, that the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the subdivision, the tax year in which the tax will first be levied and the calendar year in which the tax will first be collected, the Hamilton County Auditor shall certify to this Board (a) the total current tax valuation of the Township, (b) the number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value that is required to generate a specified amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, or the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by a specified number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value, (c) the levy's rate, described in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, and (d) an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list of the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission;

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Section 2. This Board, pursuant to Section 5705.03(B), hereby requests that the Hamilton County Auditor certify to this Board (a) the total current tax valuation of the Township, (b) the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by *three and thirty hundredths (3.30) mills for each one hundred dollars of valuation per year*, (c) the levy's rate, described in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, and (d) an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list of the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission.

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

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hundredths (3.50) mills for each one hundred dollars of valuation per year, (c) the levy's rate, described in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, and (d) an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list of the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission.

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Mrs. Stone and **Mrs. Earhart** clarified the exact millage would be acted upon later upon the receipt of data from the County Auditor.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Stone opened the public forum.

Kevin Misiak of 8433 Holiday Hills Drive spoke about additional taxes, was curious about future projections for the department, and finding possible additional revenue sources. He was concerned about higher millage. He thanked Mrs. Earhart and the Board for all their hard work and stated he loved living in Anderson Township.

Ed Souder of 1327 Crotty Court stated people in the apartment complex parked on the street instead of the parking lot. He asked the Board about a resident-only sign.

Mrs. Stone closed the public forum.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mrs. Stone stated the Memorial Day Remembrance and Bell Ringing Ceremony would take place May 27 at noon.

FISCAL OFFICER

Financial Reports

Mr. Johnson stated that the Township had received the first-half settlement and that is reflected in the April financials. He stated that school TIF portion payments went out last week so those payments will be included in the May financials. General fund revenue collection is at 40% of the estimated amount as of April and was 30% at the same time last year. The total for all funds is 46%, which is the same as last year.

Minutes

MOTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 05

Mrs. Lausten moved to adopt the minutes from February 15, 2024, March 21, 2024, and April 26, 2024. as presented. **Mrs. Stone** seconded the motion.

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

There was no further discussion.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

There was no business for the Board.

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Rescue Equipment to the Hamilton County Fire Chief's Association for Use by the Hamilton County Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Task Force, Pursuant to Section 505.10 of the Revised Code

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS RESCUE EQUIPMENT TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION FOR USE BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE (USAR) TASK FORCE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 505.10 OF THE REVISED CODE

WHEREAS, Section 505.10 of the Ohio Revised Code (the "Statute") provides that when the township has property, including motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, and tools, that the board of township trustees, by resolution, finds is not needed for public use, is obsolete or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired, the board may sell and convey that property or otherwise dispose of it in accordance with the Statute; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Division (A)(2) of the Statute, if the fair market value of property to be sold is, in the opinion of the board, two thousand five hundred dollars or less, the board may

sell the property at private sale, without advertisement or public notification, or may donate the property to an eligible nonprofit organization that is located in this state and is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 USC 501(a) and (c)(3); and

WHEREAS, the Equipment described hereinafter is hereby determined to be surplus equipment not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Urban Search and Rescue Task Force ("USAR") is a program of the Hamilton County Fire Chief's Association, operating under an agreement establishing mutual aid in Hamilton County, Ohio;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Fire Chief's Association, including its USAR Task Force, is an educational, non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization within Hamilton County and the State of Ohio which provides rescue, emergency services and disaster preparations for Hamilton County, Ohio;

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. That this Board hereby determines that the equipment identified on Exhibit A hereto which by this reference is incorporated herein (the "Equipment") is surplus equipment not needed for public use by the Township and hereby expresses its intent to sell the Equipment "as is" and valued at \$1.00, by sale to the Hamilton County Fire Chief's Association, a non-profit charitable organization within Hamilton County and the State of Ohio (the "Purchaser"), upon the terms set forth in the Agreement described herein for use by USAR and pursuant to the Board's authority provided in the Statute.

SECTION 2. That the amount to be paid by the Purchaser as the purchase price for the Equipment shall not be less than \$1.00, payable to the Township in immediately available funds on or before the date of delivery of the Equipment to Purchaser.

SECTION 3. That the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a contract setting forth the terms of sale and substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and by this reference incorporated herein (the "Agreement"), with such changes thereto as may be deemed by the Township Administrator after consultation with the Law Director not to be financially disadvantageous to the Township, which determination shall be evidenced by her execution of the Agreement.

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

SECTION 5. 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) Revised Code Section 121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Equipment Pursuant to Section 505.101 of the Ohio Revised Code

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 07

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 505.101 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

WHEREAS, Section 505.101 of the Ohio Revised Code provides for the purchase of motor vehicles, materials, equipment or supplies, without advertising or bidding, from any department, agency, or political subdivision of the state;

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

Section 1. That the Board hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the Township to acquire by purchase a certain motor vehicle, described as a new Model Year 2023, Chevrolet Tahoe SSV for use as a staff vehicle (“Equipment”), which Equipment is available for purchase pursuant to state bid through the contract of the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, General Services Division, Office of Procurement Services, through Tim Lally Chevrolet, Inc., Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

Section 2. That the maximum amount to be paid as the purchase price for the Equipment is \$65,000.00, for which funds have been previously appropriated by this Board for the purpose and remain otherwise unencumbered.

Section 3. That the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the necessary and appropriate purchase agreement(s) and/or documentation, after review by the Law Director, to effectuate the purchase of the aforesaid Equipment in accordance with 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 meeting 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 hereby.

There was no further discussion.

Motion Seeking Authorization to Apply for 2024 Ohio Ambulance Transportation Impacted Industries Program Grant

MOTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 08

Mrs. Lausten moved to authorize the Anderson Township Fire & Rescue Department's application seeking the Ohio Ambulance Transportation Impacted Industries Grant from the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) for which the Anderson Township Fire & Rescue Department's would have no matching funds requirement. The funds would be utilized to address workforce impacts that were exacerbated by the pandemic. This grant would be for the 2024 award period. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Stone stated this was an example of staff saving the taxpayers money, and staff did an excellent job of applying for and obtaining grants. Mrs. Lausten agreed and stated the sale of surplus equipment was another example of recouping dollars. Chief Martin spoke about billing companies.

LAW DIRECTOR

There was no business for the Board.

PLANNING & ZONING

There was no business for the Board.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Liquor License Transfer Request for Threes Company Farms LLC, dba Newtown Farm Market located at 3950 Round Bottom Road

MOTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 09

Mrs. Lausten moved not to object to a liquor license transfer request for Threes Company Farms LLC, DBA Newtown Farm Market located at 3950 Round Bottom Road. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

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

There was no further discussion.

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Motor Vehicles Pursuant to Section 505.101 of the Revised Code and the Disposition of Surplus Vehicles Pursuant to Section 505.10(A)(3) as a Trade-In Against Said Purchase

Mrs. Stone asked how often vehicles were traded in. **Lt. Downing** stated it was higher mileage vehicles not a time issue. **Mrs. Stone** asked about vehicle milage, and **Lt. Downing** and **Mr. Sievers** reviewed milage and lifespan.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 10

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE MOTOR VEHICLES PURSUANT TO SECTION 505.101 OF THE REVISED CODE AND THE DISPOSITION OF THREE SURPLUS VEHICLES PURSUANT TO SECTION 505.10(A)(3) AS A TRADE-IN AGAINST SAID PURCHASE

WHEREAS, Section 505.10 of the Ohio Revised Code (the “Disposition Statute”) provides that a board of township trustees may provide for the disposition of certain personal property, including motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment and tools, if the Board finds, by resolution, that such personal property is not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired, all in accordance with the Statute; and

WHEREAS, division (A)(3) of the Disposition Statute provides that if a board of township trustees finds, by resolution, that the township has motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment or tools that are not needed or are unfit for public use, and the board wishes to sell the motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment or tools to the person or firm from which it proposes to purchase other motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment or tools, the board may offer to sell the motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment or tools to that person or firm, and to have the selling price credited to the person or firm against the purchase price of other motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment or tools; and

WHEREAS, Section 505.101 of the Ohio Revised Code (the “Acquisition Statute”) provides that a board of township trustees may, by resolution, enter into a contract, without advertising or bidding, for the purchase or sale of motor vehicles, materials, equipment, or supplies from or to any department, agency or political subdivision of the state, in accordance with the terms of the Acquisition Statute;

WHEREAS, the Township owns one Model Year 2017 Ford Utility vehicle, one Model Year 2016 Ford Utility vehicle, and one Model Year 2015 Ford Utility vehicle, each more fully described on Exhibit A hereto, which by this reference is incorporated herein and made a part hereof (the “Equipment to be sold”), which motor vehicles this Board deems to be unneeded for Township use; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to dispose of the Equipment “as is” at a minimum total trade-in value of \$20,000.00 (the “Minimum Selling Price”) pursuant to the Disposition Statute; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to purchase three Model Year 2024 Durango Pursuit AWD V8 vehicles from Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram for Township purposes pursuant to the Acquisition Statute;

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

Section 1. That this Board hereby determines that the Equipment to be sold is no longer needed for Township use and that it is in the best interest of the Township to dispose of the Equipment to be sold by sale at or above the Minimum Selling Price to Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram (the "Vendor").

Section 2. That this Board hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the Township to acquire by purchase from the Vendor three Model Year 2024 Durango Pursuit AWD V8 vehicles, VIN Nos. 1C4SDJFT7RC183316, 1C4SDJFT9RC183317

1C4SDJFT9RC183320 at a cost of \$43,670.00 each and certain vehicle markings at the cost of \$6,500 each (together, the "New Equipment"), so long as the net purchase price of the Purchase Equipment after accounting for the credit and rebate described in Section 3 below, does not equal or exceed \$150,510.00.

Section 3. That this Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the New Equipment from the Vendor at a maximum net purchase price not to exceed \$150,510.00 (the "Maximum Purchase Price"), for which funds have been previously appropriated by this Board for the purpose and remain otherwise unencumbered; provided, that the Equipment to be sold is sold to the Vendor at no less than the Minimum Selling Price and that the Minimum Selling Price of the Equipment to be sold is credited against the purchase price of the New Equipment of \$150,510.00, resulting in a Maximum Purchase Price of the New Equipment after the trade-in of \$130,510.00.

Section 4. That the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the necessary and appropriate purchase agreement(s) and/or documentation, after review by the Law Director, to effectuate the purchase of the Equipment and the disposition of the Equipment in accordance with this Resolution. The Township Administrator shall obtain from the Vendor an executed copy of Exhibit B hereto with respect to the Equipment to be sold at the date and time of its disposition.

Section 5. 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 meeting 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 hereby.

There was no further discussion.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Model Year 2022 RAM Truck Model 3500 with Knapheide Service Body and a Hydraulic Liftgate for Public Works Use and the Disposition of a Surplus Public Works Motor Vehicle Pursuant to Section 505.10(A)(3) as a Trade-In Against Said Purchase

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 11

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE MOTOR VEHICLES PURSUANT TO SECTION 505.101 OF THE REVISED CODE AND THE DISPOSITION OF THREE SURPLUS VEHICLES PURSUANT TO SECTION 505.10(A)(3) AS A TRADE-IN AGAINST SAID PURCHASE

WHEREAS, Section 505.10 of the Ohio Revised Code (the “Disposition Statute”) provides that a board of township trustees may provide for the disposition of certain personal property, including motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment and tools, if the Board finds, by resolution, that such personal property is not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired, all in accordance with the Statute; and

WHEREAS, division (A)(3) of the Disposition Statute provides that if a board of township trustees finds, by resolution, that the township has motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment or tools that are not needed or are unfit for public use, and the board wishes to sell the motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment or tools to the person or firm from which it proposes to purchase other motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment or tools, the board may offer to sell the motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment or tools to that person or firm, and to have the selling price credited to the person or firm against the purchase price of other motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment or tools; and

WHEREAS, Section 505.101 of the Ohio Revised Code (the “Acquisition Statute”) provides that a board of township trustees may, by resolution, enter into a contract, without advertising or bidding, for the purchase or sale of motor vehicles, materials, equipment, or supplies from or to any department, agency or political subdivision of the state, in accordance with the terms of the Acquisition Statute;

WHEREAS, the Township owns one Model Year 2017 Ford Utility vehicle, one Model Year 2016 Ford Utility vehicle, and one Model Year 2015 Ford Utility vehicle, each more fully described on Exhibit A hereto, which by this reference is incorporated herein and made a part hereof (the “Equipment to be sold”), which motor vehicles this Board deems to be unneeded for Township use; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to dispose of the Equipment “as is” at a minimum total trade-in value of \$20,000.00 (the “Minimum Selling Price”) pursuant to the Disposition Statute; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to purchase three Model Year 2024 Durango Pursuit AWD V8 vehicles from Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram for Township purposes pursuant to the Acquisition Statute;

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

Section 1. That this Board hereby determines that the Equipment to be sold is no longer needed for Township use and that it is in the best interest of the Township to dispose of the Equipment to be sold by sale at or above the Minimum Selling Price to Jake Sweeney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram (the "Vendor").

Section 2. That this Board hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the Township to acquire by purchase from the Vendor three Model Year 2024 Durango Pursuit AWD V8 vehicles, VIN Nos. 1C4SDJFT7RC183316, 1C4SDJFT9RC183317

1C4SDJFT9RC183320 at a cost of \$43,670.00 each (together, the "New Equipment"), so long as the net purchase price of the Purchase Equipment after accounting for the credit and rebate described in Section 3 below, does not equal or exceed \$131,010.00.

Section 3. That this Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the New Equipment from the Vendor at a maximum net purchase price not to exceed \$131,010.00 (the "Maximum Purchase Price"), for which funds have been previously appropriated by this Board for the purpose and remain otherwise unencumbered; provided, that the Equipment to be sold is sold to the Vendor at no less than the Minimum Selling Price and that the Minimum Selling Price of the Equipment to be sold is credited against the purchase price of the New Equipment of \$131,010.00, resulting in a Maximum Purchase Price of the New Equipment after the trade-in of \$111,010.00.

Section 4. That the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the necessary and appropriate purchase agreement(s) and/or documentation, after review by the Law Director, to effectuate the purchase of the Equipment and the disposition of the Equipment in accordance with this Resolution. The Township Administrator shall obtain from the Vendor an executed copy of Exhibit B hereto with respect to the Equipment to be sold at the date and time of its disposition.

Section 5. 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 meeting 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 hereby.

There was no further discussion.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Request to Set Public Hearing for 2025 Preliminary Tax Budget

MOTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 12

Mrs. Stone moved to set a Public Hearing for Anderson Township’s 2025 Preliminary Tax Budget for Thursday, June 20, 2024, beginning at 5:30 PM at Anderson Center. Mrs. Lausten. seconded the motion.

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

There was no further discussion.

Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Service Agreement with Cincinnati Bell Telephone CO, LLC D/B/A Altafiber Network Solutions and Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC D/B/A Altafiber Connected Service

Mrs. Cowan discussed the new contract, which is about \$1,200/month cheaper than the current one.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 13

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE CO, LLC D/B/A ALTAFIBER NETWORK SOLUTIONS AND CINCINNATI BELL EXTENDED TERRITORIES LLC D/B/A ALTAFIBER CONNECTED SERVICES

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Co, LLC d/b/a altafiber Network Solutions and Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC d/b/a altafiber Connected Services (collectively, “altafiber”) are qualified by expertise and reputation to provide the services described in that certain “altafiber Service Agreement for Anderson Township” (the “Agreement”) to the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees (the “Board”) of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (the “Township”), that:

SECTION 1. This Board hereby determines that the execution and delivery of the Agreement with altafiber is advantageous to and will benefit the Township.

SECTION 2. The form of the Agreement before this Board is hereby approved and the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Agreement with such changes thereto as the Township Administrator, after consultation with the Law Director, has determined are not materially adverse to the Township, such determination being evidenced by her execution of the Agreement.

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

SECTION 4. This Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of the foregoing 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.

Mrs. Earhart commended Mrs. Cowan on the amount of time and work put in to go through the bills for all the telephone lines and got a reduction in the bill.

Consideration of Bids for Towne Center Way and Five Mile Road Traffic Signal

MOTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 14

Mrs. Lausten moved that this Board hereby accepts the Bid of \$334,433.19, from Bansal Construction, Inc., deemed to be the lowest and best and/or most responsible/responsive bidder for the Five Mile Rd Improvements project in accordance with the Bid plans and specifications, together with a 10% contingency, for a maximum appropriation of \$367,876.51, funded largely by SORTA's Transit Infrastructure Fund of \$236,115.24, with the balance secured in a purchase order or the 2024 budget using 1994 TIF funds; further, this Board hereby authorizes and directs the Township Administrator to give timely Notice of Award to the contractor and, after consultation with the Law Director, to enter into contract with Bansal Construction, Inc. in accordance with their Bid for the Five Mile Rd. Improvements project. **Mrs. Stone** seconded the motion.

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

There was no further discussion.

Consideration of Bids for Voll & Larry Joe Improvements

MOTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 15

Mrs. Stone moved that this Board hereby accepts the Bid of \$229,078.93, from Fred A. Nemann Company, deemed to be the lowest and best and/or most responsible/responsive bidder for the Voll Road & Larry Joe Drive Sidewalk Improvements project in accordance with the Bid plans and specifications, together with a 10% contingency, for a maximum appropriation of \$251,986.82, \$180,000.00 of which will be funded by a Community Development Block Grant with 1994 TIF funds allocated in the 2024 budget funding the balance; further, this Board hereby authorizes and directs the Township Administrator to give timely Notice of Award to the contractor and, after consultation with the Law Director, to enter into contract with Fred A. Nemann Company in accordance with their Bid for the Voll Road & Larry Joe Drive Sidewalk Improvements project. **Mrs. Lausten** seconded the motion.

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

There was no further discussion.

Authorization to Enter into Contract with Scioto Services for Anderson Township Cleaning Services

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 16

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SCIOTO, LLC (A/K/A SCIOTO SERVICES)

WHEREAS, Scioto, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company with offices in Columbus, Ohio, and also know as Scioto Services (“Scioto”) is qualified by expertise and reputation to provide the services described in that certain Service Agreement by and between Scioto and the Board of Township Trustees of Anderson Township (Hamilton County), Ohio (the “Agreement”) to the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees (the “Board”) of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (the “Township”), that:

SECTION 1. This Board hereby determines that the execution and delivery of the Agreement with Scioto is advantageous to and will benefit the Township.

SECTION 2. The form of the Agreement before this Board is hereby approved and the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Agreement with such changes thereto as the Township Administrator, after consultation with the Law Director, has determined are not materially adverse to the Township, such determination being evidenced by her execution of the Agreement.

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

SECTION 4. This Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of the foregoing 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.

There was no further discussion.

Request to Enter into Contract with KBA, Incorporated for Design and Bidding Services for Installation of Artwork at Anderson Towne Center

MOTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 17

Mrs. Lausten moved that this Board hereby accept the proposal of \$14,550.00 from KBA, Incorporated for design and bidding services for the Leaf Sculpture at Anderson Towne Center, together with a 10% contingency, for a maximum appropriation of \$16,005.00 funded from 1994 TIF funds allocated in the 2024 budget; and further, this Board hereby authorizes and directs the Township Administrator, after consultation with the Law Director, to enter into contract with KBA, Incorporated for the Leaf Sculpture at Anderson Towne Center. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

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

There was no further discussion.

Consideration of Center for Local Government Benefits Pool Employee Medical Insurance Plan Renewal

Ms. Parker said the 7.5% increase was consistent with recent increases. This year the increase came with an additional free service to employees when a cancer diagnosis is received for any family member one on one time with an oncologist is provided to help them navigate.

MOTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 18

Mrs. Stone moved to authorize the Assistant Township Administrator for Human Resources to renew the 2024 - 25 employee medical insurance coverage through the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool as presented.

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

There was no further discussion.

Authorization to Apply for OKI STBG Funds for Eight Mile & Clough Pike Improvements

Mrs. Lausten introduced the following resolution and moved for its passage. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 19

**AUTHORIZING OKI STBG GRANT APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CLOUGH PIKE AND EIGHT MILE ROAD
AND COMMITTING LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Anderson Township (“Township”), Hamilton County, Ohio (“Board”), believes it is important to create planning documents, guiding development decisions and decision-making activities, so as to improve the public safety and the transportation network along Clough Pike; and

WHEREAS, the Board has repeatedly demonstrated its support for quality of life services including the provision of leisure-time opportunities for healthy exercise and the establishment of alternatives to motor vehicle transportation; and

WHEREAS, along Clough Pike lies the Clough and Eight Mile neighborhood business district, the center of commercial activity for the northeastern part of the Township, in addition to other key destinations in our community; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 and 2020, the Township undertook a study of Clough Pike, involving a tremendous amount of public input and engineering analysis, and ultimately adopted the Clough Pike Transportation Improvement Study in January 2021 (“Study”); and

WHEREAS, this Study recommended the installation of right turn lanes from Eight Mile Road onto Clough Pike, as a high priority project to improve vehicular safety and reduce travel delay and congestion in this area; and

WHEREAS, preliminary engineering for these right turn lanes was completed by Stantec, Inc., and this determined that the project was feasible from right-of-way, environmental, engineering and financial perspectives;

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

SECTION 1. That the Board hereby authorizes the preparation and submission of a grant application for Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds through the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in construction funding and \$200,000 for right-of-way acquisition/services, to construct right turn lanes from Eight Mile road onto Clough Pike within or near the Hamilton County right-of-way, per the preliminary engineering study, with matching Anderson Township 1994 TIF funds of up to \$125,000, an additional \$150,000 for engineering and environmental activities, and an additional \$75,000 for right-of-way acquisition/services, to be provided in the event that such grant is received.

SECTION 2. That the preambles hereto are and shall for all purposes be construed to be integral and operative parts of this Resolution;

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

There was no further discussion.

Authorization to Apply for SORTA Transit Infrastructure Funds for Sutton Road Sidewalks

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 20

AUTHORIZING SORTA TIF GRANT APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT ANDERSON TRAILS LINK ALONG SUTTON ROAD FROM SALEM ROAD TO ORCHARD DRIVE, AND COMMITTING LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Anderson Township ("Board") has repeatedly demonstrated its support for quality of life services including the provision of leisure-time opportunities for healthy exercise and the establishment of alternatives to motor vehicle transportation; and

WHEREAS, Anderson Township has been recognized as a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly community, and

WHEREAS, this Board has supported the planning of inter-jurisdictional trails linking Anderson Township to the Cincinnati region, has officially adopted a citizen-prepared Anderson Trails Plan (including seven updates, most recently in 2023) for a network of walking and/or biking routes around the Township, has constructed over twenty-five miles of links in this network, and has applied for and been awarded grants to fund other Anderson Trails sections; and

WHEREAS, this Trails project represents a key multi-jurisdiction connection on Sutton Road, between the City of Cincinnati and Anderson Township along which METRO operates daily service on Route 24, with several bus stops in this area; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Anderson Trails Plan identified a key gap in the sidewalk network on this section of roadway that would improve accessibility for Anderson Township and City of Cincinnati residents in this area, and noted this as high priority connection to reach destinations and public transit services in this area: and

WHEREAS, the Board authorized TEC Engineering to undertake preliminary engineering activities for a sidewalk in this area in early 2024; and

WHEREAS, preliminary engineering for this sidewalk segment on Sutton Road, determined that the project was feasible from right-of-way, environmental and engineering perspectives, including several options for routing the sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, this project connects to METRO stops not only on Sutton Road, but also Salem Road, and improve accessibility to key destinations in this area such as the Salem and Sutton business areas; and

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

Section 1. That this Board hereby authorizes the preparation and submission of a grant application for Transit Infrastructure Funding through Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA), in an amount not to exceed \$260,000 in construction funding, to construct a sidewalk within or near Hamilton County and ODOT right-of-way along Sutton Road, per the preliminary engineering study, with matching Anderson Township 1994 TIF funds of up to \$65,000, plus \$70,000 for engineering and environmental activities, and right-of-way acquisition/services, in the event that such grant is received.

Section 2. That the preambles hereto are and shall for all purposes be construed to be integral and operative parts of this Resolution.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting 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.

There was no further discussion.

Authorization to Enter into Contract with Choice One Engineering for Beechmont & Voll Crosswalk Project

MOTION NO. 24 – 0516 – 21

Mrs. Lausten moved to authorize the Township Administrator to enter into contract with Choice One, following review by the Law Director, for the engineering services for a new crosswalk of Beechmont Avenue at Voll Road, utilizing 1994 TIF funds, for which the majority of the construction costs would be paid for with SORTA Transit Infrastructure Funds. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

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

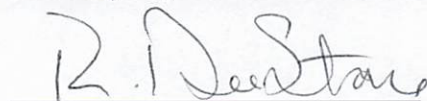
Mrs. Stone said the crosswalk was needed and reminded attendees the garden show was June 9.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

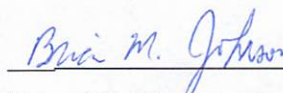
Mrs. Stone moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Lausten seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.



R. Dee Stone, Chair

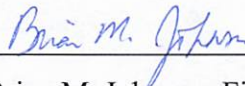


Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer

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 18th day of July 2024, and that said minutes have been duly entered upon the Journal of said Township.

This day 18th day of July, 2024.



Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer