

Chairman Chris Hann called the Special Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Blackstone yea                      Armstrong absent                      Hann yea

Visitors Present: None

(2022-101) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ELECTION OF THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, effective March 11, 2021 (“ARPA” or the “Act”).

**WHEREAS**, the Act created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“CLFRF”) which, among other things, appropriated money to cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (“COVID-19”).

**WHEREAS**, a township is considered to be a “nonentitlement unit of local government”.

**WHEREAS**, Hamilton Township (the “Township”) has received a distribution of funds (“ARPA Funds”) through the CLFRF.

**WHEREAS**, the Act generally provides that ARPA Funds may be used, among other things, “for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency.”

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Treasury (“Treasury”) published its final rule on January 6, 2022, and effective April 1, 2022 (the “Rule”), which provides two methods for calculating a participant’s reduction in revenue. Specifically, participants may (a) take a “standard allowance” and presume that up to \$10 million, but not to exceed the award amount, in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency, or (b) the amount calculated using the formula set forth in the Rule.

**WHEREAS**, the Rule further provides that participants may use ARPA Funds for the provision of government services up to the amount of the experienced revenue loss, whether that be the standard allowance amount or the amount calculated using the formula set forth in the Rule.

**WHEREAS**, government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless Treasury has stated otherwise. The Rule and other guidance provides that “government services” expressly recognized by Treasury include, but are not limited to, (a) road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure; (b) health services; (c) general government administration, staff, and administrative facilities; (d) environmental remediation; (e) provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles); (f) maintenance or pay-go funded building infrastructure; and (g) modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees desires acknowledge and memorialize its election of the standard allowance, up to the amount of its award, for the provision of government services.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby elects to use the standard allowance and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use up to the amount of the Township's award to fund government services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board finds and determines 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

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of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the Public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

T. Blackstone made a motion approving said Resolution. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong absent                      Hann yea

(2022-102) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS UNDER THE TOWNSHIP'S STANDARD ALLOWANCE

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, effective March 11, 2021 (“ARPA” or the “Act”).

**WHEREAS**, the Act created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“CLFRF”) which, among other things, appropriated money to cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (“COVID-19”).

**WHEREAS**, Hamilton Township (the “Township”) has received a distribution of funds (“ARPA Funds”) through the CLFRF.

**WHEREAS**, the Final Rule adopted by the Department of Treasury provides that participants may use ARPA Funds for the provision of government services up to the amount of the experienced revenue loss, whether that be the standard allowance amount or the amount calculated using the formula set forth in the Rule.

**WHEREAS**, government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless Treasury has stated otherwise. The Rule and other guidance provides that “government services” expressly recognized by Treasury include, but are not limited to, (a) road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure; (b) health services; (c) general government administration, staff, and administrative facilities; (d) environmental remediation; (e) provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles); (f) maintenance or pay-go funded building infrastructure; and (g) modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure.

**WHEREAS**, the Township, by virtue of Resolution No. 2022-101, has elected to take the “standard allowance”, and presume that up to \$10 million, but not to exceed the Township’s award, in revenue has been lost due to the public emergency, for the provision of government services.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) has identified a project or expenditure which, in the judgment of the Board, qualifies as a permitted use of the ARPA Funds, in direct support of the provision of governmental services, which consists of the following: Replace Flooring in Community Center – Facility Improvements.  
(the “Expenditure”).

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to approve the Expenditure and authorize the use of a portion of ARPA funds for the Expenditure.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that:

**RESOLVED**, the Township elected to use the standard allowance by way of Resolution 2022-101 and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the amount authorized herein to fund the provision of government services.

(2022-102) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS UNDER THE TOWNSHIP'S STANDARD ALLOWANCE CONTINUED

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board believes, in exercising its reasonable judgment, that the Expenditure meets the criteria in ARPA and the Final Rule, and is a permissible expenditure of ARPA Funds for the provision of government services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Expenditure is hereby authorized and shall be paid for from the ARPA Funds in the amount of/an amount not to exceed: \$24,455.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, no obligations paid under the authority of this Resolution were incurred prior to March 3, 2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board finds and determines 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 that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

T. Blackstone made a motion approving said Resolution. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong absent                      Hann yea

(2022-103) MOTION TO AWARD BID TO UTMOSE RENOVATIONS

T. Blackstone made a motion awarding the bid to Utmost Renovations for new flooring in the Community Center at a price not to exceed \$24,455.00. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong absent                      Hann yea

(2022-104) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong absent                      Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Fiscal Officer