

RESOLUTION NO. 20- 58, 2020
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

AMENDING RESOLUTION 20-51, 2020 TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PE SERVICES LLC FOR UP TO \$23,200 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING MECHANICAL, ELECTRIC, AND PLUMBING PLAN SERVICES FOR TOWNSHIP PUBLIC MEETING SPACE TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATES ELIGIBLE FOR OHIO HB 614 CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Columbia Township received a grant of up to \$249,179 under Ohio’s HB 614 Coronavirus Relief Fund (Ohio CRF) for necessary expenditures for actions taken to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, funds must be used to provide public health capabilities that were not budgeted as of March 27th and must be performed by December 30th or be returned to the state. Funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue for expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute; and

WHEREAS, Ohio CRF eligibility includes actions to comply with COVID-19-related public health mandates and guidelines to mitigate transmission of infectious diseases and ensure safety of the public and staff; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s Office of Budget Management has provided U.S. Treasury-based guidance that specifically includes grant-eligible expenses that address the pandemic’s impact including facility social distancing space utilization measures, physical barriers, touchless fixtures, sanitizing/disinfecting protocols, high-efficiency ventilation, and other expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Township conducts public meetings in its service of nearly 5,000 residents and more than 100 businesses. The Township, at its current town hall at 5686 Kenwood Road, has difficulty complying with U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Ohio Department of Public Health mandates and guidelines for public meeting infectious disease prevention due to inadequate space for social distancing. Township meetings are conducted in a 1965 former maintenance garage 14’ narrow bay which cannot accommodate more than three citizens in addition to elected officials, staff, law director, and fire and police officials, during public meetings without violating mandatory six-foot distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Township plans to relocate all township public meetings to the Township-owned vacant Madison Place Firehouse which offers a 50 x 50 ft (2,500 sq.ft.) space to host public meetings and to comply with mandatory six-foot distancing for infectious disease prevention; and

WHEREAS, due to a necessary change order, the Township will spend up to \$23,200 for professional engineering services to prepare plans for mechanical, electric and plumbing systems, and specifically plans to install a high-efficiency Heating-Ventilation-Air Conditioning (HVAC) system and install touchless plumbing fixtures, to create a new public meeting space at the former Madison Place Firehouse to provide increased compliance with public health orders

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and guidelines to mitigate airborne and hard surface transmission of infectious diseases including COVID and Influenza viruses. The Township will spend \$18,000 of Ohio CRF as authorized by Resolution 20-51, 2020, passed November 18th, 2020, and will spend \$5,200 for additional services under the December 3, 2020 change order to design the change to upgrade electrical services underground, design Fire Protection services including the Fire Alarm System and design the emergency generator system; and

WHEREAS, the Township has met with the Hamilton County Department of Public Health to discuss public and employee infection risks specific to the limitations of the 5686 Kenwood Road facility and been advised on best practices for public and staff health measures to comply with Ohio CRF eligibility; and



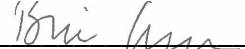
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, upon majority vote, hereby dispenses with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading; and

WHEREAS, this is an emergency resolution necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare of the Township; the reason for the emergency being the immediate need to authorize the Administrator to enter into the contract with PE Services LLC and to take other steps as necessary at the soonest possible time so it can meet grant encumbrance deadlines in November and final deadlines in December so that the Township can use Ohio CRF to pay for the improvements set forth above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, for the benefit and welfare of Columbia Township and its citizens, hereby authorizes the Administrator to enter into a contract with PE Services LLC for up to \$23,200 for professional engineering services to comply with public health mandates and guidelines eligible for Ohio HB 614 CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Motion to accept Resolution made by: Mrs. Hughes

Seconded by: Mr. Lamar

TRUSTEE	Voting	Signature	Date
David Kubicki	_____	_____ 	<u>12/08/2020</u>
Susan Hughes	_____	_____ 	<u>12/08/2020</u>
Brian Lamar	_____	_____ 	<u>12/08/2020</u>

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ATTEST: _____ Caroline B. Heekin _____ 12/08/2020
Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Office

CERTIFICATE

State of Ohio, Hamilton County

I, Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 20- 58 is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of the township, and that it has been compared by me with the resolution on the record and is a true copy.

12/08/2020 _____
Date Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer

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