

**RESOLUTION 22 - 37, 2022**  
**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

**AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the electorate of Columbia Township has previously authorized the Township to aggregate eligible retail natural gas loads located within the governmental boundaries of the Township and enter into service agreements for the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Chapter 4901:1-24 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Chapter 4901:1-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code, and Section 4928.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, Columbia Township is required to submit a CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR NATURAL GAS GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS to the PUCO; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has engaged in a fair and open process to request proposals for supplying natural gas for the future from such certified natural gas suppliers; and

**WHEREAS**, to obtain the most competitive price, the process of entering into a contract for the supply of natural gas requires the Township to accept a proposal within hours after it is submitted, which short-time requires delegation of authority to the Township Administrator to enter into a contract.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, upon majority vote does hereby dispense 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 contracts and to take other steps as necessary for the purchase of natural gas for Township use from a retail gas supplier at a moment's notice because, to obtain the most competitive price, a contract for such natural gas must be accepted within hours after it is submitted.

**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 resolves:

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**Section 1:** That the Township is authorized to execute contracts for and to take such other steps as necessary for the purchase of natural gas for City/Township/Village use from a retail natural gas supplier if:

- 1) The natural gas agreement is based on the recommendation of Supernova Partners, LLC, Affordable Gas & Electric Company, LLC, the Township's consultant for its aggregation program; and
- 2) The natural gas rate is for a period of at least 12 months and not to exceed a period of 24 months.

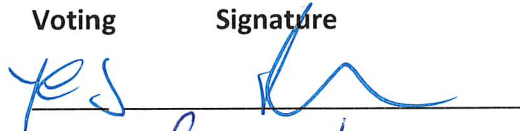
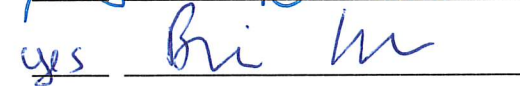

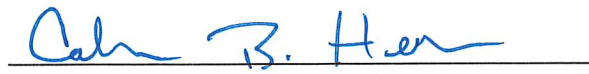
**Section 2:** That the Township Administrator shall notify the Board of Trustees, at the its next meeting, of actions taken pursuant to the Resolution.

**Section 3:** That this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time provided by Ohio law.

Motion to accept Resolution made by: MR. KUBICKI

Seconded by: MS. HUGHES

**VOTE:**

TRUSTEE	Voting	Signature	Date
David Kubicki, President	yes		<u>07/12/2022</u>
Brian Lamar, Vice-President	yes		<u>07/12/2022</u>
Susan Hughes, Trustee	yes		<u>07/12/2022</u>
ATTEST:		 Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer	<u>07/12/2022</u>