

**RESOLUTION 24 - 46, 2024**  
**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 24-10 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO  
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRIAN CHRISTIAN LANDSCAPING FOR  
STREET TREE WATERING SERVICES AS PART OF NED – NEIGHBORHOOD  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, PHASES 1 AND 2, DISPENSING  
WITH THE SECOND READING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Columbia Township in 2021 established a Neighborhood Economic Development (“NED”) Street Tree Program, using one-time non-tax revenues, to enhance the appearance of township neighborhoods and improve housing values through a comprehensive street tree inventory, assessment, and preservation or replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, through the NED Program, the Township installed more than 600 new street trees to expand our community’s beneficial tree canopy (320 trees in Phase 1 2022 and nearly 300 trees in Phase 2 2023). The addition of new street trees requires weekly watering from summer through fall in the first year after planting when there is no rainfall, or rainfall of less than one inch, to avoid trees dying and the Township incurring the cost of replacing dead trees.

**WHEREAS**, the frequency and volume of this young tree care watering is required to protect our investment, but it exceeds the Township’s existing equipment and staffing resources; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2024, the Trustees authorized Resolution 24-10 for Brian Christian Landscaping to provide NED Phase 2 watering in 2024 as part of the Township’s young tree care program for \$44,676 which is paid from non-tax funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the current prolonged drought is also negatively impacting young trees planted in Phase 1 - 2022, and the Township’s consulting arborist recommended that the Township direct Brian Christian Landscaping to provide several emergency waterings for Phase 1 trees. Columbia’s Roads & Facilities Superintendent requests an \$10,624 be added to the current watering contract to pay back funds used for the emergency Phase 1 street tree watering and to provide for two additional Phase 1 waterings if warranted through fall.

**WHEREAS**, the Board, 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.

**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 Township administrator to amend the current contract with Brian Christian Landscaping to \$55,300 from the original \$44,676.

**Be it further resolved** that this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide

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regular watering during a declared drought as part of a young tree care program to protect the Township's significant investment in its Street Tree Program.

Motion to accept Resolution made by: MR. KUBICKI

Seconded by: MR. BROKAMP

**VOTE:**

TRUSTEE	Voting	Signature	Date
David Kubicki, President	<u>Yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	09-10-2024
Brian Lamar, Vice-President	<u>Yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	09-10-2024
Steve Brokamp, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	09-10-2024

**ATTEST:** Caroline B. Heekin 09-10-2024  
Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer

**CERTIFICATE**

State of Ohio, Hamilton County

I, Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 24-46 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.

09-10-2024 Caroline B. Heekin  
Date Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer

**Refer to Attached Resolution 24-10 passed April 4, 2024**

Passed September 10, 2024